

**LCY Swim Team Parents Association Minutes
May 8, 2007**

Present: Lorraine McNulty, Jack Schneider, Marianne Stack, Ed Lucas, JoAnn Scharf, Kristen McIlroy, Frank Vella, Hong Yu, Lisa Marlin, Julie Leimkuhler, Debbie MacCausland, Ali Cleveland, Rajeh Esarapu, Dave Williams, Regina Evans, Laura Rauth

1. Old Business

- Winter Swim Team Banquet Review

- Banquet was a huge success and came in under budget. See attached expense report. Next year will consider switch to 4-8 pm timeslot. Seniors will continue to make DVD as a postseason fundraiser.

- Summer Swim Team Parent Meeting

- Mandatory meeting is Weds. 5/23. Information presented at 6pm for new swimming families, at 7pm will be continued with general information for all swimming families including Pentathlon Meet volunteer signups.

- Pentathlon

- Scheduled for 6/10 AM. All swimmers expected to swim and families expected to volunteer. Will not expect other teams to provide volunteers at meets LCY profits from. Currently soliciting food donations for this meet. This will be the last meet coordinated by Laura Rauth. Volunteer will be needed for Meet Coordinator position.

- Penn Del Swim League Meeting

- Bert Hewitt to represent team at 5/12 meeting. Will obtain minutes off Penn Del website to distribute at next meeting.

- Return of all swim team property

- Email to be sent out requesting return of equipment to Dave Williams (caps, Tshirts, trophies, ribbons etc.) Will be inventoried and stored onsite at LCY.

- Used equipment sales

- Donations of outgrown equipment will be collected at summer picnic 8/5/07 and resold at fall season signup nights as postseason fundraiser.

2. Coach's report

- 83 summer swimmers signed up, which is down from last year. Coach would like to see 100 swimmers. 13&older have the lowest numbers and are looking to build numbers from the younger swimmers up. Summer coaches include Chris, Becky, Brian, Marlin, Mr. Yahr, Bob D.

- Practice schedules are posted on website.

- Dave Williams is rewriting competitive swimming description so that swimmers are placed at the appropriate level. Competitive program includes fall & spring conditioning, and winter & summer teams. Appears that some children placed in stroke clinic that don't meet guidelines, possibly because of gaps in lesson structure. Will be address with Aquatics Director.

- Noted that goal of swimming at YMCA for children is to learn to swim safely, efficiently and with enjoyment.

3. Treasurer's report

- Tricia Cody not in attendance, however noted that, in general, a large amount of money was used to fund the post season swim expenses, but not much money was put into the fund. This is used to fund all swimmers for meets after the regular season ends.

4. New Business

- Goals for Swim Team

- Regina and Laura met with Dave and Joe R. (aquatics director) with discussion of making the competitive swim program more "goal oriented". Goals are needed in place for the fall season. One suggestion included improving the image of the swim team within LCY. Any suggestions, please email to Laura, Regina, or Dave.

- Meeting time change

- Meeting will take place at 6:30 pm in attempt to improve attendance. Suggestion made to consider rotating the day of the meeting in order to attract parents from various age groups.

- New Parent/Family "Buddy" support system

- 18 new families have joined this summer. Would like to reinstate volunteer "buddy" program to pair experienced (at least one year of involvement) families with new families. Volunteers will be given guidelines. Interested families should email Laura/Regina. Email to be sent out regarding this.

- Summer practice schedules

- Posted on website.

- Summer meet schedule

- Posted on website. Unconfirmed dates listed as "tentative".

- Swim Team Parent Handbook Re-do

- Goal for revising new handbook is September 1, with intent to include coach bio's, team philosophy, glossary etc. Suggestion by Frank Vella to have companies advertise in the handbook. Joann Shafer to proofread. Volunteers to help with project will be solicited via email.

- Mascot/Logo contest

- Suggestion made to have contest to rename the team mascot formerly known as "Lionfish". Would like to have mascot and corresponding logo. Will look into having suggestion box at the Welcome Center for contest. Goal is to have new mascot and logo by September 1.

- **Officials training**
 - Recertification is first weekend in June.
 - New officials should be directed to Vickie Hewitt.
- **Swim team records policy**
 - Motion made and approved to revise records policy so that the posted records reflect and include records on relay splits.
 - Girls 9-10 200 Free relay broke the record this past season and the board will be updated to reflect this.
- **Team Trivia Night fundraiser**
 - Coaches will have table.
 - Would like to have at least one LCY swim team family table.
 - Some swimmers will be available to volunteer.
- **Swim Team suit sales and apparel sales**
 - Scheduled for 5/14 and 5/15, 6-7:30 pm, in 2nd floor conference room.
 - Suit is same as the winter 06-07 suit.
 - Team suits and caps required for meets.
 - Practice suits also will be available in polyester (longer lasting).
- **Fall Distance meet hosted by LCY**
 - Dave to follow up with Joe R. regarding pool availability
 - Would like to host distance-only meet during the weekend before Thanksgiving.
 - Swimmers will need qualifying times to enter.
- **Nationals/Post season budget**
 - Marketing ideas exchanged – meet sponsor, tshirt sponsor, turning handbook into yearly planner with sponsors, pizza party after Blue/Gold meet, summer “Float n Flick”
- **Capital Campaign donation**
 - Donations earmarked for pool.
 - Suggested making \$3000 donation (approximately 25% of income from fall/winter session. Motion seconded and to be voted at parent meeting.
 - Consider posting donations from swim team to capital campaign on the team board with total donation amount.
- **Championship bid**
 - Bid needs to be to Penn-Del before August 1st.
 - Consensus feeling was that our team needs a break and needs to consider training of new meet director at this point. Every other year hosting schedule seems adequate.