

NANTUCKET DOLPHIN BOOSTER CLUB

NANTUCKET *Swimming*

November 6, 2019

The meeting took place in the Cyrus Peirce School Staff Lounge. The meeting was called to order at 5:07pm. Those present were Coach Garufi, Aquatics Director Pignato and members Suzette Brown, Stephanie Dallas, Kristen Dussault, Heidi Fee, Rachael Freeman, Marc Gazaille, Fiona Johnson, Justin Quinn, Will Phelps, Jill Roethke, Steve Roethke, Tracy Roberts and Rose Marie Samuels

Coaches' Report: It was brought to the members attention that because the team has been denied entry into the last two meets, Tyler Roethke has penned a letter to New England Swimming. The premise of Tyler's letter is the fact that small teams like Nantucket are not getting a fair shake at meet entries because the larger teams are controlling the process. It was also discussed that despite the inconvenience, meet entries must be submitted the week before they open if we want a shot at entry. It was also mentioned that an upcoming meet at Brown University is not yet full, but many people have a problem dealing with Ray Grant the meet director. There were also questions regarding our 25% / 75% status that affects our chances of gaining entry to meets. Jill inquired as to whether or not our name change has had an impact on our desirability as a participant - "NO" was the response as these teams still know who we are. It was offered that some meets have swimmer quotas where we might have a minimum of say thirty swimmers and even if we send fewer we still pay for 30 splashes. Steve and Marc thanked Beau for seemingly being everywhere as he is scrambling to get the kids competing despite having no help and being denied at our last two meets. When asked what the biggest hurdle to attracting more coaches Beau said the financial compensation was a problem. The conversation turned to money and Fiona offered that we have discussed this previously and was curious as to why we have not acted on it. Steve asked if the Community School would have an issue with parents adding to the coaches pay and Heidi mentioned that it couldn't go through the Boosters bank account because of our non-profit status. Several members asked how we could facilitate this extra compensation for coaches. Could there be an envelope of cash handed off at the meet? Tracey offered that compensation structure could be addressed on the Community School level by Jim as he manages the staffing structure. Ending the coaches report Beau stated that the kids are really buying into the training program and twice the 200 fly records were broken in practice.

Next up was the motion to approve the minutes for the October 16, 2019 meeting. Seconded and approved without fanfare

TREASURER REPORT:

The treasurer's report was circulated and reviewed. The item regarding a six-dollar fee on the coach's meal card was questioned but unless we want to provide a one-thousand-dollar card the fee can't be avoided. It was decided that that would not be feasible. Report was approved without further comment.

APPAREL REPORT:

Prior to the Apparel Report, Steve Roethke generously volunteered to assume the role of secretary of the Nantucket Swimming Boosters Club. Without delay a vote was conducted and Steve was elected unanimously. Thank you and welcome to the board Mr. Roethke.

The store remains open and the towels should be in by the end of the week.

Steve raised the issue of our team having some trouble being recognized on deck as the caps are hard to read. Heidi offered that Phoenix has some flamboyant gear that makes them stand out. It was discussed that perhaps we should

outfit the kids with a t-shirt that stand out. Steve also presented a sketch of a possible cap with a large N to make the swimmers more visible as team members.

CONCESSION:

Several members inquired as to the status of concessions at the intra-squad and invitational meet. Kristen said the permit for the invitational meet has been obtained and we will have food for purchase. Sign-ups have been slow so please volunteer. We could offer pre-packaged food for the intrasquad events but so far it has not garnered much interest.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Suzette reported that the Pumpkin Social was a success at every level. Well attended by swimmers and only cost the Booster's \$77 and unlike last year we didn't even run out of glitter.

USS COMMITTEE:

The biggest issue we are facing is trying to get into meets, however this is not a committee issue but a coach's issue. Jim commented about the boat schedule being difficult to please everyone with some team members wanting to take a 3:30 and some a 4:35 adding that it is just not practical to use so many boats.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Jill provided a corporate sponsorship update and things look good. Heidi presented a proof of the raffle tickets and members were positive about it. We are wait-listed for a table at Christmas Stroll to sell tickets. The possibility of a fundraiser dinner at Miacomet Golf was introduced and Suzette added that we are looking to nail down a date for the spaghetti dinner at the American Legion Hall.

FUNDRAISING REPORT NON-USS:

BY LAW DISCUSSION:

Members passed around an amended bylaw proposal that changed the amount of money to be spent without a vote from one thousand dollars to five hundred dollars. It was discussed and concluded that it would be acceptable as long as the allocation did not pertain to swim meets. Also included was a provision for staggering the terms of elected officers. The President and Secretary would be voted in on odd years and the Vice President and Treasurer on even years. These amendments will be voted in at the November 20th meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Before wrapping up Will asked Jim about the invitational meet, which could include two visiting teams. The questions were what the swimmer's times will count towards. Jim replied that the meet is geared towards non-USS swimmers because unless we run a sanctioned USS meet the times are not valid. He said ultimately these meets will lead swimmers to join USS. There was discussion about what would be required to have the invitational a sanctioned USS meet.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm

