

High Tides Swim Club  
BOD Open Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2018, MSSB Back Room

Present: Rhonda Witte, Julie Lakovic, Jill Farrell, Sarah Yerks, Heidi Tague, Eric Thovson, Tony Borka, Carrie Hanson, Coach Tim appeared by phone for a portion of the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 5:30.

**Coaches Report:** Coaches report was sent out prior to the meeting for BOD to review.  
Board report 6/26/2018

Taper Schedule:

Last Day for Bronze and Silver if not swimming championship season July 12<sup>th</sup>

Long Course Taper Schedule: Dryland ends July 13<sup>th</sup> and double practice ends 12<sup>th</sup>

State Qualifiers in 4 or more events: Starting July 16<sup>th</sup>

Gold 1: M/W- outdoor 9:15-10:30 T/TH/F indoor 6:45-8:00

Gold2 M/W/F Indoor 6:45-8:00 T/TH outdoor 9:15-10:30

Platinum M/T/W/TH/F indoor pool 6:45-8:00

MRC Qualifiers: Starting July 12<sup>th</sup> same as State for times but starting July 12<sup>th</sup>!

NOTE: The calendar has been updated, some times and locations for practice groups have been changed so that we are just utilizing one facility versus 2 and being more efficient with coaching staff. This was taken care of via e-mail. Please see calendar as this has the most up to date information for members.

MAC Swimmers Regular practice times.

Goal Setting Sessions: Sessions have been made available to all gold 1/2/Platinum/Mant Groups.

Practice review:

Bronze 2/4 : Practices have been going very well swimmers have been enjoying Anika and Mark's coaching.

Silver: Swimmers are working very hard ad showing improvement at meets thus far.

Gold 1: Practice has been going well and Caitlin can't wait to watch swimmers compete at MRC's and State.

Gold2/Maintenance: Swimmers seem to be enjoying practices and are able to spread out and focus more on their strokes.

Platinum: Swimmers have been doing well with 6am practices and are working very hard to prepare for their championship meets. I have had many swimmers ask for workouts while they are away for other things in the summer. Roughly 70% have taken advantage of the second practice each week.

Coach Safety Training for Swim Coaches: Coach Mark and Myself will be due for this course come September. I have spoken with Maggie at the Waterpark and she is willing to have a class for us and anyone who needs to complete this training instead of going to another location to complete this!! We will be setting a date in August as ours is up in mid September! There is a cost to this and Coach Tim will provide this information to the BOD for approval, having it local will save on the cost. Coach Tim will clarify if Maggie is doing this on her own or through her position at Park and Rec.

Preferred Start Date for Fall Swim Season: I would like to push back our start to Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. With the short course season being as long as it is I feel on more week would be good for the program. This could allow us to market the team a bit longer prior to the start as well.

Splash Night Potential Dates: Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Update: Splash night will be August 27th and September 24th, 6:00-7:30. One will be before Fall Season starts and one will be held during a high tides practice. Coach Tim will reserve the pool for the August Splash Night.

High Tides and Tigershark Starter: I called Rory and he checked the Starter out. He advised me that he will take care of sending in the starter for repair. I will touch base with him on this again to see if anything more is needed from us and potential costs. HTSC will potentially share in some of the cost to repair or replace. This will be discussed when more information is made available. St Cloud Starter that we borrowed is safe and will be returned shortly when I go to St Cloud next week. I will purchase the Gift Card same day that I return it. I have been in communication with them and am excited to drop it off. Tim states that he will send out a request for some vacation days early in September, he will do this via email.

Long Course Banquet: Verified with Eric Thovson that there was not a girls Tiger Shark conflict as he is a parent of a Captain, he did not know of any, set banquet for 8/7/2018 at Rotary Park from 6:00-8:00. An RSVP will be sent out at a later date for planning purposes. We will provide root beer/orange floats for members and their families that attend. We will purchase from Kwik Trip or Cashwise. Julie has reserved Rotary Park for this event.

Discussion around start date for Fall of 2018. Tentatively is set for Monday, September 17, 2018. A little later start date as the Fall/Winter season goes longer into March of 2019. More information to come at a later date.

Swim Cap order had to be cancelled at this time. There were not enough individual orders to meet Elsmore's minimum. We will try again at a future date.

