

SWIM TEAM BOOSTERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2007

In attendance: C.Mitchell, P.Dyer, R.Walter, R.Whitman, L.Brinkerhoff

Treasurer's Report: Patty reported Rich is working on the end of the year tax reports and we received the check from WHS, which they agreed to help contribute toward the new timing unit/scoreboard at the natatorium.

Wendy Johnston sent a written summary of all pertinent information:

- As of today, there are 51 swimmers registered
- Due to Coach Ryan's work schedule at Frito-Lay, he will not be in on Monday's. Catherine Mitchell will be coaching the Bronze group and Coach Michelle will work with the Silver/Gold Groups this night.
- Wendy identified dates of conflict and the availability (or not) to use the COW natatorium. The board suggested that Social Committee Chrm. Frank Bonezzi, with the help of parent volunteers, could possibly plan a team outing during one of these conflict dates. Ideally, it was mentioned, we would like to see some kind of Fall fest, possibly held at the YMCA Woodland. We have a meet Oct. 20th and the next isn't until Nov. 3rd. It would be nice to bring the kids together for a fun activity during this gap.
- Due to Southeast team dropping out, our two home meets will have 3 teams total racing, although necessarily against the other two teams at the same time. Our facility will serve as a venue.
- League Meet has been confirmed. It will be at the CT Branin facility in Canton on March 1st. As a team, we are responsible to provide (3) volunteers for the AM crowd control PLUS timers for both AM and PM sessions. Actual numbers of volunteers yet TBD.
- The new scoreboard will be installed Tuesday, Oct. 23rd.

Sea Sprite: the date has been confirmed for January 6th. We realized the need to get information out to the parents beginning next month encouraging them to volunteer/commit to helping in some capacity for this large meet. E-mails with sign up forms will be sent to families beginning mid-November. Ron Whitman said he would check with Bret Defibaugh at Bowman Beverage about a discount price for Gatorade, Water and softdrinks.

Other Invitationals: The board would like to encourage many of our swimmers to attend other invitationals in our region and will post (e-mail) list. It was mentioned a desire to see many of our team attend the one in Youngstown in February and felt the board could pay all registration fees.

E-Mails: there will no longer be printed LANE LINES in order to save paper. In the past, many of the swimmers neglected to pick up all correspondence. If any board member needs information provided to the families (meet and volunteer registration forms, upcoming meet information, team social activities etc), they are asked to send e-mail to Linda to forward to all swim team families. Patty Dyer (with Linda as backup) will post all registration forms on the website for families to access, too.

USA Memberships: it was decided the board would agree to pay 50% of the USA memberships for all current YMCA swimmers and advise they can check the USA link on our

website for any meets they should wish to attend. It was also determined that any High School swimmer that wishes to independently participate in USA meets, will be advised to pay the \$46 annual fee themselves and if they decide to swim for the summer (Parks & Rec) team, our board will reimburse them about \$12... the same amount we presently pay for those swimmers who need this summer membership (especially to participate in the Freedlander meet).

By-Laws: Rody agreed to spearhead this committee. Although we updated the bylaws, it was done quickly and we have learned several parents would have liked to had input. Rody will obtain a copy of the present bylaws from Dan Nye and form a parents committee to review and make any recommendations for change to the board.

Team Apparel: Linda asked about getting information from Pierce's to give to the swim parents should they opt to purchase any shirts/sweats/sweatshirts etc for their swimmer, especially if they want to have them before Christmas. Charlotte advised she had just spoken to our contact at Pierce's yesterday and they are preparing an order form. Charlotte will forward to Linda to scan/attach to an e-mail.

There being no other committee reports at this time, the meeting was adjourned.