

# NANTUCKET DOLPHIN BOOSTER CLUB



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The meeting took place in the Nantucket High School Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Dolphins Booster Club President, Heidi Fee, and was attended by Booster Club members: Suzette Brown, Jennifer Dubois, Marc Gazaille, Wenche Gazaille, Pat Levesque, Kristen Dussault, Jodi Levesque, Jill Roethke, Rose Marie Samuels, Steve Roethke, William Phelps, Suzanne Gerardi, David Cox, Fernanda Cox, Guests: Tracy Roberts and Coach Todd Bohannon.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jill asked that the record show at Jim's request from the previous meeting the numbers for the Disc Golf event. The number of registered participants for the event was 51. The total proceeds from the event was \$1,406 with an additional \$500 donation from Congdon and Coleman yielding a total of \$1,906. the cost of the event was \$225 with a net proceed amount of \$1681. Motion was made to approve the minutes from 11/7/18 meeting and was seconded. minutes approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Review of the budget (see attached). \$9,187.33 in the money market account. General checking account beginning balance \$14,556 with deposits totaling \$8,912.89, withdrawals of \$1,543 with a ending balance of \$21,926.05 and total ending balance in both accounts at \$31,113.38. USS reports beginning balance \$5,437 income of \$27,395, expenses of \$14,683. Total current balance \$18,148. Grammatical amendment to the report to adjust the date to reflect the current year. Motion made to approve the treasurer's report and seconded. report approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Please see the attached committee reports. Additionally Suzette asked about how scratch fees are to be paid. Jill reported that Todd will compile a list of the scratches and families will pay. Jill said that the policy states that medical or weather related scratches are excused absences, Social reasons are unexcused and usually the cost is \$5 per event missed.

January meet at the Fairfield: Kristen arranged for the breakfast to begin at 6:00 am to accommodate our swimmers and families. Last year Gratuities were very appreciated by the staff who agreed to come to work early to accommodate our team. Please consider tipping this year if you are able. Fairfield has instituted a code of conduct with quiet hours after 10 pm, also no kids running around. January block closes on December 19 with a rate of \$89.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Following committee reports, Heidi opened discussion regarding Team Unify. Heidi stated she intended for this meeting to contain a vote on whether Boosters club should financially support the purchase of Team Unify for the Dolphins swim team due to the inability to access the current Dolphins website. Heidi stated that due to the inability to communicate the information regarding Team Unify to the members effectively (due to the current lack of access to email addresses and community school's directive for the Boosters to manage their communication with its members independent of the coaching staff), she was reluctant to vote on this topic tonight. Heidi stated that though she supports the system she feels that the members were not given adequate notice that there would be a vote tonight on this expense to the Boosters club. Heidi then opened up to discussion on the topic of the vote and requested if the present members wanted to vote to table the item. Marc

Gazaille spoke saying that the Boosters have been talking about the need for this system since September and that the purpose of the club is to fundraise and purchase what the coaches and swimmers need. He further stated that WACK swimmers and families already know the system and that it is embarrassing that we would want to talk about it anymore. Heidi reiterated that she is aware and not opposed to the value that the system will provide to our coaches however her reservation is that the information was only given to the people at the table currently and not distributed to the Dolphin families due to the communication breakdown. Marc stated he did not see the purpose of re-hashing this and we should be sorry we don't have a website that is functioning. Our purpose for sitting here is to provide support. Asking to table this issue because all members have not seen it is not right. Steve Roethke suggested that many of these Dolphin families are not voters as they haven't paid their \$5 dues to be voters. It was reminded that any Dolphins family member can pay their dues at any time to become a voting member. David Cox attempted to suggest that the meeting minutes including the outline of the Team Unify written by Todd was emailed to a limited group at the eleventh hour last night. He stated that previously Todd brought up specifically that the coaches wanted help to support this transition and asked for half of the expense of the Team Unify. Marc Gazaille stated we know what the team unify is and we know we need a website. David asked to clarify what we are actually being asked to vote on. Jill Roethke stated, at a September meeting we had a working website which our coaches didn't like the options available. The circumstances have changed and we no longer have access to the information from the website and we are in the middle of a season. We don't even have access to the Team Records. David Cox asked "why would the description not be sent out to the members to at least educate them regarding the system?" Jodi Levesque requested that we at least vote today to fund the new system for one year because the Dolphins account has the money. Steve Roethke states that a lot of the families here know what the system does for the WACK team. The system is meant to simplify the process for the coaches and the voting members would be here if they wanted to vote on this topic. "I don't see this as a debate. I support voting on this tonight." (Much side conversations from members not recognized and inability to record the comments.)

Heidi asked for a show of hands from members who wish to table the vote until all members had received the information regarding the system and its cost. 3 members (Suzanne, Heidi and Suzette) voted to table the matter until members had received the information and had an option to participate if desired. The majority of voting members in the room voted to move the topic to a vote tonight. The vote was moved to support the expense of Team Unify for the Dolphins swim team for a time period of 12 months and the vote was unanimous. Steve Roethke spoke that we shouldn't wait until 1 week prior to this one year to decide and vote on continuing to support this system next year. Suzette was recognized to say that to clarify for the record that she supports and loves this Team Unify system and knows how easy it is to use. Her vote to table this vote was for the sake of procedure that all the members were informed in an adequate time frame unlike last year when the members were given little notice about voting to support the Team Unify for the WACK team. Fernanda was recognized and suggested that to build a system with the information that is necessary for this website, this is a time consuming task and she verified that this is a low yearly fee for this service and any other company would be at a much greater expense. Steve spoke further to say we have approximately 120 swimmers and that figures out to about \$9 per swimmer.

**COACHES' REPORT:** Todd reports that this is the first week that the high school team has been released. Their departure really only affects Tuesday and Friday practices but poses an interesting opportunity with more room in the pool, can work on more specialized strokes. The travel roster sent out for this weekend's meet and Justin will handle Friday night. Those going to MIT next weekend will not be swimming 500 this weekend to limit their time out of school. Intrasquad meets have been scheduled alternating between Wednesday and Tue or Thurs as some swimmers have commitments on other days and we wanted to be able to offer the meets to all the swimmers. We will need volunteers for timers and computers. we added a 100 IM for 9 > to increase the number of events. Senior Stroke meet 11> Eastham (Justin's pool) it involves 2 distances of 2 strokes. this is an opportunity to do

strokes they don't usually do in middle school and Non-USS. There is a USS meet the same weekend so we will be splitting the coaches.

Olivia Jackson is coaching and was a high level swimmer in school and she has been working with the middle schoolers more. Her background in swimming helps with her coaching. We are happy to have her.

This is a busy time for the coaches. Watch for the Sign ups.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Heidi asked if any other comments or questions. Jen asked to be acknowledged and expressed that on a personal level she felt there was a lot of tension in the room tonight. She stated that she appreciates the hard work of both past and present board members as this is a volunteer organization and there is a lot of talk about fundraising and money. Jen acknowledged that Jodi offered a compromise to the Team Unify situation. Jen wanted to remind the members present that this is a swim team and we should be working together to make it fun for our kids. Clearly people are putting a lot of time in and we should not be feeling so much tension.

Motion made to adjourn at 5:51 pm.