

LCY Swim Parents Association Meeting  
Monday, January, 12, 2009  
6:30 PM

In attendance: Regina Evans (president), Chris McIlroy, Kevin O'Brien, Patti Cloetingh(co-secretary), Vickie Hewitt. Bob DeCrescente

## **Old Business**

### Volunteer Positions Update:

\* Regina Evans' term as president is over in May '09. This position involves coordinating other volunteers and committees. All interested applicants should contact Regina Evans!

### Post Season Committee:

\* The post season committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, January 13. Three parents have volunteered so far to sit on this committee. Regina to send another e-mail opening meeting to all interested swim team families.

\* This committee will be making decisions regarding the allocation of SPA funds for post season expenses. Your input is important to the decision making process.

### Swim Trainer:

\* A new swim trainer machine costs about \$1800 -\$2000, however, Bree's dad (a coach) is offering a used machine for about \$300. We will find out how much the present one is being used.

## **Coach's Report**

Coach Bree could not attend; the following "coach" agenda issues were discussed in her absence.

### Lap Top/Meet Manager:

\* Meet manager still needs to be installed on Bree's computer; her computer also requires a converter to connect to the console. The converter requires software and Vickie has ordered this (should be here this Thurs.) Kevin O'Brien will install these software items.

\* The converter should stay attached to the console and all equipment should stay in the console box. A note will be added to the console box so that everyone who uses it, including the high school, will know this procedure.

### Winterfest:

\* An extremely successful weekend with eight to nine LCY swimmers in finals each night. Results posted on the website.

### Post Season:

\* A letter/e-mail will be going out regarding post season meets, dates, QT, etc. Check e-mails and website for additional info.

## **Treasurer's Report**

No treasurer's report available, however, updated invoices did go out to families on 1/12/09. Treasurer not in attendance.

## **New Business**

### Team Photographer:

- \* A new parent has been taking candid photos on deck and has offered to make prints of CD.
- \* Owen Edwards has been making and selling a photo CD as a post season fundraiser. Regina will talk to Steve to see if we can get some of the photos to Owen so he can continue to make a CD for presentation at the swim banquet and to sell as fundraiser.
- \* No team photos taken yet this year. It is hard to find a time when the entire team is together, and a photo should probably been taken at the Blue and Gold Meet in November. We can still take practice group photos or boys' team/girls' team at one of the dual meets.

### Coaches' Appreciation:

- \* This was held the first or second week of February last year. This year we would like to do this prior to post-season, so all swimmers are still practicing and able to be part of coaches' appreciation. (Week of Jan 26<sup>th</sup>)
- \* Last year age group coordinators had parent volunteers prepare meals for all coaches every night during appreciation week. All of the coaches seemed to enjoy this, however, there was a lot of extra wasted food, not all coaches are at the Y on the same night to do one big dinner, and it is difficult for coaches to leave the deck for food.
- \* It was suggested that we consider preparing a gift basket for each coach with things like a gift card, fruit, treats, a lunch tote, etc. so that they could enjoy it at their convenience.

Regina will discuss this with the age group coordinators. Further info to follow.

### Banquet:

- \* Scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Inn at Chester Springs.
- \* A committee is in place to proceed with banquet preparations, Lori Abromowitz is chair.

### Embroiderer:

- \* Looking for suggestions for a new embroiderer.
- \* Not happy in the past with the quality of work done on several jackets last year by Embroid Me; also not pleased with quality of work/work ethic (on awards) from Engraving and Awards.

### Ribbons and Awards/Pentathlon:

- \* Should be ordered now for Pentathlon. Can take of advantage of sale going on now; Regina has inventoried what we have on hand and will share this info with Chris McIlroy.
- \* Will try to use Crown Trophy in Kimberton for awards. They have done a fantastic job for us in the past. Bob will give Chris this contact info.
- \* Need gold, silver, and bronze (A/B/C levels) ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> place for each event, each age group and trophy for boy and girl pentathlon winner.
- \* Estimated cost for pentathlon awards is \$450.
- \* Discussed opening a masters level again to include college students returning for summer who would like to participate.
- \* Date set for second weekend in June '09. (not Father's Day)
- \* Entry fee has been \$15 for unlimited events. Will raise to \$20 this year.

#### Distance Meet and Championships:

- \* Discussion took place about the possibility of hosting Championships again at LCY. Due to the size of some teams, we are limited with only a six lane pool. We can host boys C and B level and girls C.
- \* Championships are easier to host than some meets since all teams must provide ample volunteers; the only additional volunteers required by host team are Meet Marshalls.
- \* Profit can be as much as \$6,000.
- \* LCY hosted Boys C Champs two years ago; a very successful event.
- \* It was agreed upon to table further discussion on this topic until next year, since there is a limit on how many meets the swim team can host at the Y per year due to pool availability.

#### Other New Business:

- \* Meet results qualifying times will have to be checked manually because of the way the Meet Manager program posts birthdates.
- \* Vickie Hewitt has agreed to prepare some written procedures/guidelines for those volunteering at the scoring table.
- \* The girls' team was high point winner at last year's championships, however, we do not have a banner yet. Per Vickie, these are \$45 each. The League does not purchase these for the teams. At this point we will wait to order a banner since it is likely LCY will have age group winners this year as well.
- \* Those in attendance reviewed the paperwork presented by Chris McIlroy for the Last Chance Meet, hosted by LCY. Some minor changes were made to the details.
- \* We have had an issue with a loose starting block.. Bob will order stainless steel shims to fix this problem.
- \* We are down to just six working pads/electronic timing. (4 are the originals) If one should malfunction at a meet, particularly one we are hosting as invitational/fundraiser, we would have to rely on manual times only. We should have a backup pad on hand. Regina will talk to Joe R. regarding capital purchases for the Y since Downingtown High schools also use the pads. If necessary, it was approved to purchase a new pad as soon as possible.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.