

**West Chicago Sharks  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9, 2020**

**Attendees:** Coach Dan Fors, Coach Kara Perry, Bridget Fors, Dan Clasen, Stacey Gallagher, Amy Martensen, and Kathy Kosten

**Meeting called to order:** By Dan Clasen at 5:33 pm.

**Minutes from previous meeting approved:** Stacey made a motion to accept, Amy seconded, all approved the January minutes.

**Financials (Stacey Gallagher):** Not much has changed since last month.

- There are \$2000 in outstanding checks waiting to be cashed from the Sharks. Those checks from 2018 have been voided out, but the 10/2/2020 \$900 to Express for Lifeguard Training and the November 2020 \$900 to Healthtrax will be checked on.
- 1099 are completed and on the way to the Coaches.
- Coaches will receive one check for January/February.
- Monthly fees will be the same for all groups except the White swimmers because the number of hours stayed the same. White swimmers had a reduction in 2 hours per month, so will be billed a smaller amount.
- The full month of November 2020 was paid by swimmers, but not utilized. Because of covid restrictions, the Sharks were out of the pool a week early. The team was back in the pool on January 2021 for a week. Since this is the same amount of time, this is a wash and January was not charged to the swimmers.
- Moving the Leopards from the hotel pool to FMC one time a week since lanes are available saves the team \$75 a week.

**Fundraising (Amy Martensen):** There are a low number of swimmers in the water, but more people might participate in a fundraiser to support the team. The butterbraid fundraiser is a possibility. But where to pick them up? West Chicago High School is starting to open up to students. Hopefully with more

vaccinations, they will be open to having the Sharks back. Spring will be packed with IHSA schedules, but the pool will not be busy.

**Safe Sport (Kara Perry):**

- Most of the paperwork on bullying, code of conduct, and parental permission is finished. These bullet points have been updated on the website under the Safe Sport tab. These will also be updated in the Parent Handbook and will be included in registration paperwork for all swimmers.
- Having the code of conduct updated allows the Sharks to have a framework in case there is a problem.
- Now it is on the parents and athletes to take the Illinois Swimming Safe Sport online class. 17% of the parents have taken it, which gets the team one point, but no athletes yet. Only 10% of athletes need to take it, so doing it now, when our team is so small, there is also a small number of athletes who need to take the course.
- The Safe Sport Certification lasts for two years, once the athletes take the course, all the paperwork may be turned in.
- To be certified, a team needs a certain amount of points. Kara is the Safe Sport Club Coordinator and could be a Chair Person on the Board. She would attend meetings and present, but not vote because the coaches work for the Board. A Coach shouldn't be on the Board because they are independent contractors and don't want to have to pay taxes to the IRS for them.

**Coach Update (Dan Fors):**

- The Sharks are extending the season through mid-March.
  - On Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a non-sanctioned meet, the coaches will time the kids for races they want to compete in. This will be the last practice until after Spring Break.
  - Most meets are intersquad or with one other team and will be for a while.
  - There will be a similar spring schedule unless we can get back in the high school or if more teams are able to get in their pools, then pools like FMC will open up more. When it is warm enough, the plan is to swim at Turtle Splash in West Chicago or Mill Creek in Geneva.
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- Coach Dan keeps rechecking facilities for availability, but programs will remain small because of covid.
- The Sharks have until the end of March to apply for the third round of PPP. President Dan Clasen will have to apply. The Sharks need the help as this has gone on for a long time and who knows how many people will sign up for the next season.

**Meeting adjourned:** At 6:35pm, Stacey made a motion to adjoin the meeting and Kathy seconded it.