

## ***TEAM Board Meeting***

**2-15-2018**

Board Members Present: Britta Wyatt, Mike Ahten, Brooke Taylor, Brian Allender, and Deanna Knobelspiesse.

Mike called the meeting to order – 6:05PM

### Coaches Update:

Everything is going well and things are all set up for Y Regionals. There are ~60 swimmers going, mostly older kids and so only need to take one bus. 10 & under states is this weekend (Feb 17-18); 11-14 year old states is next weekend (Feb 23-25). Should do well at 11-14 year old states given the number of swimmers and relay possibilities. Coaches Scott and Tia are going to Y Regionals. Britta is going to 10 & under states, Coach Jill is going to Age Group States, Coach Denise will be assisting Coach Jill at Age Group Sectionals.

### Parent Representatives Update (Brian):

Brian does not interact much with senior parents and thinks that most senior swimmers are balancing grades, college applications and other activities so swimming often becomes a lesser priority. Some discussion about whether \$15 was too much to ask for as a donation from families for the goody bags for 11-14 year old states. For next time, might be better to just ask for a donation and people can give what they can. Sawa did not have anyone complain about the amount (per Brooke's report) but Britta did have one parent who complained.

### Officials Update:

Officials are having a hard time coordinating with OSI. Mike is still working to find officials. Might be better to have new people start at the beginning of the calendar year of there is no pro-rating to the cost of registration. There was an issue with one of the trainees who was getting certified as an electronic timing official when at the every last session, he was not certified. Mike tried to solve the issue but was told there was nothing that could be done about it by the person he spoke with OSI. There seems to be a perspective at OSI that being an official is a privilege and there is a lack of recognition of the volunteer commitment that is asked of officials who are balancing many other career and family demands. This all limits the recruitment effectiveness for potential new official trainees.

Britta did note that at State Districts, we had more officials from TEAM than any other swim team. Kudos to TEAM!

### Service Hours Coordinator Update:

Wendy was not at the meeting but Brooke summarized what they discussed in the last meeting that would allow hospitality and concessions jobs to be split up more, making it easier to recruit people into the positions. There is someone that may be interested in doing the hospitality set up and take down.

### Travel Meets:

Sawa expressed concerns about the cost of travel meets. Some of the travel meets coincide with each other or are back to back. Costs for coaching and chaperones need to be covered. May need to sharpen the chaperone policy, looking at chaperone to swimmer ratio, by gender.

Swimmer Representative Update:

Mike talked to Sophia and made sure that she knew she was invited to any and all board meetings. Mike sent an email to Sophia before the February meeting, to ensure that she knew she was invited but did not hear back from Sophia. Deanna suggested that Mike ask Sophia to let the board or Mike know if she is not going to attend, as other board members do.

Next meeting is on March 15, 2018 from 6:00-8:00p.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p