

ALL-STARS SWIM TEAM

PAC MEETING

September 10, 2013

6:30pm

YMCA Birthday Room

Meeting called by: Butch Thomas, President **Type of meeting:** Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Facilitator: Butch Thomas & Coach Al **Note taker:** Debbie Kiefer

Attendees: Amber & Steve Wagner, Carmen Rush, Angela Bateman, Heather Kelly, Angela Vetter, Jason & Shelbi Winter, Lisa Stinson, Steve Spade, Pete Baden, Suzanne Mitsch, Tats Shepherd, Debi Smith, Michelle Neugent

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Agenda Item: Welcome New Families

Discussion: The meeting started at 6:00pm for new families to be able to ask questions and learn more about the team. Questions were asked regarding how to choose meets to sign up for, where to sign up for meets, how to pay for meets and team suits.

Action Items: Chisholm Trail meets are recommended for new swimmers. These are smaller, half-day meets that are suited for the inexperienced meet swimmer. Coach Al will always try to pair an older experienced swimmer with the new team members to help them navigate the meet and make sure they are in the right place before their race starts.

Currently members can sign-up through Shutterfly, however we will be changing over to TeamUnify shortly. TeamUnify is the new software package that the team has purchased which is more current and user friendly. It will be easy to sign your swimmer up for meets by simply marking which date(s) you will attend. Coach Al will pick the events for your swimmer based on their age and skill level.

Once Coach Al places all swimmers in their events, he will email the amount due for the meet which will contain a program code needed by the front desk. The meet fees can be paid at the YMCA front desk or by writing a check to the Y and giving it to Coach Al.

We have a team suit that can be ordered through the Starting Block (stores located in Wichita Swim Club and on the west side) or on the Speedo website (www.speedousa.com) or www.swimoutlet.com. The suit is the Speedo Rapid Spliced Energy Back (girls) or Speedo Rapid Spliced Jammer (boys) in Navy and Red.

Agenda Item: Fund Raising Ideas

Discussion: The PAC is trying to raise money for necessary things like TeamUnify software, swim caps for championship swimmers, concession items for our hosted meet, a record board, the Annual Team Banquet, the X-Mas party, etc...

Currently we raise money through our concession stand and advertising for our yearly meet in January. Additionally a small part of our meet fees (\$.50 per event) go toward the PAC fund.

Other fundraising ideas include:

- Dillon's pre-paid gift cards (% of purchase amount goes toward PAC)
- Whole Food pre-paid gift cards (will be offered by Whole Foods in the future)
- Restaurant fundraiser night at local chain restaurants. Restaurants will give a percentage of the profits from a specific evening. Restaurants suggested: Papa Murphy's, Papa Johns, Sonic, Jose Peppers.

- Saturday morning booth at the YMCA selling healthy snacks such as yogurt, fruit, granola bars, cheese
- Triathlons for swim team and other Y members

Action Items: Debbie Kiefer will obtain more information about the Dillon's preloaded gift cards and area restaurants that participate in "fundraiser" nights.

Coach AI will ask the YMCA if these fundraisers are allowed. He will also inquire about the Saturday morning healthy food booth.

Coach AI will determine possible dates for a triathlon in the near future.

If you have any other fundraising ideas, please email Coach AI

Discussion: We also take part in the YMCA Strong Kids Fundraiser each year. The funds generated are used to provide scholarships for programs and memberships to children and families in need.

Agenda Item: Team Promotion

Discussion: We would like to purchase an All-Stars Swim Team banner to hang outside of the pool to advertise our team.

Action Items: Coach will check to see if hanging a banner would be allowed.

Agenda Item: Team T-shirts

Discussion: We will place an order for team t-shirts in the near future. We will use the same design as last time but may add some slogans/quotes on the back. We will try to order the shirts from The Starting Block.

Action Items: Watch for more information.

Agenda Item: Upcoming Events

Discussion: We host the Chisholm Trail #3 meet which will take place on January 4, 2014. We need help from the entire team in order to have successful meet.

Action Items: Committees will be formed and volunteers requested at the next PAC meeting for our concession stand and advertising & donation requests. Job sign-up and concession donation sign-up will both be posted on the TeamUnify site as the date approaches.

Agenda Item: Officials Training

Discussion: We are always in need of parents who are interested in training to become a swim meet official. We are also in need of YMCA certified officials. Our team would like to participate in YMCA sanctioned meets which are currently not an option in the Wichita area.

Action Items: Please contact Coach AI if you are interested in becoming an official.

Agenda Item: Mock Meet

Discussion: We were hoping to do an Intra-squad meet this fall before the short course competition season begins. It would be a chance for new swimmers to experience a meet-like situation and for all swim families to get together. It would also be an opportunity to use our meet equipment and for parents to learn how to be timers. However, due to the late date, there are not any times that work out before the first meet.

Action Items: A Mock Meet will definitely be on the fall schedule for next year.

Agenda Item: Travel Policy for Higher Level Championships

Discussion: Coach AI would like to develop a travel policy that would involve donating funds to those families who travel to the championship meets. The funds paid would be based on the meet level and distance traveled.

Action Items: Butch Thomas and Coach Al will work on developing this policy.

Agenda Item: TeamUnify Update

Discussion: The website is almost ready! You will be able to sign up for the October meets using TeamUnify.

Action: Watch for your email invitation to login to the site.

OTHER INFORMATION

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 6:30pm in the YMCA Birthday Room