

LCY Swim Parents Association Meeting Minutes
Sept. 8, 2008, 6:30 PM
LCY Conference Room

In attendance: Regina Evans, Mike Marshall, Kevin O'Brien, Julie Leimkuhler, Carolyn Salig, Chris McIlroy (acting sec'y)

Old Business:

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Meet Director- Chris McIlroy has accepted the position of Meet Director. He was given a team "meet director" manual and will plan for the meet on November 23rd. Other meets this year will be the ~3/1 Last Chance meet and the Pentathlon in May.

President Elect and Treasurer*- These are important posts that need to be filled right away. Interest in those positions has been limited. President Elect would be a "learning" role for this year. During the mandatory parents meeting, we will ask those interested in some of the postings to stay to discuss what people can do. Parents' volunteer time is required for a swim team to operate. (*UPDATE 9/17/08: Treasurer position has now been filled)

T-Shirt Committee – We will be forming a T-shirt Committee to design and order the swimmers' shirts. We will have a sign-up for a few volunteers to sit on this committee at the Mandatory Parent's Meeting.

Post-Season/National Committee - Nationals travel expenses have increased and, with increasing numbers of our swimmers participating in these events (Winter and Summer) we would like to resurrect the Post-season/National Committee. Decisions need to be made about fundraising specifically earmarked for these expenses, as well as how, to whom and when team money gets allocated for this. Other teams have money specifically set aside to support National swimmers, such as a car wash, spaghetti dinner, or portion of meet proceeds. Anyone interested in sitting on this committee, please contact Regina Evans at lcyswimming@aol.com. We are seeking parents of National swimmers as well as parents of non-National swimmer to be a part of this.

Scorers/Officials - There is an urgent need for scorer's table and officials volunteers as those who are currently qualified are dwindling in number. Please contact Vickie Hewitt vickie.hewitt@bentley.com (scorers) or Bert Hewitt wehewitts@erols.com (officials) if you are interested in learning this on-deck role.

APPAREL

Team Apparel- We will use the same vendor as last year (John Aybar). There was grumbling about the timing and delivery of certain items. To attempt for an earlier delivery, orders will be taken at the Mandatory Parent's Meeting.

Swim caps – On review of inventory, including additional caps located over the summer, we have a surplus of regular season team caps. As a cost saving measure, a vote was taken and it was approved that we would use up the current cap inventory this season. The “official” cap this season will be royal blue. We will look to go to individualized caps next season. New caps will need to be ordered by Dec. for post-season this year (all without names) as we do not have enough of them.

Swim suits – Speedo suits are generally discontinued every 2 years. (We have a contract with Speedo). We discussed in the past the idea of getting a new suit this year. Most swimmers’ suits do not last more than a season. Carolyn will speak with Bree to see what she is thinking and if the suit is in stock.

National Warm-ups – National jackets have been ruined by the current embroiderer. If you know of someone who embroiders, please let us know.

TEAM SPONSORS/FUNDRAISERS

Consensus was that most people did not enjoy soliciting for sponsorship money. Few individuals participated in this fund-raising activity. Similar results were obtained from the swim-a-thons in the past, where a small % of families turned in a large % of total dollars. So, for vendors that would like to be sponsors, we’d love to have them, but we will not be actively seeking them this year. The group voted to postpone the swim-a-thon until maybe the spring. A basket bingo fund raiser was brought up with a fair amount of interest from the group. Discussions are to follow.

TREASURY INFORMATION

Trish could not be at the meeting. The following was discussed.

Capital Equipment Fund- The need was again discussed for a reserve for replacement of equipment. Funds must be earmarked for this because replacement expenses will possibly be in the \$5,000-10,000 dollar range. The surplus that has accumulated must be earmarked so as to not over burden the parents here at the unfortunate time of equipment failure. It is unclear at this time if the high schools will have to chip in for the equipment.

Registration fee – As done in the past, at the time of registration, along with the registration form, there will be a \$50 deposit per swimmer (check made out to Lionville Community YMCA). Once a swimmer is placed on the roster, this becomes a non-refundable deposit and will be applied to the swimmer’s YMCA account. If you have a new swimmer who does not make the team, this deposit will be refunded to you. Swimmer’s fee (for parent group) and escrow will be collected at the Mandatory Parents Meeting.

HANDBOOK

This is still in the works. It is time consuming and will be available on line as soon as it is ready, hopefully this fall.

Coach's Report

Bree was unable to attend, but sent the following information:

Sign-ups and Try-outs will take place Sept 15-17 6p-8p

The website has updated meet postings

Please contact Bree by e-mail for anything!

Coaching staff for the fall is as follows: Lead Coaches - Red (Kaitlin), Blue (Bert and Lisa Marlin), Yellow (Bree), Green (Bree); Assistants – Ben, Doug, Bria, Becky, Brian, Bob, Chris W., Kristen Ficca. Krisen swam here years ago and was coached by Dave. She is coming back to help with the Red, Blue and yellow groups.

New Business:

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

All changes to must be sent to coach Bree. She will distribute them from there.

BY-LAWS

By-Laws (amended 3/2003) were reviewed and the following changes were discussed:

Article 1., #1: Lionville Community YMCA Swim Team Parents Association will be known as the "SPA" instead of the "Association". Add "Riptide" tgo team name.

Article 3. , #3/Art. 5, #2: Vice Presidents will now be known as Boys Coordinator and Girls Coordinator

A vote will be taken to approve these changes at the next monthly parent meeting on Oct 14th.

As per the by-laws (available on the web site), officers serve two year terms. President and Secretary are up for election in 2009, President-Elect and Treasurer 2008/2010.

Please consider taking your turn at these very important positions.

TREASURY SOFTWARE

There was some interest in looking at new treasury software, but the current one is linked to the Meet Manager system. Possibly look into what software other teams use.

Please plan to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, October 14th, 6:30 PM at the Y.