**Meets:** Fall of 2018, at this time, the first meet will be the one that we are hosting.

**Club Management:** There was no safety report from Sandy Hogan this month, no occurrences on deck. Emily Reck and Summer O'Neil have expressed an interest in assisting with marketing for HTSC, currently this is something that Eric Thovson has done on his own, Eric has agreed to reach out to them, it was also discussed to ask them to put their ideas together and present them to the BOD.

Team Records: There was discussion around adding a form to the web-site for parents/swimmers to access if they believe they have a team record. This could be useful when records are being updated. More information will be available at a later date.

**Summer Season:** See coaches report. Tony Borka has been working on the new design for Championship shirts. They will be available for Fall season.

**Club Recognition Program:** This item has been tabled until the July meeting. Carrie Hanson provided information prior to the meeting all BOD members to bring that information for review and discussion in July. Thank you, Carrie.

**Fundraisers:** Emily Reck provided an update on the swim a thon prior to the meeting.  
Hello

Here is the update on the swim a thon for the board meeting.

1. As of 6/26/2018 \$19,358.00 has been collected
2. July 8th will be the end date of the swim a thon. The week of the 9-13th all information will be turned into USA Swimming
3. From slips turned in 8 swimmer swam under 200 laps & 25 swam 200 laps with total 33 swimmers participated.
4. Doing the prizes the night of had positive feedback all around. (I believe will go with doing that again next year)
5. Coach Tim stated that if a swimmer wants to-do a make up swim a thon laps they need to talk to him and they can do it during their practice. (This information will go out in Tim's weekly update)
6. Positive feedback on the prizes this year
7. The Business donation/prize spreadsheet is on google docs now and is current. All things related to swim-a-thon are on google docs now.
8. Kim Borka will be doing the thank yous again and has received a team picture from Jill and Emily has given her the business list.
9. The Sponsor page on the web page needs to be updated along with the company logos (some will stay the same, others will get taken down). I do have the time to update the web page if board wants me too.

If Heidi has anything else to add, Great! This is all I can think off. We had a good turn out on the business donation night along with kids/parents going out on their own. Having the swim a thon communication fb message thread and the swim a thon food fb thread helped streamline this event even more.

Heidi did a fantastic job doing the business night out. Kelly Kramer really has taken the reigns on the food setup and compiled a very detailed list & with the help of Jackie & Kim all food bases were covered. Sara and I have a pretty good system on the business donations and keeping track and the communication thread helped a lot too to keep track of where and when the money was coming in. We had committee members there at 4 to help set up, so it was a pretty smooth process. Summer O'Neill was a huge help with me at the end with Prizes and the day off. So everyone played a part at various stages and it all worked Amazing.

\*A few suggestions at BOD meeting: previous years we rented the outdoor pool for families to swim afterwards, consider this in the future, also encourage families to put in their donations offline as this would help the night of the swim a thon and will make the distribution of tickets more accurate.

The only bumpy moment was Benny's had July 20th written down but they got it done for me.

Congratulations to all HTSC swimmers, parents, swim a thon committee members on another successful swim a thon!!!! The amount of time and effort to make this a success for our club does not go unnoticed. Everyone of you is appreciated! Thank you to all family, friends, community members and businesses for supporting High Tides Swim Club!!!!

Cashwise Brat Stand: We have been awarded the weekend of August 16-18. Heidi (with the assistance of Jill F.) will create a sign-up genius and get out to members. We will need volunteers for this event to make it a success so please watch for information!

Carwash is tomorrow! We have volunteers! Sarah will get Rhonda the starter money and cash box for the event. **(Question-do we want to update members on how much was raised since the event is done?)**

Calendars: They WILL BE BACK!!! Eric Thovson has taken the lead on this, once again. They will be made available for members to sell on their own and during open house nights and other events for back to school! Thank you, Eric! Eric may send out emails) soliciting any help he needs to get this great product out!

Mums Sales will be happening. Emily Reck and Summer O'Neil have agreed to head up this event. Please watch for more information as it becomes available!

Future idea for fundraising-Triathlon.

Summer 2019-Heidi contacted Creekside regarding our club handing out compost bags. We are in the June 2019 spot, volunteers will hand out bags and collect forms at the Fairgrounds, there will be 4 days that this will occur (Saturday 9-3, and Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday from

4-8) and our club can earn \$500.00. I did ask that we are contacted if an earlier slot opens up. Becky can be reached at 320-587-6762. More information will come out at a later date.

Next meeting scheduled for July 17, 2018, 5:30 Executive Meeting and 6:30 Open Meeting. MSSB Back Room. Meeting has been added to the calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05



