

# NANTUCKET DOLPHIN BOOSTER CLUB



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The meeting took place in the Cyrus Peirce Staff lounge. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Dolphins Booster Club President, Heidi Fee, and was attended by Booster Club members Will Phelps, Jill Roethke, Jodi Levesque, Tsetso Savov, Rose Marie Samuels, Suzette Brown, Fernanda Cox, Suzanne Gerardi, Coach Beau Garufi, and Coach Jim Pignato.

**COACHES' REPORT:** Coach Beau reports that he has receipts for the Treasurer for USS training. He states we have an upcoming meet on May 18-19. He states that he feels the kids have adjusted to his coaching style and Beau is very impressed with the efforts the kids are putting into their practice. He states he has sent in the entry info for the next meet June 8-9. Beau spoke of his desire to have the kids work with fins in the pool. Discussion about some kids having fins, pull buoys, and arm paddles from previous years. Perhaps an email sent out could look to recruit some that kids have outgrown and would like to donate prior to purchasing. Beau also spoke about his interest to begin a pre-hab program prior to practice (he arrives at pool at 6:05 pm) where the swimmers can perform exercises to improve posture and rounded shoulders and strengthen shoulders. He would like the kids to work on these exercises 3 times per week. He requested need for resistance bands to safely perform these exercises. It was asked if each swimmer should have their own fins and paddles. Beau states if we had a few pairs of each size on deck about 10 pairs at a time, it would be good. He states he is happy to go through the on-deck bins and see if he can locate some in good condition. General consensus was to support his efforts to provide the kids the tools needed. Jim mentioned that the families need to stay on top of the USS meet entry deadlines.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:** Scratch Policy status, Beau was given the remaining outstanding policy to be distributed to those families who have not yet completed the forms. Coaches gifts were reviewed as noted on the treasurer's reports.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Meeting minutes for 4/3/19 were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Suzette reviewed the treasurer's report and noted several corrections to the report which are reflected in the attached report. Additional deposit not reflected in today's budget is a Dolphin's deposit for the swim a thon. Suzette reports after several attempts to communicate with the accountant Cheryl Fuller, she received a call today from her reporting that she will be able to at least file for an extension by 5/15/19 for last year's taxes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Scholarship:** This writer reported on Scholarship committee. Two \$1,000 awards were given to the only two applicants. It was unanimous to award the maximum amount to Cameron Gottlieb (Elon University) and James Taaffe (university of Tampa) both of whom intend to swim in college. The congratulatory letter with check are in the mail. The committee also discussed at Jim's recommendation that the committee should consider

sponsoring financial assistance scholarship for Dolphin swimmers next year. It was agreed that more discussion concerning criteria and proposed chain of communication, whether through Jim or directly to Booster's Club. Some discussion that the swimmer may be asked to write a paragraph about why they like to swim. Jim stated that in years past, at the beginning of the season financial assistance was offered to the swimmers. He says that he has directed families to the Friends of Public Schools, the Community School, and would like to add the Boosters Club to that list.

**USS:** Jill reported a reminder to families to book their hotels for the meets, timely.

**Social:** No new activity to report.

**Concessions:** No new activity to report.

**Fundraising:** Heidi reported the Swim a thon monies totaled \$1,185.60. Jim added that he had a check in his office for the Swim a thon. Heidi reports that this was a learning process and the money raised is less than other years however this year's event targeted the 10 and under swimmers who enjoyed the event. Discussion was had about how much of this money would be donated to the Star Program. Jim was asked how the amount was determined in years past. Jim stated one year the swim a thon earned \$11,000 and when he asked Tina Steadman what the Star program cost to run, she said \$3,000 and the group decided to fund the whole program that year. Heidi asked the group if there was an opinion about the amount to be donated to Star this year. No one offered a specific opinion. Heidi suggested the Board discuss further and then report back. Jill said Quick books should have the information to compare how much was donated in past years. Jodi suggested we should look at what is spent from the Dolphins budget and what we take in to be sure we stay on a budget for Dolphins not only for WACK program.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Heidi opened discussion regarding USS committees request to address the questionable need to assess an additional fee to those swimmers who are competing in LCM season. Heidi presented the projected budget to actual budget that Jim produced following a meeting with the executive board. According to the calculations provided (see attachment) the budget should cover the rest of the LCM season. The budget presented does not account for a third hotel night stay for Coaching on the next 3 meets but Jim assured that the budget was slightly padded for the travel and meet fees. The members present had no direct comment about assessing additional fees for this group of swimmers at this time. Will commented that all the fundraising that is done during the Short course season is adequate to support the expenses through the Long course season. Will questioned the "frivolous" spending this last month, stating the spending of \$9,000 from the budget was excessive. When asked to clarify what was frivolous, Will commented that the ice cream gift certificates and the bag expense for the Dolphin swimmers at the awards night. Will supported the spending of the coaches gifts. It was pointed out that at the previous meeting, much discussion was had about the coaches gifts and it was also stated that the Dolphins themselves should be recognized with a gift of swim bag and ice cream gift certificate. Heidi clarified that because the Dolphins enrollment has been decreasing, that the gift of a swim bag was an attempt to reward and thank the swimmers for their efforts this year. It was an intention to facilitate team building. Suzette clarified that several of the items in the swim bag were donated, the bracelets donated by Suzette, the Splash magazines to the non Wack swimmers were donated at the effort of David Cox and the free cookie card by Something Natural.

Jill agreed that though all the stuff is great, it must be budgeted for. Jim agreed with Will that the fundraising during the Short course season is working and that the WACK budget is ample through the Long course season. Jim said the actual versus projected budget serves to project trends. Jill says we need to continue to try to fundraise for the year and then if the budget can't support the long course season then go to the participating families and ask for additional fees. She stated that there have been families that only swim the short course season being very vocal about not supporting the long course season because their kids don't participate. Will says we fund raise as a team and there are people that don't raise as much money during the fund raising and we don't ask them to pay more for the swimming expenses, so why shouldn't we support the whole year season. Jill suggested that not everyone wants to sell raffle tickets but instead may write for the golf grant or like Will

acquired a lot of corporate sponsors. It was also suggested that other sports teams can opt out of the fundraising but then they are agreeing to pay directly a fee. Rose suggested we try to focus our energies on 1-2 big fundraisers. Tsteso suggested a big summer fundraiser at someplace like the Rose and Crown which could be more successful when more people are on island. Everyone agreed that maintaining the \$5,000 "cushion" in the budget for the travel team should continue. Rose asked about the idea that Todd had about hosting a meet. Jim suggested that while that is a good idea, given that we live on an island and travel can always be a problem it poses real unpredictable obstacles to success. If we tried to do it this time of year, the weather is better but people are swimming long course now.

Jill asked if those swimmers that were not at the awards night would get their bags. Jim offered that he is using the PE program at the pool as an opportunity to hand out the bags to those who did not attend. Jim said he has distributed about one third of the bags and when that number decreases he will send out emails to the families. Tsteso asked Jim why Beau was not presented as the new coach during the Awards Night. Tsteso said there were many parents who were disappointed that he was not introduced to the group. The Bulgarian community was awaiting his introduction. Jim said he wanted to leave that night for Todd and that he had announced Beau through email. Jim said he will plan a meet and greet for Beau in the fall. Jim said next year we will make sure the awards night is in the schedule earlier. Jim assured that the next Awards Night would not last so long as many of the kids were tired. It was commented that though it was longer than some, Todd did a great job recapping the year and highlighted many of the swimmers' personal achievements that maybe did not earn a special award but none the less, were their achievements for the season. Many agreed that the event was thorough.

**ADJOURNMENT:** meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.