

NANTUCKET DOLPHIN BOOSTER CLUB



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[Minutes 10/24/18](#)

The meeting took place in the CPS Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Dolphins Booster Club President, Heidi Fee, and was attended by Booster Club members : Suzette Brown, Heidi Fee, Jennifer Dubois, Jodi Levesque, Jill Roethke, David Cox, Vessy Natcheva, Steve Roethke, Mark Gerardi, Rose Marie Samuels, Marc Gazaille, Pat Levesque, Will Phelps, Kristen Dussault, Crystal Ray, Linda Hurley and Suzanne Gerardi. Also present for the entire meeting was Jim Pignato.

Coaches Report was given by Todd Bohannon who arrived at 5:30 pm.

PRESIDENTS WELCOME: Heidi advised that there is much business to cover and asked that questions regarding the committee reports be held until all committees had reported in the interest of allotting appropriate time for the Coaches Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the previous meeting on 10/10/18 were approved without correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jill reported and reviewed on the treasurer affairs. See attached treasurers report for details. Jill reported that West's account is currently up to date to cover the Team Unify expense and the meet fees. Several corporate sponsor donations from Marine Home Center and Stephens & Co (Phelps) and Southeast Orthodontics (Dussault) have been received, also TRi-Club (Roethke) and Nantucket Bank (Dussault). Refer to Fundraising committee report for more extensive details and update on corporate sponsors. Boosters expects to receive payment from Nantucket Community School which represents \$300 per swimmer. Withdrawal from the money market account was made to cover the meet fees for CCSC as the general checking account was running low.

Treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: See attached report for specific details on all committees.

Apparel: See committee report for more details. Additional comment regarding towel offerings for this year included the following. Jill reports that based on Erin's recommendation she placed an order for 20 towels at a discounted price from Lands End using team credit card. These towels are the same as previous years, the navy blue and royal blue with Dolphins or Wack Logo as an option. These 20 towels in addition to the remaining 10 towels from last year should cover the need for the new Dolphin families. Discussion amongst committee and board regarding offering an additional towel to represent the WACK team with the colors of white and navy stripes with the WACK logo was extensive. Heidi reports with the early ordering of the 20 new towels, the opportunity to order the new style WACK towels at a 40% discount was lost and this was based on her conversation with Land's End. The option for new WACK towels will warrant further discussion based upon swimmer interest.

Scholarship:No new news to report.

USS: The travel roster for ABF and CCSC meets have been sent. Please report any changes to Jim Pignato. For those traveling Monday morning there is no hotel block for Sunday night. Hyannis Harbor Hotel across from Hyline is approximately \$89 per night but requires a 3 day cancellation policy. A Hotel block for CCSC meet is at the Fairfield at \$89 per night. For those swimmers attending the MIT Invitational, the meet is offering a meet rate at a hotel within walking distance to the meet. See committee report for details.

Social: Suzette reported for Social. Suzette reported on the success of the Pumpkin Social which was well attended and enjoyable. Pumpkins required drying time prior to delivering to the Island Home, Homestead, Police Department, Fire Department, and US Coast Guard which occurred the next morning. The swimmers who attended expressed their satisfaction with the delivering of these pumpkins to our community elders and first responders. Future community service opportunities will be more specific with sign ups to allow all who want to participate to do so. See report for more extensive details. **Save the Date** for Scavenger Hunt and Pizza on 11/11/18, team building opportunity for bowling during CCSC meet, and pizza and Raffle winner drawing. *Jim commented that the Nantucket Police Department sent a Thank you note for the donation of the pumpkins.*

Fundraising: Jodi reported that WACK raffle tickets were distributed on Monday to most swimmers. Each swimmer is expected to sell 2 books but we will reach our goal (\$16,000) if swimmers are able to sell 4 books. Last year the raffle earned \$18,000. Jim reported that 4 swimmers have not collected their tickets to date. The drawing will be held on 11/28/18. Jen Dubois will be setting up a team table in town the day after Thanksgiving to sell additional books of tickets. If anyone is interested to join and man this table please contact Jen Dubois. This table is not intended for each swimmer to sell their 2 books but rather to encourage the sale of additional books for the team benefit. Thank you! Other options for selling tickets may be at the Stop & Shop which was successful for some swimmers last year.

This topic sparked conversation regarding what if we fall short on the fundraising efforts for travel swim. Many comments were offered. One suggestion was each swimmer pay an additional dollar amount to cover team costs. Others felt that a general additional dollar amount would not be appropriate as some swimmers have significantly more opportunities to swim therefore incur greater expenses for their swim experience compared to the majority of swimmers. This topic will be re-visited if the need arises. Jim suggested the USS budget be discussed at the next meeting.

