

**West Chicago Sharks  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

**Attendees:** Coach Dan Fors, Coach Kara Perry, Dan Clasen, Carol Matthias, Amy Martensen, Kathy Kosten, Christopher Ryan, and Liz Garling

**Meeting called to order:** At 5:37pm, after a special meeting due to covid 19, a temporary change to the bylaws was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Minutes from previous meeting approved:** Carol made a motion, Amy seconded, all approved. By the way, thank you Carol for all of your hard work promoting the Sharks and for your work on the Board!

**Financials (Stacey Gallagher):** Unfortunately, Stacey could not be present at the meeting, but financials were sent ahead of time. Paying for the pool rentals and the coaches' salaries are the only financial activity as of right now. An additional cost is the Sharks had 2 qualifiers for an FMC meet.

- The Sharks have been working with a \$3000 deficit per month, the goal is to continue no more than this for the spring and summer season as well, if necessary.
- The Scoreboard fund is for a new device at West Chicago High School. Enough money hasn't been raised yet, but in waiting, the Sharks should be able to purchase a scoreboard with and for the high school.
- The Sharks will not qualify for the PPP because of how the coaches are paid as independent contractors.

**Coach Update (Dan Fors):**

- The Sharks are at the mercy of the rental pools for the spring and summer schedule.
  - The Sharks have the funds to manage this, but fear that spring, summer, and possibly even fall will continue to be different.
  - In the spring, FMC will convert to Long Course (LC) from Friday to Monday.
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- The coaches just talked on Sunday. They didn't feel they were effective in Short Course (SC) in that they were just managing groups, so they want to increase the number of coaches, especially for LC. The coaches want more consistency in coaching, so Leopard will practice at the hotel pool with one coach, and Tiger will be split among Leopard and Grey, depending on ability. The Grey and White team will then each have a coach. College students or past coaches can be backups.
- For Spring, which will start on April 12<sup>th</sup> and last until June 12<sup>th</sup>, the idea is to keep the fee structure the same.
- FMC will be hosting meets throughout the spring and the summer. The Sharks have a goal to travel to other counties and states to compete in meets.
- Summer will be a different fee schedule, as the amount of hours, coaches, etc will be different.
- The Sharks will hopefully be able to get back into West Chicago High School as of June 16<sup>th</sup> for the summer session. There will be a combination of outdoor pool time (AM) and indoor pool time (PM), hopefully at the high school, but if not, a rental somewhere else.

**Coach Update (Kara Perry):** The Sharks have completed all the SafeSport training for adults and athletes. Since the Sharks qualified for SafeSport, the club received a stipend.

**New Business:** Sunday, March 14, is the last practice of the winter season and is an unsanctioned time trial, just for feedback and motivation to see time improvements.

**Meeting adjourned:** At 6:38, Carol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Amy seconded.

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