

NANTUCKET DOLPHIN BOOSTER CLUB



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[Minutes 12/12/18](#)

The meeting took place in the Nantucket High School Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by Dolphins Booster Club President, Heidi Fee, and was attended by Booster Club members as follows: Suzanne Gerardi, Jodi Levesque, Rose Marie Samuels, Kristen Dussault, Marc Gazaille, Tsetso Savov, David Cox, Suzette Brown, Steve Roethke, Jill Roethke and guest Coach Todd Bohannon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: This writer reported to members that moving forward the recording of the minutes will no longer identify the speaker of the ideas unless asked to be identified for the record. This change is a result of an executive meeting discussion when it was reported that several members had expressed to that officer that they or others were not comfortable expressing their thoughts during the meetings due to their comments being reported and identified. As a compromise, it was decided to try this format going forward. Meeting minutes from last meeting on 11/27/18 were approved.

Schedule of Emails regarding Booster Club: Email following the meeting can be expected by early the following week and will include the minutes, treasurer's report, committee reports. Upcoming agenda and previous meeting minutes(second sending) will be released the Thursday or Friday prior to the next boosters meeting. Current Treasurer's report's will be available on the Team Unify website Monday or Tuesday prior to the next Booster's Meeting as well as at the Booster meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jill reports the current balance in the Money Market account is \$9,191.76. General checking account deposits of \$10,504 and expenses of \$2,671 with An ending balance in both accounts of \$38,950. USS report current cash balance of \$23,916. Another corporate sponsor from Bank of America received by David Cox. Treasurer's report approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Additions made to the Committee Roster for the Scholarship and USS Committees.

USS: Jill, January Room Block at Fairfield closes after 12/19/18. the Team Unify deadline for changing your commitment status is 12/15/18. February Regionals at Seekonk with Hotel at the Hampton Inn needs to be booked by 1/2/19. This block and contact is not on the Team Unify website yet. March Silver Meet at URI has a room block at Hampton Inn in South Kingston needs to be booked by 2/15/19. No room blocks for Age Group or Sectionals due to the limited number of swimmers who qualify.

Scratches: from the first half of the season are being reconciled and being billed as necessary. Committee will review the policy at next USS meeting and be sure that all families are aware of the policy.

Question regarding Marriot Rewards card for charges for coaches rooms and expenses. Discussion that a company can not have a rewards card as the name has to match the individual checking in. Further discussion that rewards or benefits may exist if the Boosters Club acquires a credit card for expenses. All coaching expenses including hotel and meal allowances could be billed with improved tracking of expenses and greater ease to streamline the expenses of the Boosters. Kristen offered to research this topic and report back.

Social: Suzette, No news to report.

Concession: Kristen, no news to report.

Scholarship: No news to reports.

Apparel: Erin via email and Kristen: Order should arrive and be ready for delivery on 12/20. order was made to two different companies due to not meeting the minimum quantities. Two companies- Advanced and online store for the sweatshirts and sweat pants. Reported that this wasn't a typical year and the goal hasn't been achieved for 2 years in a row. The committee's goal is to get all apparel to be acquired on the website online which can be found on the Team Unify website.

Fundraising: Jodi, WACK Raffle \$13,324 compared to last year \$16,000. Increase in average per swimmer this year. We have had good corporate sponsorship this year. WACK/Dolphins yearly budget \$37,500. The last 2 years there has been a carry over of approximately \$2,500 and currently there is a \$5,000 buffer. Previous years we had to borrow from Dolphins temporarily. We are on target to end the season with approximately \$1,500. Suzette spoke about the pasta dinner that is scheduled on 2/2/18 at the American Legion. Suzette and Heidi will be asking swimmers to write a short sentence or two about "Why they swim". The Legion offered to donate the pasta, sauce, brownies. They have been extremely generous last year. Terri Barada offered to donate the bread. Will connect with Joelle regarding having a slide show of swimmers which continues during the dinner. A separate table will be set for the swimmers to sit and eat while not waiting tables. Thoughts to extend an invitation to Dolphin Families to attend the dinner, the swimmer eats free if the family attends. Further thoughts by Social committee to extend an invitation to corporate sponsors and display placards thanking the corporate sponsors at the dinner.

