FAST Swim Team 4-13-15

The FAST swim team group met at 6:45 PM at the Sidner Ice Arena party room with the following attendees: Lynne Walz, Dwayne Jesse, Jen Schiemann, David Struble, Mark Prince, Les Shallberg, Marty Gifford, and Brett Richmond.

Secretary report:

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented, Brett made motion to accept as printed, Marty seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurers report:

Brett presented the treasurers report stating the checkbook balance is 8,956.41. The committee decided to keep the operating budget starting September 1st through August 31st of each year. Dwayne presented the USA Club Deposit on File Account Program which will allow us to keep USA registration fees ($60.00 per new swimmer) escrow dollars in this account for new swimmers who join the club. Brett made a motion to put 300.00 into this account, Lynne seconded the motion, motion carried. There was discussion regarding the 2015-2016 fees and contract with David, Dwayne, and Mark presenting the new or added language in the contract as well as the fee structure. Marty made a motion to accept the new contract/fee structure, Les seconded the motion, motion carried. The budget will be presented at a later date (August-September) once we get our sponsorship commitments and the registered swimmers.

Old Business:

Lynne and Jen reported that they would start to gather names and contacts for the 2015-2016 sponsorships. It was decided to change the fee structure:

Seahorse level: 150.00

FAST level: 300.00 and up

Lynne and Jen will get a picture of the swimmers and format a new letter to be sent out, it was discussed to send the letters out August 1st with the deadline September 1st, the board is allowing a internal two week grace period after September 1st before we make the banner and T-shirts. The board felt there may be a need to make calls if the letter response has not increased our sponsorship dollars. Lynne will contact the Chamber to get a mailing list.

The board discussed marketing tactics for the upcoming year and some of the ideas are to send out flyers to all the local schools at all age groups, put reminders and articles in the Tribune, send a team picture to the sponsors as a thank you, it was suggested to have a group of swimmers go to FGC and help out with lessons or just be on deck with sign up information to promote FAST Club Swimming. David is asking for a contact to help get us in the door for discussion.

New Business:

David reported that he is currently looking for an assistant coach after discussion we all felt that this is a priority since the lack of qualified coaches out in the community; this may take some time so there is an urgency to continue to look. David asked the board their feeling on paying for our club swimmers to join the Northeast Husker Summer Conference, this will allow more opportunities for all swimmers and an opportunity for the FAST Club to try and recruit from the surrounding area. Les made a motion for the club to pay for the club swimmers to participate in the summer conference, Brett seconded the motion, motion carried.

David has asked the board to purchase some new equipment for the club which will entail dryland mats, hand paddles, and swim parachutes for a cost of around 650.00. Marty made a motion to purchase the equipment up to 650.00, Lynne seconded the motion, motion carried.

There are currently a total of 24 swimmers registered on the club team and 12 of the swimmers qualified for the 2015 short course championships.

The summer swim schedule will be as follows:

April 13th to May 31st 6:00 PM to 8 PM Monday thru Friday

Wednesday and Friday mornings 5:45 to 7:00

June 1st to July 31st

OPTION1: 7:00 AM till 9:00 AM Monday thru Friday open to all ages recommended for older swimmers

OPTION 2: 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Monday thru Friday open to all and the YMCA will also be at this practice

AFTERNOON: 4:00 to 5:30 Monday and Wednesday

The senior group has been defined starting this fall short course season and will include 8th grade and older practice will be 4:00 to 6:00 Monday thru Friday

The committee discussed the 2 week free trial period and it was decided to use the USA liability waiver for each free trial swimmer. The committee also discussed reduced membership fees and it was decided if this question arises that we use the USA free/reduced lunch policy and then discuss this with the family on a case by case situation.

David, Dwayne, Mark, Lynne, and Les will attend the USA swimming Leadership class May 9th from 8:00 AM till 12:30 PM at the Elkhorn Middle School Commons area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 with Brett making the motion and Les seconded the motion.

Secretary

Les Shallberg