

Buffalo City Swim Racers  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2018

Attendees: Chris Muldoon, Kim Schechter, Mike Switalski, Kristy Michalek, Rick Marable, Barrett Erbe, Mike Telesco, Zach McArdle, Rich Bleichfeld, Jean Lalomia.

Absent: Charisse Freeman, Trini Ross.

The Board Meeting of the Buffalo City Swim Racers was called to order at 6:08PM on July 18, 2018 at the West Side Community Center at 161 Vermont Street, Buffalo, NY 14213.

1. Approval of Minutes.
  - a. Motion to Approve: Chris. Second: Rick. Carried.
2. Welcome / Introductions. Chris.
3. West Side Rowing. Mike.
  - a. Scholarship program is being developed for 20-25 children who must be able to swim.
  - b. Will swim at D'Youville. Issues need to be worked out. Extremely motivated to have this program happen.
4. Summer Session. Mike.
  - a. 130+ registrations.
  - b. Surpassed expectations. 45 extrasuits and 100 goggles needed to be purchased
  - c. West Side Community Services. Mike.
    - i. West Buffalo School. 20-25 children.
    - ii. We need a pool 3 days per week.
    - iii. Supported by Rich Products.
    - iv. \$3500 grant received; will be used for BCSR's. They have transportation to/from.
    - v. Additionally, Howard Rich has requested a formal job description for the board position. He will then circulate it through the agency. He also offered to host board meetings that follow.
  - d. Currently, 116-130 swimmers are enrolled this summer. Westside: 52/day. YMCA: 35/day. Cazenovia: 13-17/practice (mixed levels). The Foundation supports this.
  - e. Do we need a plan to keep the summer swimmers year round?
  - f. Software purchase has helped with communication with the homes. Remind.com also.
  - g. Notifications to be sent to families ahead of time (email) Portfolios created are also important (staff access to keep attendance needs work).
5. Buffalo Police Department. Mike.
  - a. Lt. Thomas – Neighborhood Engagement Team. 100 day experiment. Eastside recruitment tool potential. To be developed.
6. Adult Learn to Swim. Mike.
  - a. ECC Pool. 17 people signed up. Began July 14<sup>th</sup>. 10 attended. Depends on pool availability. 8 weeks total. 4 generations from 1 family involved. 10AM: Women. 11AM: Co-ed. PR for this will be beneficial. Information via community agencies. Funding from Wilson Foundation. Must apply for reimbursement.
7. Financial Report. Zach.

- a. All going very well.
- 8. Catapult Deck. Chris.
  - a. Steering Committee meeting went well. Expectations set. They want us to think big.
  - b. Catapult interviewed 10 constituents to establish a baseline of perceptions and needs.
  - c. Vision statement needs to be developed.
- 9. Old Business. Mike.
  - a. 501C3. We must move forward on this. Our federal I.D. number will travel with us.
  - b. Pirate Party Fundraiser. Kristy. Moving forward nicely.
- 10. New Business. Mike.
  - a. Daycia Clark, Education Program Manager of the United Way. Runs WNY Girls in Sports. Interested in weaving into our program to offer swimming to her athletes.
  - b. Positions which will assist Mike on the administrative side of business are becoming necessary.

Motion to Adjourn: Kim. Second: Rich. Carried. 7:22 PM.

Next board meeting: September 20, 2018. Location: TBD

Draft minutes respectfully submitted: Jean Lalomia