

September 26, 2011 SPG Meeting

Attendance

Brett Carney
Cindi Hamill
Dave Milling
Stan Rupnik
Shelly Allen
Angie Sowle
Tiffany Blair
Tracy Gawedzinski
Onya Rivera
Caeri Chiaro
Laura Costic
Deb Hamrick
Dave Sammons
Scott Cook
Mark Gawedzinski
Michelle Eades
Pricilla Tobias
Kevin Milward

Minutes

- President Brett Carney opened the meeting and introduced the new Aquatics Director for the Kerasotes Branch. His name is Doug Miller and he comes to us from the Bloomington YMCA. He has extensive experience as a YMCA AD at both Bloomington and Knox County. He is excited to have 8 lanes to work with, and will be giving SPY 7 lanes during our practice time when the pool opens November 12 through December 2011! After January 2012, we may have 3 of the 8 lanes used for lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays but the schedule is not final. Regardless, the amount of pool time compared to what we have now is increased by a significant amount. He is very friendly, so introduce yourself!

Treasurer's Report

- Dave Milling gave a SPG Fundraising Account update. We started the month with \$6,898.97. We purchased an iPad for Coach Rob (\$880), the SPG provided pizza for our kickoff party (\$200), and the SPG is paying for several SPY parents to go through officials training clinics (\$1251). New balance \$4567.97 Brett Carney led brief discussion about SPG paying over time with our fundraising for excellent projection screens at the new pool, so that you can still watch the meet from the bullpen/staging area. Steve Patton has generously offered to front the cost. Rob indicated that this would be a top priority for him.

Coach's Update

- Our season opener is this Saturday at Eisenhower. We will host several meets in our new facility this season to ease travel!
 - December 17 a dual at the new pool
 - January 15 Snowball meet (possibly am/pm sessions and USS affiliated)
 - February 11 Time trial dual meet with Champaign
 - February 25 We are the hosts of the Illini Junior District Meet
- Our crowding problem will be over in two months. Kerasotes is scheduled to open November 12, and SPY moves there immediately! We have 141 swimmers on the roster.
- During the "grand opening", SPY will hold an intersquad relay meet to showcase the swim team.
- Rob is running a "home school" practice weekdays 2:30-3:45 to help with crowding and take advantage of these kids availability.
- Rob shared his training plan for the season, which he will write up and post, to articulate much better than this secretary could relay. 😊
- Rob has added Coaches reports, ASCA News, and USA Swimming reports and links to the website – check it out!

Oct 1 Quad Meet

- If you have not yet signed up for a job, please do so on the website. Also, you can contribute \$10 towards concessions by “purchasing” this (only 1 \$10 purchase per family, not per swimmer) on the website just as you pay for meets.

Committee Updates

- Publicity (Tiffany) will post meet highlights from Saturday. Scott Hankin (new spy parent) has been volunteered to take team pictures at meets! However, the Y requires a release before any pictures can be posted, so please look for that at the meet so your child can be featured in our team pictures.
- Website (Caeri) posted job signups for Saturday – PLEASE TAKE A JOB!
- Meet Entry (Laura) will meet with Rob to import entries & set up meet
- Concessions (Michelle) is asking for \$10 donations in lieu of food donations, and they will purchase food items for the meet
- Volunteer Coordinator (Deb) again encourages everyone to fill all needed positions. If your child is swimming, you should be helping. Thanks!
- Awards have been purchased for Saturday
- Equip & Apparel (Sue) The Running Center will put a link on our site with many nice clothing options as well as the equipment that Coach Rob recommends for each group. Please purchase the equipment and bring to every practice. We recommend your name on everything, including your equipment bag. Thank you to Erin Weller for creating our new Y approved SPY Swirl Logo!
- Officials (Kevin) Training is being offered to become both Y and USA officials. Kevin will contact those interested. Please watch the web site for details.

Cindi Hamill
Secretary