MINUTES

Hershey Swimming & Diving Booster Club Minutes
December 5, 2018
11:30 – 1:00 pm
Primanti Brothers Restaurant, Hershey, PA

In Attendance

Rebecca Bliss, Shauna Brace, Christine Chappell, Emily Clough, Carmen Eichman, Greg Fastrich, Jamie Kulasinski, Nicole Paul, Pam Ruddle, Kathleen Ryland, Missy Tarkenton, Julie Tafuto

Call to Order @ 11:30 am (Christine Chappell)

Reports

President's Report (Christine Chappell)

- HHSS&D yard signs: only two have been sold so far (R. Bliss said she would also take one). C. Chappell will text individual freshman to see if any interest. Need to order 10 @ $15.50 for pricing.

Vice President's (Fundraising) Report (Carmen Eichman)

- Program Fundraiser Update: $7600 raised so far – this is a record high! Greg's program information is coming. Printing cost unknown so far. Not all photos have been received yet.
- Thank You should be put in the program for Mr. Govern (A.D.) presence and support of the team. Also, a Thank You should be added for Hershey Pantry for their provision of after-meet meals.

Vice President's (Special Events) Report (Shauna Brace)

- Senior Night Update (S. Brace): What is the Senior Night budget, $300 or $500? Shirley Aluquin signed up to manage Senior Night. Senior Night usually includes: candy, flowers for moms, photographers (need 2), decorations (not balloons – they explode in the hot pool area).

- ACTION: R. Bliss will do candy wrapper.

- ACTION: S. Brace will procure the candy bars, and will let R. Bliss know how big they are.

- ACTION: E. Clough will be photographer (still need another photographer).

- ACTION: S. Brace will ask Molly Diadato to help with photo (need 2 photographers).

- Team Building Event Discussion: Funding likely will not be available to provide both a Spring and Fall Team Building Event for the 2019-20 Year. Fall ropes activity has cost roughly $1800 in the past. The combined boys and girls spring event cost this year was roughly $1600. Coach Greg expressed his preference for the Fall Team Building Event, stating its value to the team atmosphere right before the season begins. Some parents expressed disappointment, as the Spring Team Building event held in 2018 did a nice job of getting the 8th grade swimmers excited to join the high school team in the fall. If the Booster wants to do a Spring Team Building Event to welcome upcoming 8th Grade

Swimmers, a less expensive event would be an option (such as a pizza party and kick ball game).

- DECISION: The Fall Team Building Event should take priority over the Spring Team Building Event, for funding purposes (YES VOTES: 12; NO VOTES: 0; ABSTAIN: 0)

- ACTION: S. Brace will get an estimate for Fall Funding $ to discuss in more detail at the January Booster Meeting.

- Championship Dinner: See Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report (Julie Tafuto)

- Account Balance: Currently the account has ~$6000, minus clothing expenditure $4988 = $1000 available. However, this does not yet include program donations.

- Championship Dinner Discussion: P. Ruddle is organizing Championship Dinner this year; it will again be at The Pantry Café. There is a larger team this year, so the budget for the Championship Dinner from last year is not sufficient to cover this year's event. Discussion was held about what the Booster Club should cover- food v. prizes for games, and how much should be spent for game prizes. Last year, the Booster Club spent $11.26 + $1.06 on tax / swimmer for food at The Pantry Café. Based on the Roster posted to the TU Website (which still includes Zach H. and Katrina Kulasinski, possibly others), we have a team of 48 swimmers right now. If we allow for an additional 7 people (coaches and others), that comes to 55 attendees. The $750 budget discussed at the December meeting divided by 55 attendees = $13.64/pp (including tax). We should not have to pay tax, as a nonprofit (if we show our form).

- DECISION: The Championship Dinner budget was increased to $750 (covers additional swimmers and a little extra for prizes).

Secretary's Report (Emily Clough)

- Meeting Times Survey Results Discussion: The Meeting Times Survey had 25 responses.
    - 60% prefer evening hours for meetings (40% prefer daytime hours)
    - 70% indicated that they would attend evening meetings at the Re Center; 21% might be able to attend
    - Wednesday night was the most popular evening for evening meetings (40%); 16% said any weeknight evening would work; 8% said no weeknight evening would work

- DECISION: Half of the remaining Booster Club Meetings will be held in the evening at the Rec Center: January 9th and March 6th.

- Website Update: Coach Greg has created a separate sub-page on the Team Unify site for the Booster Club, and has given E. Clough "edit" rights to update and post new documents to it. Therefore, the Facebook Page pursuit can be put on hold, as the reason the Board was pursuing the creation of a Booster Facebook Page was to use it as a document repository per Booster By-Laws.

Coach's Report (Coach Greg, via text)

- Coach Greg thanked the booster parents for their help.

- J. Tafuto asked Coach Greg if it would be wise for the Booster Club to set aside money (i.e. $500 or $1000) to have as a contingency fund should water become unavailable during the transition period (while Rec Center is unavailable). J. Tafuto told a story of another high school team who was not able to practice recently due to flooded township

fields, and who did not have the funding available to rent another facility (i.e. Spooky Nook for this team). Coach Greg said this is not necessary citing the fact that $500-1000 would only pay for one or two days practices, and he is also not concerned about back up water availability.

- DECISION: Revisit additional discussion of contingency funding as plans become available.

Committee Reports

- Picture Day (E. Clough): This year, only one photographer (E. Clough) was available to take the 26 "special pictures" traditionally requested by the Booster Club on Picture Day. There was insufficient time to take all of the pictures requested, and the Booster Club picture taking did cross over into Coach Greg's practice time. Additional time had to be scheduled on a Sunday to get remaining photos. Coach Greg concurred that taking Booster Club pictures outside of practice time in the future would be preferable.

- DECISIONS:
    - More than one photographer will be scheduled to take the 26 Special Booster Club Pictures in the future
    - Booster Club Pictures will be scheduled at a time NOT interfering with scheduled swim times
    - Going forward, a schedule will be communicated with the swimmers on which pictures are taken and when (the order)

- Away Meet Meals: Christine Drexler told C. Chappell that meals for away meets are being taken care of and no funding is needed.

- Invitational Meet Meals: Invitational Meet Meals are handled separately from Away Meet Meals and are pizzas ordered for the team by the Booster Club. Julie Tafuto said she would handle this since she has the Booster Club Credit Card.

Next Meeting

- January 9th, 7:00 PM, Hershey Rec Center

Minutes recorded by E. Clough