
**West Chicago Sharks
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:49 pm by Dan Clasen

Note taker: Leah Becker

Attendees

Coaches	Dan Fors, Kara Parry
Board Members	Stacey Gallagher, Carol Matthias, Dan Clasen, Leah Becker, Amy Martensen
Committee Chairs	Bridget Fors
Attendees	Kyla Johnston

Coronavirus – Meeting held via Zoom

Minutes from previous meeting approved

Coach Update (Dan Fors)

- IHSA will meet next week to determine plans for high school sports this fall
- 16 states have already delayed the start of their fall seasons
- Many schools are doing a hybrid of remote and in person learning. We don't know the implications for swimming yet. IHSA is seeking guidance from the health dept.
- Nick Parry has an upcoming meeting with the business office soon and has no answers yet for any groups using high school
- We expect rental costs to increase wherever the Sharks land
- Meets this year will look very different, for example, no concessions. How will we do meets and maintain a max capacity of 50 people in the room at one time? Many plans have been suggested, nothing yet determined. It's possible that there will be no meets at all.
- Currently we have 60 swimmers in the Sharks swim camps. The cost is \$10 per swimmer per hour. This can possibly be extended into August.
- There is still no water at WCHS pool

- We will likely need to increase Sharks fees to accommodate higher rental costs and less revenue from meets, but lots of families have been negatively affected by pandemic.
- Our team has incurred extra costs already such as temperature monitors and face shields. Historically when we raise team fees we lose some swimmers.

Board President (Dan Clasen)

- Organizations are asking for higher fees per lane rental. Our fees will likely need to increase. The longevity of our club is a main concern. We need to look at the budget for the fall, starting with revenue from this year vs. anticipated revenue for upcoming year. We need to keep any fee increases as small as possible.

Financials (Stacey)

- Salaries are paid with the exception of Josh; will mail him a check for July
- Credits on accounts came through
- We need to keep costs low by cutting back or else we will lose swimmers

Fundraising (Amy)

- Nothing new. On stand by for fall.

Comments from Parents

- (Kyla) If fees increase, she will have to choose which of her swimmers gets to stay on team.
- Concerned about uneven playing field, with some clubs still practicing and some unable to practice. Concerned that this increases divisions between families with more money and families with less. Is there a way to even out the playing field? Hopefully this will be taken into consideration when deciding Champs cuts this year.
- (Leah) Concerned that increased fees will make Sharks lose their family friendly / fun / easy entry appeal to new swimmers or less competitive swimmers.

Stacey moves to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm.