David suggested that the Boosters should consider a significant fundraising effort during the summer when more people with money frequent the island. A successful fundraising event in the summer months would prevent over taxing of parents during the winter season. This idea was well received by many.

Todd discussed hosting a meet of our own as a fundraiser. Todd reports he received training to be a meet director and admin official. There remains potential to be successful with this endeavor.

NEW BUSINESS: Topic of meet behavior by the younger kids during the weekend meet was brought up. A Parent reported that some older swimmers cleaned up a mess which was left by the younger swimmers on Saturday. On Sunday the swimmers were spoken to regarding keeping their area clean and being respectful visitors. Coach Todd talked to this point saying that the meet host from Stripers spoke with him regarding this telling him that this was not an issue and handed him a trash bag. This is typical young kid behavior. Todd feels it is really important to leave the swimmers alone during the meet and said that their behavior was actually very good and not one event was missed all weekend! Todd does not expect parents to “police” the kids.

COACHES' REPORT: Coach Todd reported on several topics. This past weekends USS meet was great, very long and subscribed with many swimmers. This is a positive thing to have high numbers with good competition. the kids did well. 50-75% of the younger kids had best times. Todd was very happy with the swimmers performance. Soon those kids partaking in fall sports will be rejoining the team and he will work it out. The Relay meet at the Vineyard this weekend is “iffy” as the forecast looks rough. Plan to have 38 kids traveling. Plan B if the relay is cancelled is that we will look to replace this event in the league further in the season. It will likely not be a relay and may be in February.

Travel Roster for Bluefish and Cape Cod meets are out. Please review early and let Jim Pignato know of any changes.

MIT meet: 12 kids achieved qualifying times. For those kids not attending MIT, CCSC meet will be the one to prepare for to achieve best times.

Todd brought up the topic of community service and identifying local charities for our swimmers to present themselves as a team in the community wearing their team clothing. He cited the Swim Across America as an example that is well attended by our swimmers. Another opportunity in the future would be a function like the Run for Robin. Crystal agreed that our kids need to be out in the community making connections. Todd spoke of the Thank You note received from the Police Department for the donation of jack o lanterns to the department by some of the swimmers. Rose suggested the importance of taking the swimmers with us when asking for donations for our fundraising activities. Suzette mentioned that the Social Committee has incorporated Community Service opportunities into the Social Committee. *(contact Suzette, Suzanne or Heidi to join the efforts)*

Todd clarified that the high school swimmers would be allowed to compete in the CCSC meet in early December even though high school season has begun. Saturday and Sunday are open to those swimmers. Please sign up in Team Unify if interested.

Long term discussion that Todd wants to have Boosters members think about and form a policy around is planning for those swimmers who achieve the level of competition outside of the New England area, such as Futures (which were held in Virginia last year, likely Ohio this year) Junior Nationals, Zones in the summer, Senior Nationals. What is the Booster plan in regards to financial support towards this low percentage of swimmers. A (USA swimming?) scholarship opportunity exists for partial reimbursement for those who attend Futures and Juniors.

Steve suggests that if any swimmer has these meets as a goal for themselves, we need to have a policy in place prior to them achieving that goal. Todd states he has talked to other coaches about it. Another member suggested that a summer fundraiser may be the answer. Jim clarified that the swimmers themselves set these goals. Steve contributed that his family has supported their own swimmers in these achievements but suggests that, do we want to have finances limit any swimmer who achieves this level of success? Jodi suggested perhaps a scholarship process could be implemented. Todd spoke of paying for entry fees and sending a coach but do we want to consider subsidizing the swimmer with a daily stipend. Suzette stated that the current Booster policy is to pay for the boat off/on island for any meet and then each family is responsible for all other expenses. Supposed the question to consider, should these specialty meets differ from the standard policy of financial support given to all swimmers. Steve suggested that Zones can be considered a gray area as these swimmers do not represent WACK but travel as a New England swimmer representing another team. Todd suggested the benefits of competing in these types of meets is not only for the swimmers but for the coaches to build rapport with other coaches. The Charles River meet would not have happened if not for Zones. Our brand/status is important in New England as it creates opportunities for our kids.

Steve mentioned that Todd was recognized in a group of 600-700 people for his excellence as a coach. These acknowledgements benefit the whole team.

Jim mentioned that we will work out a time line for informational emails to insure improved communication. The McGillicuddy Award was received by JT Levesque over the weekend at Quincy. This award was given to two outstanding swimmers who exemplified extensive community service. Jim and Todd nominated JT for his great efforts in fundraising thousands of dollars to support Swim Across America. Todd intends to post a picture on the nantucket swimming account to celebrate this great award as well as pictures of our swimmers donating pumpkins to celebrate great community service.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 8, 2018 in the NHS conference room.

