

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Open Positions**

- A. **Meet Director:** Several attempts have been made to try to get this position filled in time to be able to properly host our annual Pentathlon. To date, we have not received any interest in the position. It is important to have enough time to properly schedule and plan for the meet and to properly train those who step up to take on the role. Therefore, we **MUST** have 1-2+ volunteers step-up by no later than April 20, 2008 in order for the pentathlon to be held. If no volunteers step up by this date, the Pentathlon will be cancelled for this year. Once we reach mid-late April, the timing to get everything completed will be too difficult to accomplish properly. Ideally, the meet director role can be split into 2-3 positions to make the responsibilities more workable. An e-mail will go out to the team ASAP to try to seek any interested individuals.

- B. **Treasurer:** We continue to seek an individual or individuals to take over this role. Training will be available to any interested persons. Again, an e-mail will go out to the team to try to elicit some interest.

- C. **Apparel Coordinator/s:** We continue to seek individual/s interested in taking over the apparel coordination for the team. This individual/s will be responsible for working with our vendor to coordinate the clothing that will be made available to the team each season. Additionally, the ordering process for clothing will need to be completed as well. Training will be available.

- D. **Awards Coordinator:** Our current awards coordinator will be moving out of state, and therefore this role will need re-filled. This position involves the coordination and ordering of the team awards at the end of each season. Individual will work closely with the coaching staff to obtain lists of the proper awards to be ordered. Training will be available for this role.

2. **Muffin Mania/Car Wash**

We are still in need of volunteers for the Muffin Mania/Car wash to be held on April 19th from 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA. All post season swimmers are expected to help. We need muffin makers and servers as well as car washers. We are working hard as a team to foster a good relationship with the YMCA, and this is an important event aimed at helping us to do that. Invitations have gone out already to the swim lesson groups announcing the event, and flyers will be posted in the YMCA to invite members as well. Sign-up sheets for muffin and food donation are posted on the

team bulletin board. Additionally, there will be a sign-up sheet for car wash supplies such as soap, towels, buckets and hoses. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

3. End of Season Banquet

Frank Vella continues to work hard to coordinate this end of season event. He is still trying to get a final number of attendees, including any coaches who are attending. The deadline for RSVP is Sunday April 13th – this was announced again via e-mail to the team. Bree will verify who will be attending with regards to the coaching staff. Frank will check the final RSVP count on Monday, April 14. The banner will be brought to the banquet to be displayed. Laura Rauth will take care of getting our 3 Senior gifts, as well as the coach's gifts. Bert and Vickie Hewitt are compiling all of the record information to be distributed at the banquet.

4. Notecards

As decided and voted upon at a previous SPA meeting, Julie Leimkuhler is having notecards made for the team to utilize as thank you notes for sponsorships and donations. As soon as they are available, we will send them out to our sponsors from this past season.

5. Recipe Book Fundraiser

We had discussed at a previous SPA meeting about a possible swim team recipe book fundraiser. Unfortunately, we have been informed that another group at the Lionville YMCA is doing this same fundraiser, and we will be unable to do this same thing. We will re-visit this as a fundraiser in another year of so.

6. Fundraiser Ideas

We continue to seek additional fundraising opportunities. If anyone has any ideas, we ask that they be brought to the SPA committee for review. The monies raised through our fundraising efforts will cover the cost of equipment replacements and post-season apparel and caps. We will continue to discuss our options. Some of the ideas being mentioned at this meeting include:

- a) Scratch off donation cards.
- b) Gift card sales
- c) Joe Corbies food
- d) Pancake breakfast
- e) Coupon books

f) Pizza nights during summer

7. Publicity

Coach Bree is working on providing extensive info (as requested by publisher) to have articles published regarding the many accomplishments of our team this past season. We continue to work to try to improve the publicity our team receives, and the YMCA continues to help us with this.

8. End of Season Evaluation

We are working to develop an end of season evaluation. There have been many changes over the past season, and it is important for the team to determine what is working and what may need improvement. Everything from evaluating the success of the Big Brother/Sister Program to questions about volunteering and communication will be evaluated. Our goal is to continue to improve upon things each year, and the input from our families is essential to assist us in doing this. Please look for the evaluation coming soon.

9. Handbook

The revision of the Swim Team handbook has been a rather involved process that has taken greater time than initially expected. It is approximately 2/3 completed. We are hoping to complete it sometime during the summer season so it is ready to utilize at the start of the Winter 2008-09 season. There was some discussion about putting some already completed portions of the handbook on the website for reference now by members of the team. We will determine what will be put on the website at our next meeting.

10. Equipment

Bob DeCresente has taken inventory of all of the team's equipment. He is developing a format and tracking system for the servicing of all of the equipment, as well as an informational manual for things. This will be a valuable tool for the team as we work to plan for regular maintenance and replacement of our equipment. Thank you Bob DeCresente!!!!

We continue to await an answer from the high school negotiations to see what the schools will cover with regards to capital purchases. We will be informed of those decisions as soon as they are determined.

We need to order 6 more lap counters. This purchase was approved. Coach Bree will take care of ordering them.

11. Team Trivia night

This event, hosted by the Lionville YMCA and benefiting the “Y Cares” Program was very successful! The swim team had nice representation at the event (thank you to those who attended). There were 38 tables and over \$ 18,000 was raised at this fun event. A great night benefiting a great cause! Look for information again next year when Lionville YMCA hosts our 3rd annual Team Trivia Night!

COACH’S REPORT:

- YMCA Nationals featured many best times from our team. A total of 9 swimmers represented the Lionville YMCA Swim Team in Fort Lauderdale, Fl. in early April. Congratulations to all of our swimmers!!! Nice job!!!
- There is always interest at this time of year in sending swimmers to summer swim camps. Coach Bree has been evaluating some of the camps, and will be sending our information to the team on some of the best available. Look for this information.
- Coach Bree and her sister are organizing a “Longest Relay Ever Swam” fundraiser in Reading, PA and would like the LCY swim team to participate. The date is Saturday June 7th. This fundraiser is being put together to benefit the family of a young mother Coach Bree and her family knew who died of brain cancer. Details will be put out to the team from Coach Bree. Please look for it.
- The upcoming stroke clinics are completely filled, and each class has along waiting list. We are thrilled with the interest in the team and the program, but we as a team continue to look for more creative options for pool space and time to continue to help the team grow. There was suggestion about maybe starting some early morning clinics to accommodate the waiting list of swimmers. Coach Bree will investigate the possibility of doing this.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The balance to date is \$22,727.

The last chance meet made \$127 at the snack bar, \$ 988 through entries and \$133 via admissions.

The post season t-shirts costs \$ 1534 (Charley Hartley, Districts, States and Nationals)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **National Team Policy:**

We as a team need to revisit the National Team Policy. In particular, fund disbursement for National trips is in need of evaluation and discussion. With more and more swimmers qualifying to attend Nationals, funds are becoming more and more depleted, and re-embursements are just not possible. Additionally, volunteer requirements for National team members must be re-visited. We are seeking a committee interested in evaluating this policy. A sign-up will be posted on the team bulletin board once a date has been set for a meeting to begin this process.

2. **New Riptide Banner:**

We need to purchase a Riptide Banner for the team. The banner should have the new logo on it along with the new team name. It was approved that one 3'x5' banner will be ordered for away meets and one will be ordered that hangs permanently at the YMCA. Regina Evans agreed to take care of this.