

LCY Swim Parents Association
Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2008

In attendance: Regina Evans(Pres), Bree Heebner, Cathy Schweiger, Chris McIlroy, Rim Bakir, Marlena Ferguson, Patti Cloetingh(Sec)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Regina Evans, President.

Old Business

Volunteer Positions:

- President Elect position open
- Post Season Committee, chair needed. Other committee members welcome.
- Will try to work on filling these vacancies after the holidays. No experience necessary for any of the volunteer positions and all volunteer positions are manageable even for those who work full time.

Apparel:

- There are items that are still on back order due to changes in the catalog from last year. Back ordered items hopefully will be in by Christmas.

Swim-a-thon:

- The swim-a-thon was very successful and we raised \$1,159.60.
- SPA will donate \$580 to the two charities identified at the October meeting.
- Bree wrote an article about the swim-a-thon for the local papers. The article was forwarded to LCY and UMLY publicity personnel; not sure if it was released to the papers.
- Some suggestions for next year's swim-a-thon include setting up earlier in the afternoon, allowing a few extra minutes between age groups; Bree has also offered to assign the swimmers to lanes and prepare sheets with swimmers' names on them in advance (for recording laps for volunteers.)

Distance Meet:

- Thanks to Chris McIlroy and Stacy Brennan for coordinating the distance meet. Chris reported the meet was small but successful.
- \$500 in entry fees, \$57 at the door, ducks and posters less than \$100, tarp and speaker phone \$230 but should be charged to the Pentathlon since it was purchased but not used due to the fact that we didn't end up using the gym. About two thirds of the entries were LCY swimmers.
- Some scoring issues with only one timer per lane. We will plan to use two timers per lane next year.
- There was some discussion about this not being a "money maker" due to the length of the races limiting the number of swims. Discussed raising the entry fee to \$4 per event next year.

- Bree suggested we look into writing a proposal/request for the meet to be sanctioned as a USA meet to attract more swimmers. She will look into this matter and offered to write the proposal by summer 2009.
- The suggestion was also made to have it later in the season, even the 1st week in December.
- Agreed to keep the same age groups, 9 and over.

Tax Law:

Will continue to gather information on this issue. Marlena Ferguson has agreed to help us with this.

Coaches Report

- Bree's new laptop and equipment is in and working great! All programs except Meet Manager are installed. Once Meet Manager is installed, the old laptop will be handed over to the treasurer position.
- Bree has been talking to the junior (yellow group) boys about locker room behavior and pranks. Personal items are being taken as a joke and then returned later or the next day to their owner. The boys involved are being warned and the parents notified via e-mail that the horseplay and out of hand behavior needs to stop. All swimmers should feel safe when they come to the Y and they should want to come to practice.
- Swimmers and parents should be aware of upcoming meets and the closing dates for entries. Bree can not enter swimmers in a meet after the closing date noted on the swim team bulletin board.
- The girls record is 2-0 (63 best times), the boys 0-1
- Check the board for meet sign-ups.
- Check the website for practice schedule changes during Christmas break.
- A lot of DQ's at recent meets, particularly on flip turns. Discussed possibility of running a Sunday afternoon clinic on flip turns. Bree's schedule is full right now; however, she will look into trying to schedule a clinic in the spring.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report available, treasurer not present.

New Business

Equipment:

- There were some issues, but now working fine.

Volunteer Assignments:

- Discussed different possibilities to recruit and utilize parent volunteers. One possible method used by many swim teams is to design a volunteer grid for the season, with assignments based on parent preference and availability. If a parent

is unable to fulfill their assignment, they must call/e-mail another parent and arrange for a replacement/swap. We will continue to discuss this option for the 2009-2010 season.

Winterfest:

- Held the first weekend in January for ages 9 and over. Must qualify. E-mails regarding the meet and hotel accommodations went out to those swimmers who have already qualified. Last date to qualify is December 21.

Marking Swimmers:

- As younger swimmers (age at the discretion of the coaches) arrive on deck and check in for a meet, their name and age will be marked on their left shoulder to help timers and officials identify them for their heat. This method has been used successfully by several other teams as a way of making sure the right swimmer is in the right place at the right time.

Swim Trainer:

- It is currently not working; bungees missing and pulley broken. A new one runs about \$1,200. Replacement parts are approximately \$50. Bob will place the order and try to repair the machine once parts are in.

Caps and suits:

- Swimmers should wear inexpensive caps from a local store to practice and save the more expensive team caps for meets.
- Team suits should not be worn to practice either, they will not hold up.
- New caps will be ordered for post-season (no names on them)
- Caps with names for next season run about 2/\$12 (latex) and 2/\$23 (silicone) at cost.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.