

NANTUCKET DOLPHIN BOOSTER CLUB

NANTUCKET *Swimming*

October 2, 2019

The meeting took place in the NHS Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm. Coach Garufi and Jim Pignato were joined by Booster members Suzette Brown, Fernanda Cox, David Cox, Kristen Dussault, Heidi Fee, Wenche Gazaille, Marc Gazaille, Erin Myers, William Phelps, Jill Roethke, Steve Roethke, Rose Marie Samuels and Portia Valero.

Coaches' Report: Coach Beau stated that Age Group and Development Groups had a good turnout for tryouts, an encouraging sign. The recent swim meet at Roger Williams went very well. Those swimmers in attendance, 14 in all, exhibited positive attitudes, great team spirit and swam well despite having not been rested. Practice wise, Beau has introduced on deck prehab. The purpose of which is to avoid injury through strength building. He plans to introduce this incrementally over the course of the next several weeks. Beau added that he has been working with the kids very hard and has heard few complaints.

Jim stated that 32 kids attended tryouts, and all were added to the team. The breakdown includes 9 Age Group and 23 Development Group swimmers, essentially adding 30 new families to our group. Jim also stated that we had a 100% turnout at the New Parents Meeting where he pushed involvement in our Boosters Club. The next point made was our struggle to find coaches for the 3:00-4:00 o'clock time slot and while we have a couple of high schoolers helping, finding an adult coach is difficult. The point was made that while we have 38 Age Group swimmers and 33 Development Swimmers, many of them are involved in other activities. There was mention of using ON DECK to track attendance.

Next up was the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded and Approved without dissention.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented and there was discussion concerning training bands paid for and caps ordered.

Apparel Report:

Apparel is up and running and created lively input from all present. Rose had trouble logging in and it was explained that the site is hit or miss on a mobile device and Steve was misunderstood regarding his inquiry as to the store hours. The site will remain open until the stock runs out was the reply. A suggestion was made to donate old suits for practice to keep costs down for the new younger swimmers.

Fundraising Report:

Fundraising reported that the goal was Gift Basket Raffle following Jodi's template from the past successful years. A meeting of the committee is scheduled for next week. Jill has applied for the Nantucket Golf Club grant to the tune of \$10,000.00 – typically they gift the Boosters \$2,500.00. There was a request of a budget for the year and conversation revolved around how much money per swimmer, USS and non-USS is required. We are essentially going on last year's numbers, but a real breakdown would be advantageous to point out to all parents what is necessary. This would add incentive for more people to get involved. David pointed out that many other club teams keep a credit card on file and charge the parents if they don't volunteer. Jill agreed that we need the dollar targets to encourage people to fundraise.

Additionally, there was discussion concerning the similarity of travel and meal expenses to that of any other travel sport that kids on Nantucket may be involved with.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The social committee plans to hold a pumpkin social at the end of October. Dates and times were discussed – Friday October 25th was most likely to be selected.

USS COMMITTEE:

The competition swim caps for the swimmers in the USS program have shipped and will arrive in time for the next meet. The suits, however, may not arrive in time. Nantucket Swimming is trying to gain recognition within NE Swimming organization, and we would be awarded points towards this by participation in an online course in Safe Sport. Parents and swimmers can get involved and it has been recommended.

CONCESSION:

Kristen expressed a desire to operate a concession stand at our Intra Squad Meets and mentioned that she would need a \$50 permit. Jim said it seems worth it if we sell \$250 worth of pizza. Will questioned parents buying pizza and then buying them again by the slice as a viable fundraising tactic.

BY LAW DISCUSSION:

Marc's by law change proposal was discussed and the Board provided some deadlines. October 15th for written submission so that there can be discussion at the October 16th meeting with a vote October 30th to follow. The procedure of bylaw changes was talked about and the consensus was that it is not difficult to file with the state.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

The meeting wound down with a forum of fundraising ideas being batted around. Steve brought up a bake sale at Stroll as apparently the DC trip bake sale was very profitable. David lamented that we need to fund raise in the summer in order to target the wealth that is on Island during that time. Marc offered the teaming up with the Westmoor Club could be a viable idea. Heidi countered that there are too many events in the summer already making it difficult to find a date. Once, again we need someone to head it up and David asked for a show of hands of those who would commit to be on board – nearly all present raised their hands. Jim offered that an event like Dreamcatcher could be a huge success, but it comes at a cost. The amount of commitment required to organize an event like that is too much for most people. The idea of having the kids doing car washes was proposed by David and well received by those present. Wenche floated the possibility of a fashion show with leftover unsold product from local boutiques. David mentioned that we could create a website to sell the stuff at a bargain, but this is more like a business than a fundraiser. The meeting ended on a positive note as Jim proposed that we create a Jr Advisory Board of swimmers to better understand the needs and to keep them involved in such things as apparel choices. The idea was well received with some wondering why it hadn't been done before. The plan is to have a delegate present at the Boosters meeting to maintain a closer connection with the swim team.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm

