

High Tides Swim Club July 2017 Open Board Minutes

This meeting was conducted via e-mail.

Long-Course Banquet has been put on hold due to the arrival of Oakley Jack Hroma!

Registration Report- 68 swimmers registered and in the water. Registration should be open by mid-August for Fall of 2017.

Club Officials-We are ALWAYS looking for more High Tides officials! Please contact Jill Farrell if you are interested.

We Got Game-Team and Individual photos were taken and have been distributed. If you haven't received your pictures they will be given out at the banquet, date to be determined. If you are not able to attend the banquet, contact Jill Farrell.

November 4th Meet-Rachel Mezera is the Meet Director and has been working with Coach Tim and Rhonda Witte along with submitting all paperwork to MSI. "Nov. 4th meet Sanction and Meet Information will be sent to MSI before Long Course State Meet. Rhonda and Tim have put together an Order of Events. Session 1 will be "regular events" Session 2 will be "Distance Events", 400 IM, 500, 1650 (getting an official split at 1000 for all swimmers). With a 1 day meet, no officials will need to stay overnight, so no hotel room would be needed. Tracy still needs to confirm that they can work our meet. They may request mileage."

Team Apparell-New championship T-shirts will be available to order this Fall!

Fund-Raisers-Calendar sales will not happen this year. The board approved and information has been sent out to families regarding the sale of Mums. See e-mail and calendar for updates. BWW-thank you to all families, swimmers and coaches who were able to participate! Brat Stand fund raiser at Cashwise is FAST approaching! Please double check what you signed up for and IF you have a conflict and are unable to work your shift, please find a replacement!

Swim-a-Thon "**Swim-a-Thon 2017:** It's a wrap! Thank to the swimmers, members, board, committee, and co-coordinator Emily Reck for their time and efforts to make this a successful event. We exceeded our goal of \$20,000, which is an amazing accomplishment! This goal was achieved through the support of local businesses along with swimmers asking friends and family for donations. The outdoor facility worked well and HTSC appreciated the partnership with Hutchinson PRCE to offer this event at the new outdoor aquatic center. Thank you to Bella Thovson for creating a short video of our event, which was posted on our Facebook page. The Swim-a-Thon Final Results form was submitted to USA swimming and Sarah will be mailing them a check for 5% of the Swim-a-Thon profits. The prizes that swimmers earned along with bag tags request has been submitted to USA swimming. These items will be distributed once they are received by our club. Thanks again for the collaborative effort of many people to make 2017 a successful Swim-a-Thon."

Technical Planning Committee-**Tech Planning** - Tim and Carrie Hanson are both on the tech planning committee for MN Swimming. Carrie is staying on this committee as MN swimming would like parent representation on this committee, which she is happy to be part of for the next year. Tim and Carrie both attended the June Technical Planning meeting. A topic discussed was MN swim club's working towards Level 1, 2, 3, or 4 of the [Club Recognition Program](#) through USA Swimming.

A few years ago, when Carrie attended a MN swimming workshop this program was discussed to board members. At the time, HTSC was not in a position to start this process, as we had 40 year old bylaws, were not fully utilizing our website (paper registration and manual meet entries), did not have a lot of processes documented, had only a couple officials, and no written strategic plans, etc. However, through the diligence and hard work of the board the past few years to address these issues, now we think we are now in a position to start the club recognition program process. Carrie has attached what it means to be at each level for this program. During her initial assessment of the document, she thinks we may be close or at a Level 2. If any a board member is interested in collaborating with her on this submission process, please let me know.

MN swimming was discussing having all clubs start the process even if you aren't at a Level 1, as this would give a club opportunities to work toward this goal. This topic can be discussed at August's board meeting. If you have interest in working on this item with Carrie, please reach out.

Next Board Meeting is August 9th, 2017. 5:30 Executive and 6:30 Open. Meeting will be held at MSSB.