

Kachemak Swim Club Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2017- 5:30-7:30pm – Homer High Room B-103

I. Call to order (5:30)

II. Roll call – Mike, Dana, Paul, Thad, Jess, Joy, Melisa, Sonja, Jan

III. Approval of Dec. 17th minutes and today's agenda – minutes and agenda approved by all members

IV. Public Comment – Coach Jan- practices have been too noisy/big distraction from bleachers and open bleacher area. Very Dangerous with small children running around and hanging from swim deck bars. Some parents have been trying to engage the coaches in dialog during practice. Dana concurred and elaborated. Also reported instances of parents walking around upper deck and taking their kids' attention away from their coaches', as well as instances of parents walking on to the actual pool deck during practice. Requesting to make all practices closed to parents.

- a. Closed practices to begin 1/23/17 with last 15 minutes of each week's last practice being open to quite viewing - all board members present agree
- b. Parents will still have open communication with coaches after practice and through email (coaches have 5-7 days to respond to non urgent emails)

V. Treasurer's report- \$52,000 (5 mo. Operating costs)/checking, \$15,000/travel, \$4,000/gaming

- a. Pull tabs- contracts signed and licenses received for the Down East Saloon and Beluga Lake Lodge.
- b. Jessie taking over management of travel account
- c. Dec. dues collected -\$5,521; payroll -\$4,700 - Sep.-Nov. dues collected-\$18,068; payroll-\$19,067

VI. Committee report-

- a. Communication: All is well, articles on swim meets are being ran in the local papers.
- b. Fundraising: Aqua-Thon is coming up and gaming is doing great.
- c. Meet: see below section on Senior Champs
- d. Swim Shop/ Spirit: Borough tax need on shop items. Swimmer account option on chit.

VII. Head Coaches Report-

- a. End of April swimmer forecast- 110 swimmers
- b. Hired new coach – Mary Wood – medal groups assistant coach.

* She has 2-3 trips that she will be gone for this year and then will be committed for one

year after that.

- c. Researching 2017-18 school hour changes for next seasons practice scheduling.
- d. Putting new equipment to good use.
- e. Possible 2nd Team Unify overview for parents.
- f. Thinking about a vacation the first week of March.
- g. Requesting an income increase on next contract.

* Board agreed to discuss this at future meetings

Participants

| Practice Group | December | January | Last year | |
|----------------|----------|---------|-----------|--|
| Senior | 4 | 5 | ? | |
| Gold | 10 | 10 | ? | |
| Silver | 14 | 15 | ? | |
| Bronze | 29 | 30 | ? | |
| Dolphin | 36 | 35 | ? | |
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VIII. Old Business

a. Board Goals

1. Record Board- installed by May, 2017 (tabled for Feb. meeting)

2.USAS Club Recognition Level 1 – by May, 2017

b. Swim Lessons – no school lessons this year, offering summer lessons for 2017

c. Senior Champs -

1. signage- Northwest Signs \$162.00 (Can be used for future meets)- All board members agree.

2. Board Volunteerism- All board members need to sign up.

IX. New Business

a. Competitive philosophy-discussed promoting a spirit of competition and improvement among all age groups while letting younger swimmers develop more advanced and ambitious goals naturally as they age and as they desire, not suggesting a club-wide expectation that every kid aspires to championship meets, collegiate swimming, etc.

b. Athlete representatives

*AK Swimming recommends that each team have an athlete representative to board/club leadership.

* SC Area Rep selection process- Each of 5 SC Area teams may bring one athlete representative forward to be voted on at area championships. That person will be the area athlete rep whose responsibilities are to attend annual House of Delegates, several telephonic conferences and have opportunity to represent AK at USA Swimming annual conference.

Adjourn/Schedule next meeting and/or executive session –(7:45pm) next meeting- Feb. 16th
@ 6:00-8:00pm Homer High room B-103