
**West Chicago Sharks
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:50 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)

- Confirming prices and schedules with many pools, including:
 - Geneva Park District: will they allow us to keep renting? Which pool? Will they extend summer season so that we can keep using outdoor pool?
 - FMC: two pools by FMC. We will likely get one weeknight and one weekend session in the fall
 - Glen Ellyn: working out details with one indoor, 5 lane pool in Glen Ellyn, TBD, but probably late evening practice times
 - Contacted over 30 pools. Only 10 have called back
 - Things are constantly changing, especially with highschool season starting up soon
 - Over 80% of IL teams are 3rd party renters and therefore have found themselves struggling to find pool space. There is great competition for available spaces.
 - With current state guidelines there will be many restrictions and meets this fall due to covid.
 - Hinsdale ran a meet last week that took 2 days and 8 sessions to cycle all their swimmers through.
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- There will be no spectators allowed at meets this year, therefore no admissions fees and concessions fees will decrease. Meets are a large part of our budget so we will need to adjust to maintain good programming.
- We have broken even with the camps this summer
- We must be 100% compliant with health department guidelines in order to maintain the pool space we do have. Otherwise we may have to pause our programming.
- We can consider temporarily banding together with another team, maybe offering our name, such as with Goldfish swim school. Just a thought.
- We need to be patient and appreciate the pool time we do get.

Financials (Stacey)

- All credits are from the 2 camps
- All checks have cleared except a few small ones from meets
- Taxes are at the accountant right now
- We will get to work on a new budget as soon as we figure out the costs with the new pools

Fundraising (Amy)

- Nothing new. On stand by for fall.
- Appreciate Dan's efforts at finding pool space.

Team President (Dan Clasen)

- Thanks to Bridget for getting us the 5 year average revenue from meets
 - We will work on putting together a new budget ASAP
 - The ISI's budget is 40% reduced for the upcoming year, which gives the Sharks an idea of what we need to think about. We need to make cuts where we can, with the emphasis on getting as many swimmers back in the water as soon as possible, as safely as possible, and take care of our coaches as well.
 - Meets will look significantly different this year, if we even have them. Let's get feedback from St.Charles and Hinsdale on how their recent meets went. We need to adjust our budget to reflect the loss of revenue from meets.
 - Let's try to stay positive about all the changes and keep reevaluating over the next few months.
 - ISI recommends taking advantage of a second PPE offering from Congress if it passes. They will assist us in submitting an application.
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- Let's keep pushing WCHS to consider reopening the pool to the Sharks for rental. We have been good renters for 60 years.
- On a positive note, it's been great to see the coaches and swimmers reconnecting at these summer camps.
- As per Leah's suggestion, Dan Fors will work on a survey to Shark parents to see how much of a change in pricing and practice times / locations they are willing to tolerate. The Board will review his survey and we will get that sent out ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.