Discussion about formally thanking the sponsors. Swimmers and their parents will hand write the thank you and deliver to the sponsor. Thank you's to all the businesses that donated to the raffle gifts. Basket captains to organize and oversee those thank you's.

Jodi reported that She and Heidi will speak to the coaches about organizing a Swim a thon for the 10 and under. In the past the swim -a- thon supported the Nantucket Star swim program and another year a new scoreboard. would encourage the older swimmers to be part of the event to support the younger Dolphins.

Jodi reported that there is some exploration about organizing a "dinner" fundraiser at a hotel/restaurant with discussion about earmarking the proceeds towards the qualifying meets that are currently not in the regular schedule. Added thoughts that these funds could support general scholarship for any of the swimmers that may have a need for support for regular season meets.

Discussion continued with the subject of purchasing a large good quality banner with the new logo to display at the meets. One member stated that Todd wants the banner to be larger than the last one, approximately 5-6 feet wide. Suggestion that maybe we should reach out to other teams that display banners of the quality that we would like. Discussion about the whereabouts of the previous WACK banner. One member reports they delivered it to Todd's office and it hasn't been seen or located recently.

Concessions : Kristen, No news.

Scholarship: No news.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion regarding the update about acquiring email addresses of Dolphin swimmers to insure good dissemination of information. Currently have approximately 65 families' email addresses in the data base. Suggested that at the next intra-squad meet members may want to move through the gallery collecting email addresses and name of their swimmer. Another member offered to produce a signup sheet that could be displayed on the bulletin board outside the pool doors.

COACHES' REPORT: Coach Todd re-capped the Shoot out meet at CCSC: kids enjoyed it, team element was present and the 12 and under did very well. older kids more tired but they also did well. Last meet with the High school kids.

MIT was a big success. More swimmers achieved finals than previous years. Every swimmer who attended got best times. It was a good way to end the first half of the season. Middle schoolers are about half way done the season. It is time to hit the re-set button preparing for regionals, silvers and age groups.

Senior Stroke meet coming up on Sunday with Olivia Jackson and Kayli to travel with the team. Todd will be away for the Senior meet. There will be many swims even though it is a small group. This is good experience for those who do not swim USS.

Next Wednesday is our next Intra-squad meet and will be a lot of fun before the break.

Junior Stroke meet sign up will go out in a few days and we will get it set before the holidays.

January CCSC meet and we will want to get those entries before Christmas. The cut off is 12/15/18. Todd will send out a reminder.

Team Unify website was sent out today. Same address: nantucketdolphins.com Jim and Todd experienced a little trouble which seemed to involve Google chrome. There is a lot of information on the site. We would like the Dolphins/ members to use it as the home page for all things swimming including pool and team records, handbook and apparel team store link will be found there. Booster activity including the meeting schedule, past meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, agendas, by-laws will be found there as well. This website has a newer template and Todd intends to ask Joelle for some high resolution photos to personalize the site. Every parent will have a log-in and will be prompted to update their name and address. We hope to get all parents logged in by championships. ON Deck is the phone app and if you have the same log in for WACK and Dolphins, you will be able to toggle back and forth between the two. Todd recommends however that it is best if you have two passwords.

One member asked Todd that given this is the halfway point, will the kids be reviewing their goals that were set at the beginning of the season. Todd stated he was disappointed that more kids did not turn in their goals at the beginning of the season. He acknowledged that it is a good time to review and revise goals for each swimmer. Goal setting is a great learning tool.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm by President Heidi Fee after motion and second. Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the NHS Conference room.