

## Marlins State of the Team – September 2011

Marlin Families – As we begin another season, we have the pleasure of welcoming our newest Marlin, Madeleine Rose Johanna Jenks and wish all the best to Coach Meredith and Mark. While Coach Meredith takes time to be with her new family Coach Julie will be coaching full time in September and October and then both coaches will move to a part time schedule for the remainder of the season. We also have the benefit of Coach Karoline returning in October, easing Coach Kirby's schedule. Please welcome our new coaches; the team is only as good as its coaches and we have one of the best swim teams around.

As we enter the new season there are several items we wish to discuss:

- The board continues to aggressively manage expenses and income, but unfortunately we came in a little over 4 % below budget last year, a number that would have been much lower if not for the team hosting the summer league champs meet and aggressive work by the concessions committee to obtain more donations. With this outcome and the continued increases in pool costs, we are implementing a 5% increase in membership fees for 2011-2012.

<b>Billing Group</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>2010-2011 Rates</b>	<b>2011-2012 Rates</b>
A	2.5	\$70	\$72
B	3.5	\$86	\$90
C	4.5	\$102	\$110
D	5.5	\$116	\$125
E	7.5	\$128	\$140
F	9.5	\$138	\$150
G	13	\$163	\$175
H	17	\$188	\$200
Family Max		\$297	\$320

- As always our results for the coming seasons will dictate the changes we must make for future seasons, so any ideas for increases in fund raising would be appreciated. Fulfilling your family commitment for volunteer

time is also crucial as our meets and swim-a-thon constitutes 30% of our operating budget.

- One item that we implemented last year was the move to a single championship shirt versus a shirt design for each major meet (q-meet on up) We had several comments asking to move back to the shirt design for each major meet and a small group has taken on getting these shirt designs done in a cost efficient manner.
- At the end of the first week we will hold a parents meeting at 5:30 pm Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- To celebrate the success of the swim-a-thon the Marlins are hosting a swim fun and Pizza night on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be given to the swimmers that raised the most money. There will also be a drawing for a grand prize. Free time is from 5:00 – 5:30, Pizza 5:30 – 6:00 and the awards to follow immediately afterwards. Fun time will end at 6:30.
- The board is always available to discuss any subject. Don't hesitate to contact any board member with questions or comments?

Thank you for a great season and looking forward to an equally exciting 2011-2012 season.

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