

Andover All-Stars Swimming Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

November 14, 2017 @ 6:00pm

Attending: Abi Griffin, Melissa Elliott, Casy Dreiling, Jody Mace, Cassy Hornbaker, Shannon Hill, Penny Kiryk, Randy Krueger, Didi Vincent, Cyndi Eriksen

Welcome

Abi opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and welcomed all attending.

Discussions/Updates

A: Apparel Committee Update

- Abi provided an update on where the holiday apparel would be expected to be finalized (the upcoming weekend) Committee asked PAC to purchase 10-15 towels. The Starting Block will split the minimum order. This way, the towels will be able to be ready to go sooner. Apparel committee asked for \$675. Randy made a motion to approve. Motion passed. There will be towels in stock for purchase. Coach's shirts: committee agreed to purchase 2 polos and a champ shirt for each coach. Committee suggests having a focus group created, to try and come up with a way to get the swimmer's feedback on apparel.

B: Team Spirit Committee Update

- Co-chair Penny updated. -#ALLSTAR of the month. This will be in "bag tag" format, but of higher quality. Possibly cut out in the shape of letters, plastic, metal, etc. Maria and Anne will look into quotes for this and get back to us. There will be 3 given each month, 1 to AG-1/2, Junior 1/2, and Senior 1/2 - Coach's Choice. Penny to double check with coaches to make

sure they are okay with this. The swimmer of the month will then have a little write up about them, and answer a few fun questions. We will then post this to TU, but because we are a Y team, we will post to TU PRIVATELY, not publicly as Ad Astra has done. The link will be shared on our private PARENT's Facebook Group, and posted as a feature on our bulletin board at the Y. Angela to take care of getting a hold of the parents to have their children fill out the questions and to send in a pic of their swimmer. This will be presented by the coaches at the beginning of each month, starting in January.

- We talked a lot about getting cards for kids when they're sick or had a surgery, having the team sign, etc. We decided to do this on an as-needed basis, and try to avoid doing this a little too much. Likely, we would go ahead and do this if it was something like a surgery, or again, at the committee's discretion.
- We talked about doing a Team Spirit "thing" at the beginning and end of each season, so 4 times per year...that we have yet to decide. Maybe it's during swim practice, possibly during meets, etc. To be determined and discussed. However, we do have the first session covered and had the idea to give "Spirit Towels" to each swimmer at the end of Short Course. Maria to get a quote on the towels. Would be red, white and blue, with #ALLSTARS printed.
- Other ideas included bringing a cool, #ALLSTARS jar with our pool water in it to away meets for the kids to dump on themselves as part of "team cheer" before the start of the meet.
- We decided to not do any food things, like cookies or treats, because of allergies, but mostly because the

swimmers get a lot of that, because so many parents bring in treats for their swimmer's birthdays.

C: Summer Picnic Committee Update

- Committee hasn't met yet. Cassy is the chair: indicated the committee will meet later, and will provide an update to PAC after.

D: Chisholm Trail Meet Committee

- Didi is the chair of this committee. Indicated she will talk to Ryan Blankenship to provide pulled pork (possibly sides?) More info on that later, once the committee has an official meeting.
- Job Sign Up – the meet is on Team Unify, but the Job Sign-up isn't ready to go yet. Didi to let Randy know the exact jobs to put on there, once the committee decides what they need/need help with.

E: Lock-In Committee Update

- Chair is Stacy. Abi to follow up with Stacy. Possible date is February 10, 2018.

F: Overall Budget Review

- Tabled until next meeting

G: Swimmer's Involvement with PAC

- Abi brought up the question: How do we get swimmer feedback on what PAC is going. One thought was to have a senior representative, and have that

representative attend the meetings, Randy volunteered to write up the "application" to send to senior parents.

H: PAC Goals for the Year

- The new committees that have been developed seem to be going well. Other big projects this past year include the banquet and clinic held, Intrasquad meet. More brainstorming to come: past topics include spending the PAC money, using it for things like underwater cameras, mirrors, bringing in a nutritionist. (Abi and Didi to look into finding a nutritionist) Does AI need/want anything? Shannon to discuss with AI..

I: Holiday Party Round-Up

- It's been suggested to not include the parents next year.

J: Parent Helper at Meets

- Shannon suggested having an experienced parent to help with each meet for new swimmers/parents. Jody volunteered to be the helper for the upcoming Chisholm Trail meet. In the future, PAC to consider getting a hat for that parent to stand out.

K: Missouri Valley-All-Stars

- Penny updated PAC with the info that MV will attend the All-Stars meet in Indianapolis in January. There will be no team travel.

L: Meeting adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

PAC Mission

Support coaches, team, and YMCA

Support good sportsmanship

Support guidelines of USA swimming

Provide activities to support athletes and their goals.

Support and exemplify YMCA core values.

Support competition. Host meets, train volunteers and officials.

Provide recognition for swimmer and team accomplishments.

Support YMCA fundraising efforts.