Parent Advisory Board Meeting

September 10, 2014

Present: Laura Jordan, Ash Jordan, Jackie English, Lara Wilkinson, Terry Kidd, Cami Kidd

* New Swimmers/Parent Meeting on September 15th: Cami will host the new families on Monday, September 15th from 6:00 – 7:00 in room MC163. Items that need to be covered…
* Volunteering
* Website
* USA swim registration
* Official clinics
* Handbook

Will set up another meeting with new swim families to go over swim meet etiquette, dq’s, questions, etc. Cami will organize the room and meeting for October 27th.

* Swim-A-Thon/Banquet: Noodles will cater the event. The cost per person is $8.00. The team will cover half the cost of the food and families will pay $4.00 per person. Noodles will deliver and set up for the event. The banquet will happen outside of the rec center in the grassy area if the weather is nice. If the weather is bad, we will move the event into classroom MC165. The dunk booth has been ordered from Bananas Fun Park. They will deliver and set up. Cami will call Noodles with a final total of people attending the event. Groups will be asked to bring drinks or dessert to complete the meal.

Coaches gift cards purchased have been ordered…our three new coaches will receive a towel.

Shirts have been ordered for swim awards and magnets have been ordered for participation awards. Each swimmer will receive a participation award.

* Coaches attending clinics/Swimposium

The event will take place in the Denver area on October 4 and 5. This is an event where all of the Colorado swim teams come together for the House of Delegates meeting. Coaches and officials will also receive clinics and/or recertification. If Maverick Aquatics has a representative attend the weekend event, CSI will refund $100 back to the team for their annual team registration. Ed plans to attend the event, Jackie and Terry will possibly attend the event as well.

Coaching clinic – possible idea to have it on the western slope; educating coaches on developmental coaching, foundations of swimming, how to communicate with kids, etc. Maverick Aquatics recognizes that in order to improve as a team, our coach’s need additional training and the opportunity to hone their craft. Cami will contact CSI for a name of person to come to Grand Junction to offer the training to our coaches and possibly other coaches from the WSL.

* MAValanche

Cami will email Suzanne Shleitz, president of the WSL league and see about coach’s opinion regarding prelim/finals for the MAValanche. She will also question the need for the strict time qualifications since the winter meet typically draws only from the Western Slope teams. Last year’s meet will be reviewed to see if session reports indicate the need for strict time qualifications.

* Short Course Meet Schedule: All meets are current and on the website. As meet announcements and event templates are released, information will be emailed out to families. It is encouraged that swimmers attend as many meets as possible to gain experience and further their abilities.
* Circuit Age Group Meet

This meet will be hosted March 14 – 15 at CMU for swimmers who do not qualify for Silver/Senior and State Meets. Cami will consult with the WSL regarding format and expectations.

Held under the blanket sanction, championship meet format, spring championships, 14 and under age groups???,

* Level 2???  Are we ready to tackle?

Holding off for a few more months…talk again in January

* Proposal to reimburse officials for their meet fees:

Discussions were held as to whether or not officials should be reimbursed meet fees for their services at meets. The concern is that if officials are offered this incentive, then it would need to be the same for console and computer workers. It is a grey area as to who should receive free meet fees and who would only be volunteers. All officials are able to claim meet travel expenses on their taxes and individuals should consider this. At this time, it was decided that this should not be a consideration and all parents should be volunteers regardless of their position.

It was proposed that all USA Swim officials be reimbursed for their annual USA Swim registration and this was approved.

* Coaches link on the website to be added next to each practice group on the website for easier location.