

**West Chicago Sharks
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April, 15, 2021 via zoom**

Attendees: Coach Dan Fors, Dan Clasen, Stacey Gallagher, Amy Martensen, Kathy Kosten

Meeting called to order: At 6:52 by Dan Clasen.

Minutes from previous meeting approved: Stacey made a motion to approve the March minutes, Amy seconded, all approved March minutes. They will be posted to the website.

Team President (Dan Clasen):

- Within a week, the Board needs to appoint a vice president to the board. This can either be from within the board or another parent from the team.
- Using in house resources, it would be a good idea to expand the board by creating small committees to help network, recruiting, and fundraising to build up the Sharks again.
- The Sharks can advertise and get a bigger sponsor to support the program. This will help sustain the team.
- All of this will kick off the season with gusto and get the numbers up for the fall.

Financials (Stacey Gallagher):

- There are still some outstanding checks. The Sharks can write these clubs or institutions new checks after getting in touch.
 - The Shark's processing company sends an actual check for paychecks right now and that is what coaches receive. By the end of the year, the Sharks will have Zelle for a more direct deposit for the coaches' paychecks.
 - Covid has cost the Sharks about \$20,000. The Sharks have managed the crisis pretty well and now there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Efforts to expand the team will also help the financials.
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- There will be a “drop in” rate for multi-sport athletes who have been a standing member of the Sharks for 2 years or more. This will be on a flexible case by case basis and prevent coaches from getting overwhelmed.

Coach Update (Dan Fors):

- Currently there are 58 swimmers, some new and some returning swimmers. This is growth already!
- All coaches are back – White (Josh and Troy), Gray (Karl), Tiger and Leopard (Kara), and Blue (Dan).
- West Chicago High School changed all the keys so the janitor now has to let the coaches in. It is one key for all doors. Coaches will be getting new keys.
- The Sharks are practicing social distancing and sanitizing equipment after use.
- The Sharks will accept swimmers at any time. The team will continue to grow until the fall.
- Coach Dan will share a list of current swimmers to aid in thinking of a new vice president and the committees. He will also share a list of former families so the board can invite them back to the Sharks.
- The meet schedule is a work in progress. Fox Valley Tide and Wheaton Sports Center are interested in running meets with us since West Chicago High School is only allowing coaches and swimmers to practice, with no parents and no meets.
- Coach Dan has approached other pools to rent for a night or weekend meet.
- Turtle Splash will have reduced hours over the summer, from 1-6 pm every day.
- The Sharks will have to travel to Wisconsin, where there are different restrictions, and Quincy (an outdoor pool with lots of space for distancing) for meets. The Quincy meet will be in late June. Coach Dan will put out a survey for meet interest, especially for the Wisconsin meets.

Meeting adjourned: Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43, Stacey seconded, all agreed.
