

**West Chicago Sharks
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 via Zoom**

Attendees: Coach Dan Fors, Coach Kara Parry, Dan Clasen, Tom Wagner, Amy Martensen, and Kathy Kosten

Meeting called to order: at 6:31pm by Dan Clasen

Minutes from previous meeting approved: Dan made a motion to accept the November minutes, Amy seconded, all approved. Minutes will be posted to the website.

Financials (Stacey Gallagher):

- The only major change is a transfer of funds of \$10,000 from the checking account to the money market account.
- The Scoreboard fund has \$24,000 in it. Funds were received by donation. A new scoreboard will be upgraded and have videos and name features, just to name a few. With new pads, a new scoreboard will cost about \$70,000. The longer the Sharks wait, the cheaper the equipment becomes. Coach Dan approached West Chicago High School about hosting a regional meet during the summer and all proceeds would go to the scoreboard fund. The High School would then pay the remainder for the scoreboard. This plan is on hold because as a part of the cycle of pool maintenance, West Chicago is spending \$500,000 on ventilation in the pool area and it will be done this summer.
- There are still outstanding checks.
- Should the financials be posted to the website? This will need to be investigated – what are other teams doing? It will be behind the sign in wall.

Coach Update (Dan Fors):

- All membership applications and dues for non-athletes are due on December 31st. Please fill out online or send Coach Dan a PDF and he will include your application with the team.
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- Starting January 1st, Safe Sport is mandating a new category that at meets, the Safety Marshall must be a USA Swimming certified and trained member. Board members will need to fill this role and others will need to be trained and rotated into this position.
- The Fall Fling was a great success – there was a high amount of participation and since there was a restructuring of meet fees, the Sharks netted about \$20,000. The Custodial costs were high, but the profits from the concession stand covered those fees.
- The Flick and Float made \$190 on raffles and the concession stand.
- The Garage Sale also made about \$390.
- The Elgin meet, Blizzard Blast, is coming up on December 17-19 and Pleasant Prairie meet is January 21-23rd, these are the Sharks two away meets.
- Enrollment is up and down, which is normal, the Sharks will continue to do recruitment events to keep its numbers up.
- The Polar Bear Meet is January 7-9. Entries are in, it is looking like a smaller meet, about 275-300 athletes, which is normal for this meet at this time of year. The Sharks are still expecting a profit will be made. An expense for this meet is that all athletes get a towel, not awards. The Sharks surplus of towels can be used and times can be adjusted to help the all-day coaches and save on custodial costs. Hospitality can be scaled back and no paper goods are needed.
- The fridge that is in the boy's locker-room can no longer be rolled out to be used in concessions anymore. It is on its last legs and the floor is too nice and will get ruined. The Sharks will invest in a 3 cubic refrigerator that can stay in the pool concession stand area, which will be a lot easier and can be used to store food.

Meeting adjourned: At 7:10pm, Kathy made a motion, Tom seconded, all agreed.
