

PAC Meeting Minutes 5/6/13

Attendees: Brian Guidera, Patti Cassibba, Dan Morgan, Denise Baldwin, Maureen Basil, Deb Cowell, Sharon Daniel, Roger Fan, Cindy Morgan, Peggy Oster, Pat Pucciarelli, Devin West, Lauren Youssef

1. April meeting minutes were approved.
2. Coaches' Update
 - a. The new record board lines have arrived and Brian will schedule their installation.
 - b. Our scoreboard panels are being repaired by Colorado but at this time they are unable to give us a target completion date.
 - c. Long Course practice begins the Tuesday after Memorial Day weekend (5/28).
 - i. Practice will be held at the Wallace pool until 6/24.
 - ii. On 6/24 Long Course practice will move to Memorial Pool and will begin the morning schedule.
 - d. Athletes participating in the water polo clinic have a game scheduled for Saturday, May 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
3. Social
 - a. Deb Cowell and her social committee were commended by the PAC for a job well done on planning and executing this year's awards banquet.
 - i. Deb and other PAC members received very positive feedback from team parents.
 1. Approximately 308 people attended the banquet.
 2. Parents enjoyed the new venue and Dee jay.
 3. The overall format and awards presented were also well received.
 4. Younger swimmers were entertained by the goody bags and Dee jay.
 - ii. The Ipad mini raffle raised \$1550.
 1. Next year Deb will consider offering raffle tickets for sale prior to the banquet so that those families who cannot attend the event may support the fundraiser.
 - b. The PAC discussed potentially underwriting the banquet next year in order to reduce the cost to parents.
 - c. Deb is looking for someone to shadow her next year in order to prepare to become the next social chairperson.
4. Fundraising
 - a. Cindy is continuing to plan a kick-off fundraiser next fall at the Colorado Café however after reviewing the venue her new plan is for this event to target families of 12/over aged swimmers.

- b. The PAC discussed having an optional "donation" feature on the swim team on-line registration page.
 - i. This feature would be similar to those offered on recreation sport registration pages in Westfield.
 - ii. Brian will follow-up in order to determine if it is possible to add this functionality.
- c. Brian is planning to follow-up with Mark Elsasser in order to confirm that our previously voted upon Strong Kids pledge will be accepted by the Y as satisfying our team commitment for Strong Kids fundraising.

5. Officials

- a. Roger is in the process of reviewing our current list of officials in order to determine if he needs to recruit new volunteers.
- b. Roger will follow-up with Brian regarding scheduling a fall officials clinic.

6. Publicity

- a. Maureen submitted an article publicizing our end of season banquet.
- b. Maureen also updated our alumni list with the names of this year's graduating seniors.

7. Travel

- a. Brian and Jackie will provide Denise with a list of potential returning swimmers for the training trip.
- b. There is a change in bus policy which will impact the Long Island trip.
 - i. All buses used must be YMCA approved.
 - ii. The driver will now need to stay at the hotel with the team.

8. Meet Manager

- a. Peggy Oster has agreed to again chair the Devilfish Classic (DFC).
- b. Lauren Youssef agreed to shadow her this year.
- c. The DFC is currently scheduled for October 13th however, the PAC discussed potentially moving the meet to a later date in the month.
 - i. October 20th or 27th were discussed as potential dates.
 - ii. Moving the meet later may increase attendance from other teams and encourage outside teams to commit earlier to the meet.
 - iii. Brian will reach out to teams that usually attend the meet to see if they prefer one date over the other.

9. Timing Systems

- a. Pat acquired some laptop and PC donations to act as back-ups for our meet manager setup.
- b. The PAC is still seeking a parent with electrical/computer hardware skills to help out with the timing systems team.

10. Volunteer

- a. Sharon will begin to reach out to past volunteers to determine who is willing to continue with their position for next season.
- b. The PAC discussed seeking someone to act as “picture manager” in order to help collate pictures for the end of the season.

11. New Business

- a. The PAC continued to discuss our fundraising goals for next year, and some of the ideas included:
 - i. Purchasing more apparel for the team,
 - ii. Underwriting the cost of the banquet,
 - iii. Supporting travel costs for our National team.

12. Next Meeting

- a. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Y.