

August 29, 2011

SPY Parent Meeting

Attendance

George Kokkat
Onya Rivera
Angie Sowle
Sue McCormick
Donavon Patton
Kara Patton
Becky Antonacci
Tiffany Blair
Anneliese Fierstos
Gail Neeley
Scott Cook
Julie Potter
Priscilla Tobias
Kevin Milward
Dave Milling
Felecia Hurley
Cindi Hamill
Stan Rupnik
Brett Carney
Kim Cox
Laura Costic
Sarah Potter
Joe Fierstos
Caeri Chiaro

Minutes

President Brett Carney called the meeting to order. The meeting objective was to introduce the slate of officers and committee chairs that make up the executive board, and further define the roles of each committee.

The new pool is reported to be on time and on budget. A new Aquatic Director has been hired. His name is Doug Miller and he comes to us from Bloomington. Tryouts are happening this week. Practice groups will likely change after we assess our new talent. Also, after our move into the new facility, practice groups will change yet again to get training groups very specialized.

Important Dates:

Practice starts **September 6!** Remember you must pay minimum \$100 towards group fees to practice, with balance due in November. Watch the website for fall

meets to be posted this week, so high school boys can schedule to make at least the two mandatory meets before HS season begins.

SPY will host a spring Y meet on **Saturday October 1** (formerly N.E.W. meet). Warmups will be 2:00 with the meet starting at 3:00 and likely over by 5:30.

Sunday evening **September 11** will be our fall kickoff orientation and pizza party. Important information on using online registration and our season plan will be discussed. Plan to have dinner with your team and be informed and connected!

Board introductions

President Brett Carney and **VP Stan Rupnik** oversee monthly SPG meetings and all committees.

Treasurer David Milling reported a SPG balance of \$6898.97 and asked committee chairs to discuss their financial needs to help build our budget. David was also given a “wish list” by Rob of fundraising expenditures and goals.

Secretary Cindi Hamill will coordinate communication. Emails that need to be communicated to the team will be distributed via Team Unify by Cindi.

Rob then went committee by committee, introducing the chair and briefly discussing responsibilities. **All SPY parents** are encouraged to visit our website and log on to your account so that you can see these committees. There are spaces available for you to sign up to join a committee much like we did when signing up to donate concessions, etc., for the Snowball meet last winter. Please join a committee as soon as possible.

Equipment and Apparel chair is **Sue McCormick**. She will be ordering team caps, shirts, etc., and working with the Running Center on team suit availability, etc.

Publicity chair is **Tiffany Blair**. She will post meet highlights to the website, publish meet results in the newspaper, collect photos, etc to use for team promos.

Social chair is **Angie Sowle**. She will plan team parties and organize group events. Mark your calendar for our first group event Sunday, September 11th!

Website Communication chair is **Caeri Chiaro**. She will work with Rob and executive board to keep our site current with timely information

Officials chair is **Kevin Milward**. He discussed a USA training coming up October 15 in Sullivan. There are background checks and other paperwork required, so please sign up for his committee asap!

Volunteer Coordinator is **Deb Hamrick**, so with a meet coming up October 1, she will be looking for many volunteers very soon!

Meet Management is **Tracy Gawedzinski**. We have 3 major HOSTED MEETS scheduled:

October 1 SPY Quad Meet
January 24 Snowball Invite **In our new pool!!!**
February 25 Junior District Meet. Please mark your calendar for these meets, as SPY parents will be expected to work them if their child is swimming or not!

Concessions is **Michelle Eades**. For our 3 home meets, she will coordinate our concessions sales.

Computers is **Scott Cook**. Who will continue training to run the Meet Management and Colorado Timing System during meets.

Awards is **Felecia Hurley**. She will coordinate to have awards for all hosted meets.

Meet Entries chair is **Laura Costic**. She will work with the Team Manager software to prepare meet programs for hosted meets.

Next SPG meeting is Monday, **September 26**, which is just 4 days before our meet, so these committees need to organize and start working. It takes everyone contributing to make it happen!

Open discussion included concerns of how practice groups were being organized and if assistant coaches were being included in the process. Also discussion of coaching staff announcements of both “coming” and “going” coaches.