

LCY Swim Team Parents Association

Meeting Minutes for Tues. Oct 14th, 2008

In Attendance: Regina Evans, Kevin O'Brien, Julie Leimkuhler, Trish Cody, Bree Heebner, Patti Cloetingh, Diane Stanko, Vickie Hewitt, Rim Bakir, Chris McIlroy, Casey Calder, Dorene Edwards

Old Business

- 1) Volunteer Position Update – Biggest need is to fill President Elect position. The Position of Treasurer is being taken over by Mr. Anindya Dasgupta. Trish Cody will describe the invoicing process at the Parent's meeting. She will also assist in the transfer of duties. Other positions will be posted at tomorrow's Mandatory meeting.
- 2) Apparel Update – The apparel will be shown and sold starting at the Mandatory Parents meeting. The clothing is pretty much the same as last year.
- 3) By Law Amendments – The following were proposed and approved by unanimous vote:
 - Article 1 – Add Riptide to team name and Parent Association Name. The Swim Team Parent Association, a.k.a. "the association" will now be known as the "SPA"
 - Articles 3 & 5 – Vice Presidents will now be called Boys and Girls Coordinators

Future amendments to by-laws---It was pointed out that a President Elect needs to be elected every year so that one year is spent in that position and the next in the President position. It was also proposed that the bylaws be changed to read that elected positions are two year positions (with the President-Elect/pres. positions being a 2 year continuous combined position) and not governed by odd/even years to account for extenuating circumstances. A vote on these changes will be taken at the next SPA meeting.
- 4) Fundraiser Planning – We will be hosting 3 meets this year (Distance Meet – Nov 23, Last Chance Meet -March 1, and Pentathlon – May). In keeping with previous team philosophy that if our team profits, our team needs to staff the meet, the group agreed that all families will be required to help with these meets. In addition, the group voted to bring back the Swim-a-thon this year. This may alternate with Basket Bingo in the future. Julie Leimkuhler will assist in coordinating the Swim-a-thon. It will be held Tues. and Wed. Nov. 18 & 19 during regular practice time. Lap counters will be needed as well as food donations. Members present also voted that, in an effort to "give back" to others less fortunate, proceeds this year will benefit the PDR (Philadelphia Department of Recreation) swim team. Bree is to look into the logistics of this. All money will be collected during those sessions. Further Information should be out the first week of practice.
- 5) Distance Meet Update – Chris McIlroy is the Meet Director. The Distance Meet (9&up) will be held on Sunday November 23rd. The pool has been reserved as has the gym. It was approved to purchase two \$ 70 tarps to cover the gym floor as requested by the YMCA through Joe Rusiewicz. There will

be no trophies this first year, but there will be themed heat winner ducks awarded. Initial sign-ups for volunteering at this meet will take place at the Mandatory Parents meeting.

Coach's Report

- 1) This year there will be 6 league meets each for the boys and girls team (5 dual plus champs), plus the Blue/Gold meet. Additional sign-ups for invitationals have been posted.
- 2) An additional charge through the YMCA for an optional morning dryland program will be proposed. The group expressed concerns that not all eligible swimmers can attend due to school start times, etc. Bree agreed to give the same program to swimmers who may want to do it in the afternoon before practice.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) It was agreed that the Swimmer fee will again be \$ 55. We have 146 swimmers this year, 43 of whom are new (thus 43 new plaques). The swimmer fee also covers the t-shirt and awards dinner for the swimmers as well as start-up funds for other team activities. Escrow of \$25 per swimmer will also be collected to be available for individual swimmer's meet entry fees.
- 2) Postseason relay costs will be paid for by participants.
- 3) Vickie Hewitt discussed a tax law change requiring charitable organizations with over \$ 24,000 flowing through their bank account file a tax return. The idea is that charitable organizations should not be collecting \$ in a bank account. Having a separate accounts for capital expenses, post-season and possibly even escrow. We will seek tax law advice.

New Business

- 1) Mandatory Parent Meeting will be held tomorrow night (10/15/08), 6-7:00 for new parents, 7-8 for all parents.
- 2) Volunteer obligations –If a family has 1 swimmer on the team, they must work 3 meets, 1 being away; 2 swimmers (same gender), must work 4 meets, 2 away; 2 swimmers (different genders), must work 4 meets, 2 each boys/girls, 1 away for each. With the increased number of families, this will need reassessment in the future. ALSO...as the hosted meets are fundraisers for the team, it was unanimously approved that ALL families are required to work either or both the Distance and/or Last Chance meet
- 3) Officials shirts – Due to large number of new officials, it was approved to purchase 15-20 white Dryfit polo shirts for this group. Shirts will not be purchased for scorers as consensus was that scorers don't wear them and they do not need to be identified on deck as the officials do.
- 4) Scoring Computer is outdated and the printer is broken. A new Dell computer purchase was approved along with a new Brother printer. The computer is \$ 1,115 and the printer is \$ 150. An upgrade to Team Manager software costing \$ 129 was also approved. It was proposed that the old laptop be given to the treasurer so that accounts can be kept on a designated computer which can be passed from treasurer to treasurer.
- 5) A \$50 budget for start-up funds for age group activities (each practice group) was approved for this year.

- 6) The wish list item of the Dolfin wireless stop watch timing system was discussed. The Penn-Del League will be recognizing these times as semi-automatic times. The cost for an 8 lane system (25 watches plus a base unit) is \$4400. The Penn-Del League plans to trial this system. A five year capital budget was suggested.