

High Tides Swim Club Open Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2017

Meeting opened at 7:54

Members present: Jill Farrell, Rhonda Witte, Carrie Hanson, Sarah Yerks, Rachel Mezera, Tony Borka, Heidi Tague, Tim Hroma.

Coaches Report: Coach Tim provided a beginning of the season review-After a good long look at the start of the season I have noticed a good change in morale by coaches and swimmers. Our swimmers are engaging and accepting of the changes put in place and are much happier with the new feel of our program. We, as coaches, have really enjoyed being on deck and our swimmers are already beginning to reap the benefits. Many swimmers have already begun to drop time and excel. Once we have the final piece of the puzzle with the new dryland equipment we will be on fire and ready to rumble.

Coach Tim will work on finalizing the practice schedule for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays/breaks. Heidi Tague will update the calendar on the web-site once this information is provided, please check back for those updates.

There is a group of parents/athletes and Coach Tim that are beginning to explore what it would look like for our club to have a USA Diving Team. More information will be provided/shared at a later date.

Team Trip/Travel-discussion held around what this should look like moving forward; going every other year, locations, should be an open meet for the whole team to attend or a qualifying meet. Tim will continue to explore options and present to the BOD at a later date. We will not be attending Sioux Falls the Summer of 2018. Discussion was had about a team waterpark day locally as an option instead.

Mainset-Coach Tim reports that he has really enjoyed working on the Mainset application and have found it very useful along with Coach Mark always knowing what our practices will include before arriving to the pool each day. It is nice to know that when we arrive to the pool that any coach can get the kids started. Our practices have become 100% more structured for complete use of our time and efficiency.

There was a discussion, no final decisions made, around USA Swimming Speedo Sectionals and other high level meet. How would the cost be covered, do swimmers want/need a coach present at this level meet, should there be a minimum number of swimmers attending the meet in order for a coach to attend, does it always have to be the head coach, could our swimmers connect with another coach from a local club that was approved by our head coach was some of the discussion. This will continue to be discussed and a policy will be put in place as we have many swimmers who have or will be approaching this level of meet attendance, this is GREAT for our club!

Registration Update: Jill Decker submitted a report. As of 10/23/2017 we had 68 swimmers registered. Jill has been notified that 2 other swimmers will be returning 10/30/17 and 2 will be suspending their accounts 11/1/17 due to Winter sports. No scholarship requests to date.

There is a small batch of USA swimming registrations that will be sent in, all swimmers will be registered by the 11/4 meet. Jill reports that she made some changes to the Register Now button on our web-site to accommodate families that are coming in mid-season, this should prevent any double billing from occurring. As always, contact Jill Decker if you have any questions.

Fall Frenzy 11/4: We have about 162 swimmers registered for our meet and 6 teams. Most spots are filled, we still need someone to announce for the 2nd session. Please contact Rachel Mezera if you are able to fill this spot. Rachel will coordinate tables that are needed. Shirts on Site will be at the meet. Kelly Kramer will shadow 2 sessions for officiating. Rachel Mezera will make up coach packets. Officials are Rick Briggs (admin), Marcus Stromberg (deck) and Jory Hanson (starter). Hospitality-sign up genius was created, members signed up and we appreciate all the donations! Carrie Hanson will coordinate with concessions. We received a \$250 Visa gift card from Thrivent that will be utilized by concessions and hospitality. Thank you Thrivent! We will start setting up for the meet Friday night around 6:00 PM. Heidi Tague will pick up items from the Hutch Sport Shop and set up the stand so we have some swimming items to sell at the meet. Heidi will return those items after the meet.

Quad Meet/Spring/Summer meet: We will be hosting a Quad Meet on Saturday, January 27th, 2018, need to make sure the pool is reserved and what teams will be attending, Coach Tim will continue to work on this and report back to the board. MRC's-We have confirmation from Walmart, Kwik Trip and Elena's Bakery that they will be donating to this meet. Thank you to these businesses for their continued support. We have requested Meece's to officiate MRC's. Fine Design contract signed and returned to Mike Jannssen for MRC's. Possibly hosting a meet on 5/12/2018, one day format, AM and PM sessions, bids are due 11/13/2017, Coach Tim will submit.

We are still looking for a member to shadow Rachel Mezera in the Meet Director role. You can shadow her on January 27th and at MRC's. This position is open as of 5/1/2018. Please contact Rachel Mezera if you are interested.

Heidi Tague will make block hotel reservations for Rochester A and Age Group State. Information will be provided to members at a later date.

Club Management: Website Template-The club is working on a new template from Team Unify for our website. This is a service they are providing free to our club. Carrie Hanson answered a questionnaire about our club and the initial concept was sent for review. The board and Coach Tim reviewed the concept and feedback on likes, dislikes, and suggestions were sent back to Team Unify. The design team from Team Unify will work on creating the website template based on our feedback. Team Unify-Carrie Hanson met with Sara Groff, our current Team Unify representative. Team Unify was acquired by Sports Engine earlier this year. The acquisition will benefit High Tides as there are many new features that are planned in the next year for website and app. Here is a list of some of the planned enhancements: Team Feed on app (Tim is already using this item), Team template (currently working on this item), Registration (adding more customization options for Fall of 2018), Meet Entries process (less clicks, especially for

coaches, Late 2018), Calendar (new calendar Beta, release 2018) and Mobile View option for Team Unify website (2018). Discussion-only 51 of our members are using the OnDeck app. We will send out a reminder on how to use this app to all members. Calendar-decided to let the bugs get worked out and then we would use the new version. Technical Planning Meeting-Carrie Hanson is in contact with them about the next full committee meeting and she will report back to the BOD. Information (via e-mail and hard copy) was given to Coach Tim to coordinate High Tides swim officials at HS section meet, validate swimmers following USA swimming rules. Club charter has been submitted to MSI. Carrie Hanson will send out a reminder to all Non-athletes that need to complete Athlete Protection training, needs to be done by 12/31/2017.

Fundraisers/Grant Requests: Carrie Hanson gave an update on Sno Pros, she and Coach Tim took 4 swimmers to their meeting, they discussed why they liked swimming and we submitted a request for a grant for equipment. Graham O'Neill, Riley Yerks, Grace Hanson and Hailey Farrell represented High Tides and did a GREAT job! A request for funds to purchase our own dryland equipment was made and for a new club printer. We should hear back in November if our request was granted. Hutchinson Area Community Foundation grant application was composed and reviewed by Carrie Hanson, Jill Farrell, Emily Reck and Deron Johnson. The request included purchasing dryland equipment, a laptop for the club and Mainset. The club will also find out in November if they received any funds for this grant request. Pizza Ranch fundraiser-more information will come out in Coach Tim's weekly update the week of 11/6/2017. Decided we would sell pizzas 11/20-12/8/2017 and they would be ready for members to pick up on 12/15/17 and they can deliver. Discussed pricing; one topping, dessert and cheese sticks will be sold for \$10 and specialty options for \$11. Swimmers will receive \$2 in their account for every pizza sold and the club will receive \$1.50.

Equipment:

Apparel: Fall items are ordered. E-mail should come from Mark at the Sport Shop when we can pick up our items! Tim is working with Finis and Elsmore on a new team suit. Cap order has been submitted. The team store icon on the web-site has a link to Elsmore. Remember if you order from Elsmore, please go through this link as our club receives 5% of all items ordered, easy way to give back to our club!

Park and Rec: Coach Tim has submitted the schedule for Bronze/Silver and information will be available in the next park and rec brochure.

Next meeting schedule for Wednesday, November 29th, 2017, Executive meeting at 6:30, Open meeting at 7:30. Location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM