

**Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2011**

**WPAC Attending:** Jeff Adams, Eileen Armstrong, Lauriann Batter, Nicole Clark, Meg Cole, Denise Cooney, Patti Daly, Lori DeLise, Randy Erlenbach, Camille Gilroy, Susan Hackel, Bernadette Hess, Lynn Holmquist, Debbie Lafond, Sophia Maragos, Amy Nonnenmacher, Artie Roberts, Margy Sargent, Penny Scarth, Lisbet Srivastava, Cindy Stewart, Laurie Storino

**WPAC Absent:** Derek Farrar, Elizabeth Hendee, Sunanda Nagpal, Kristi Snyder

**Guests:** Karen O'Brien, Karen Proctor

**Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the July 7, 2011 were approved.

**Director of Competitive Aquatics Report Randy Erlenbach**

- Coach Randy welcomed newcomers to the WPAC. He reiterated that the Wahoo finances are in good shape, with the bubble fund completely funded, and \$20,000 committed to replacement of the bulkhead. He also noted that the team is very organized and does a great job handling volunteer work, fundraising, etc.

- Derek Farrar was recognized in San Diego as the American Swim Coaches Association Connecticut Age Group Coach of the Year for his outstanding work with the age group team.

- Randy noted that the Wahoos moved up several spots in USA Swimming's Virtual Club Championship. The VCC automatically ranks all member clubs based on swimmer performance, so you can see how your club stacks up against others. Randy pointed out that while we dominate locally, it is also good to compare ourselves to other teams on a national level.

- The Wahoos have good representation on the Connecticut House of Delegates, with Hilary Berger serving as Secretary, Ed Becker as Head of Officials, and Coaches Derek, Mark, Joanne and Randy each serving as committee heads, providing leadership in Connecticut.

- The team registered approximately 315 swimmers.

**Co-President's Report**

**Jeff Adams and Lynn Holmquist**

- The revised short course credit policy was approved as follows:

**Work credits per family:**

\*Anyone traveling to SC YMCA Nationals will need to earn an additional 8 credits per **swimmer**.

\*National – 8

\*Pre-National – 8

Senior – 7

Varsity – 3

Gold -7

Maroon – 7

Super Bronze – 5

Super Squad – 2

Families with 2 or more swimmers need to work an additional 3 credits.

Penalties for not working:

- 1 unearned credit - \$50
- 2 unearned credits - \$100
- 3 unearned credits - \$200
- 4 unearned credits - \$400
- 5 unearned credits - \$800
- 6 + unearned credits - \$1,000

All credit obligations must be met prior to championship season in order to participate; any fines must be paid before the beginning of the next season. If obligations are not met then credits for the following season must be pre-paid.

- The team handbook is being updated and will be available shortly.
- Jeff thanked Debbie Lafond for picking up the slack with more home meets being offered this year.
- Jeff asked for suggestions on hospitality and concessions. Jill Siciliano is the new Hospitality Liaison and will communicate any ideas to the catering company.

#### **Financial Update**

**Eileen Armstrong**

- \$11,000 in collections is still due (as compared to \$30,000 at this time last year). Any families not current will not be allowed to participate in the October meets.
- Invoices will be sent early this year so that families can track payments owed.

#### **Committee Business**

##### **Fundraising**

**Laurie Storino**

- All 196 families completed their fundraising requirement for 2010-2011. For the 2011-2012 year, there are 210 families, of which 61 have already met or exceeded 100% of their fundraising commitment.
- Squad VP's should direct questions to Laurie Storino to eliminate any confusion about fundraising options.
- Karen Proctor will handle meet program ads, including tracking and recruiting new advertisers.
- Laurie noted that the Turnover Shop in Wilton accepts clothing and miscellaneous items for consignment; while this is not an individual fundraiser, any money earned from sales will go directly to the Wahoos. This is a great way to clean out your closets and earn cash for the team.

##### **Sponsorship**

**Artie Roberts**

- Artie said he is sensitive to possible overlap among vendors being contacted by both the YMCA and the Wahoos. He welcomes any feedback to ensure a smooth working relationship with vendors.
- Poland Spring may not renew their annual donation of water for our home meets; Lauri Harder is following up on this with her contacts at Poland Spring. If Poland Spring does not pan out, Debbie Lafond said we may need to obtain water (for officials, coaches, etc) from concessions.

##### **Meet Coordinator**

**Debbie LaFond**

- Training sessions are being planned for various key positions in running a meet. It was suggested that new families are approached in person instead of via email to welcome and entice them to volunteer. There is a need for Meet

Managers, particularly for the 10/under sessions, as well as a need for a volunteer to supervise running the timing system. For our first meet in October, Dactronix will supervise and train volunteers. Debbie agreed to draft a list of jobs and their requirements for Squad VPs to hand out to interested people.

- A virtual meet will take place on October 22. National and Pre-National will participate during their regular morning practice, while the virtual meet for the age group squads will take place beginning with warm-up at 9:00 am. This meet will require volunteer workers. The Senior squad will not participate in the virtual meet, but will practice from 8:30 – 10:30 in the south pool.

**Volunteer Coordinators Meg Cole and Amy Nonnenmacher**

- All credit requirements have been entered into the system, and work credits for bubble-up have been applied.

**New Family Liaison**

**Patti Daly and Sophia Maragos**

- 33 new families have joined the age group squads; 2 new families have joined the senior level squads.

**Public Relations**

**TBD**

- The Wahoos are in need of a volunteer Team Editor to coordinate publicity write-ups for each town. The Team Editor will be the point person who handles all communication and submissions with local publications; each home meet will also require one volunteer to write copy based on the meet results, and submit it to the Team Editor.

**Squad Reports**

**Squad Vice-Presidents**

**Super Bronze and Super Squad**

- Super Bronze and Super Squad VPs have met with Coach Mark and have several joint socials on the calendar.

**Maroon**

- A social is planned for October 22, on the day of the virtual meet; time to be determined.

**Gold**

- Gold Squad hosted a bagel breakfast, and are working on purchasing the holiday swimmer gift.

**Senior**

- A pizza party is planned for October 21 following practice.

**Pre-National**

- A group of swimmers had fun apple-picking at Silverman's Farm in Easton; other future social ideas being considered are breakfast at Orem's, bowling, ice-skating, massages and/or a pizza party following practice. Some socials may incorporate other squads as well.

**National**

- A Thanksgiving dinner is being planned for November, and a location for the annual holiday party is being discussed.

**Old Business**

- Nothing to report.

## **New Business**

- Future meetings will take place at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, instead of Thursdays as in the past, due to a squad schedule change. All Wahoo parents are welcome to attend the WPAC meetings. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 2 in the Activity Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

### **Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 9, 2011**

**\*\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING\*\*\*\***

**WPAC Attending:** Jeff Adams, Eileen Armstrong, Lauriann Batter, Nicole Clark, Denise Cooney, Patti Daly, Lori DeLise, Randy Erlenbach, Camille Gilroy, Susan Hackel, Elizabeth Hendee, Bernadette Hess, Lynn Holmquist, Amy Nonnenmacher, Margy Sargent, Kristi Snyder, Laurie Storino

**WPAC Absent:** Meg Cole, Derek Farrar, Debbie Lafond, Sophia Maragos, Sunanda Nagpal, Artie Roberts, Penny Scarth, Lisbet Srivastava, Cindy Stewart

**Guests:** Roger Stewart

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the October 6, 2011 were approved.

#### **Director of Competitive Aquatics Report Randy Erlenbach**

- The October meets were a success, both financially (earning more than October 2010) and competitively. The Tri-Meet had fewer entries than anticipated, particularly for 12/under, but the Quad Meet was better attended, and all visiting teams were happy with the format and facilities. Randy addressed the confusion surrounding approved versus sanctioned meets. Connecticut Swim has many regulations that must be adhered to in order to host an approved meet, including who may be invited, whether the format can be trials/finals, and what events can be offered. Since Wilton wanted to host a closed meet with highly competitive teams like Badger and Bluefish in a trials/finals format, offering a variety of events, we did not meet the many criteria set forth by CT Swim, and as a result, the meet was not sanctioned. We did, however, have to pay CT Swim, as we must pay to run a meet regardless of whether the meet is sanctioned or approved. The swims at a non-sanctioned meet will not count for Zone cuts, nor will they count for officials' credits.

- Randy noted that some thought should be given to plans for next year, and whether the Wahoos want to again host two meets in October, taking into account that two meets are better financially but also require greater volunteer efforts.

#### **Co-President's Report**

**Jeff Adams and Lynn Holmquist**

- Lynn thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts during the October meets, particularly with the challenges faced during the Quad Meet by a propane leak and lack of heat, followed by power outages and snow. Visiting teams commented that our volunteer organization was top-notch; she also said that the visiting coaches at the Quad meet were very thankful the Wahoos ran the Sunday sessions despite the snow, since they had traveled to attend.

#### **Financial Update**

**Eileen Armstrong**

- New invoices will be sent soon.

## **Committee Business**

### **Fundraising**

**Laurie Storino**

- Of the 210 families in the 2011-2012 program, 71 have already met or exceeded 100% of their fundraising commitment; 75 still owe 100%. The deadline to meet your fundraising commitment is January 31, 2012.
- The Wahoo Christmas ornament will be offered again this year. In addition, new this year, orders for Wahoo stadium blankets will be accepted at the Thanksgiving meet.
- Swizzles coupon vouchers will be handed out in the coaches packets at the Thanksgiving meet; each swimmer will receive a voucher for savings on the purchase of frozen yogurt.

### **Sponsorship**

**Artie Roberts**

- Absent; no report

### **Meet Coordinator**

**Lynn Holmquist for Debbie LaFond**

- Debbie noted via letter that the Condor and Badger coaches loved the long course meet format and thought our volunteer organization was fantastic. In the future, Meet Managers will ask visiting coaches for cell phone/contact numbers upon check-in, so that emergency situations can be communicated to everyone involved with the meet. Debbie would also like to set a procedure for making decisions regarding emergency changes to sessions, and address a method for communicating meet status among the YMCA, coaches and volunteers.
- Debbie is working to get all meet managers certified with background checks.
- Volunteer sign-up for the Thanksgiving meet will go live Sunday, November 13 at 9 pm.

### **Volunteer Coordinators**

**Amy Nonnenmacher**

- Credits have been entered into the system for the October meets; work credit has been issued to the volunteers for the 12/under Saturday afternoon session despite its' cancellation after everyone arrived for the meet; no credits will be issued for the 13/over session Saturday night since that was cancelled with advance notice.

### **New Family Liaison**

**Patti Daly and Sophia Maragos**

- Updated numbers for new families include 1 National, 1 Senior and 6 Varsity.

### **Public Relations**

**TBD**

- Lynn Holmquist noted that she will coordinate the annual food drive during our Thanksgiving Invitational, asking for canned goods from swimmers attending the meet. The collected items will be donated to a shelter in Norwalk.

### **Squad Reports**

**Squad Vice-Presidents**

### **Super Bronze and Super Squad**

- Super Squad and Super Bronze are hosting a pizza party social on November 11; a hot chocolate social on October 1 turned into a chocolate milk social due to the unusually warm weather that day.

### **Maroon**

- A recent smoothie social was a big success; on November 12, a mini-muffin and mittens gathering is planned. Mittens will be donated to the YMCA's hat and mitten drive.

### **Gold**

- A party planned for November 17 will be rescheduled due to a conflict with picture day; the holiday swimmer gift item has been purchased.

### **Senior**

- A pasta party also planned for November 17 will be rescheduled due to the picture day conflict.

### **Pre-National**

- An Italian-style Thanksgiving feast will be held November 23. Plans are also in the works for a combined Senior and Pre-National holiday grab bag.

### **National**

- A Thanksgiving feast will be held November 11.

### **Old Business**

- Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

- Roger Stewart noted that 10 officials have been lost to graduation or other reasons. Currently, there are about 30 active officials. An officials clinic for new and re-certifying Stroke and Turn, and re-certifying Starters, will be run on November 21. This clinic will also be for Level 1 YMCA S&T certification. A YMCA Level 2 clinic will be held on November 26.

- Roger spoke to CT Swim Head Official Ed Becker, and confirmed that working officials will get training credit for the 8/under meet; however, the masters meet will not count towards training. Of the 7 short course season Wahoo-hosted meets, only 3 will count for credit (November 8/under, January Invite, March 9/under). Two summer long course Wahoo meets will also count.

- Roger encouraged the Wahoos to have representation at the CT Swim House of Delegates meetings held twice yearly.

- There was discussion on monetary or gift card donations by the 12/under swimmers for the CCAT Swim for the Troops meet in December. The squad VPs will talk to Coach Mark to determine how best to handle this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2011**

**WPAC Attending:** Eileen Armstrong, Nicole Clark, Meg Cole, Patti Daly, Lori DeLise, Randy Erlenbach, Camille Gilroy, Susan Hackel, Bernadette Hess, Lynn Holmquist, Debbie Lafond, Sunanda Nagpal, Artie Roberts, Penny Scarth, Kristi Snyder, Cindy Stewart, Laurie Storino

**WPAC Absent:** Jeff Adams, Lauriann Batter, Denise Cooney, Derek Farrar, Elizabeth Hendee, Sophia Maragos, Amy Nonnenmacher, Margy Sargent, Lisbet Srivastava

**Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting were approved.

**Director of Competitive Aquatics Report Randy Erlenbach**

- Randy suggested the need for a committee to investigate options for a replacement or semi-permanent bubble. He noted that the Wilton YMCA facilities are the best available in the area, and when considering options it would be prudent to make a selection looking ahead to the next 10 – 15 years, possibly considering whether an 8 lane/50 meter pool is feasible.

**Co-President's Report**

**Lynn Holmquist**

- Lynn extended a special thanks to Debbie Lafond. The Wahoos are able to run successful meets due in great part to Debbie's superb organizational skills.

**Financial Update**

**Eileen Armstrong and Sunanda Nagpal**

- Sunanda noted that the Wahoo office now has a permanent cash box; all envelopes containing cash or checks should be deposited into this box instead of left on Sunanda's desk. All checks should also contain identifying information, noting what the check is to be used towards.

- Sunanda reported that the 2010-2011 income statement shows the Wahoos broke even for the year.

**Committee Business**

**Fundraising**

**Laurie Storino**

- Laurie will prepare packets for Randy, Lynn, Jeff and the Squad VPs, listing who still owes their fundraising obligation. All obligations must be met otherwise those swimmers will be prohibited from participating in the championship meets. After February 1, obligations can only be paid by cash or check.

- Fundraising is considering whether to accept credit card payments for programs like grocery cards. The YMCA has a 3% credit card processing fee, so the fundraising net will be lower (i.e., a 2% return instead of 5% on most cards) but families may be able to offset that by earning benefits on their credit cards.

- Laurie is soliciting ideas for making the fundraising program easier to understand for new families. Debbie Lafond suggested a mid-year informational meeting to answer questions about fundraising or anything else that may come up. She suggested a drop-in format where various Committee Heads would be available to field questions.

- Laurie noted that the Turnover Shop in Wilton is a great source of extra funds for the Wahoos. To date, approximately \$150 has been collected.

**Sponsorship****Artie Roberts**

- Artie plans to pursue soliciting local service businesses to place ads through the Wahoos, as he feels our meets provide a great audience of potential customers. He will work with the Y to ensure there is no overlap between newly solicited businesses and those companies already sponsoring the YMCA.

**Meet Coordinator****Debbie LaFond**

- 860 kids participated in the Thanksgiving meet. Volunteer workers were much better at signing in for jobs than in the past, so the meet was able to run more smoothly.

- Currently, there are 13 lane counters (used during distance events). Debbie suggested we may want to purchase a few extra to have on hand for the short course season when two pools are being used.

- Debbie noted that often volunteer positions open up mid-week, following the Sunday night sign up, so families should check the website during the week if they are looking for credit jobs.

- Susan Hackel suggested an event update be posted in the lobby window as a means of alerting parents when their child is swimming to reduce congestion in the bleachers. Debbie will work on implementing this, either by posting in the window or outside the gym door.

**Volunteer Coordinators****Meg Cole**

- Work credits are up to date in the system.

**New Family Liaison****Patti Daly**

- No report.

**Public Relations****TBD**

- Lynn Holmquist reported that Juan had two photographers take pictures at the last meet, while she drafted an article for the Wilton newspaper.

**Squad Reports****Squad Vice-Presidents**

It was noted that all Squad VPs should book their rooms for socials through Juan, as he has access to the YMCA computerized system.

**Super Bronze and Super Squad**

- The recent social featuring Chicken Joes and holiday hats was a big success. The next social is a pool party planned for January 14. Money was collected to be used to purchase small items (batteries, wipes, beef jerky, toothpaste, etc) for our troops, to be donated at the upcoming CCAT meet.

**Maroon**

- Maroon will host their holiday party next week – pizza, peppermint and presents! Maroon has also collected money for items for our troops, to be donated at the CCAT meet

**Gold**

- Gold had their holiday party on December 8, and a pool party is planned in January. They have also collected money for items for our troops, to be donated at the CCAT meet.

**Senior**

- A holiday party will be held next week.

### **Pre-National**

- The Thanksgiving Italian feast went very well; on December 21, a Secret Santa social with pizza and hot chocolate will be held.

- Camille Gilroy noted the difficulty in providing Wahoo timers at the Long Island meet since it is a travel meet for the swimmers, and many parents do not attend. She suggested timing assignments be worked out ahead of time.

### **National**

- The Thanksgiving feast went very well; a holiday party for Pre-National, National and Alumni will be hosted at the Berger home on December 23. Plans are in the works for breakfasts during the holiday training week.

### **Old Business**

- Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

- The scoreboard in the north pool, next to the lobby window, is dimming and the LED lights cannot be seen in daylight when the bubble is down; this will need to be repaired prior to hosting our first outdoor meet in June so the scoreboard can be viewed. The cost of replacing the LED bulbs is \$3,280, compared to approximately \$12,000 to replace the scoreboard. Jeff Adams offered to install the new bulbs himself. We currently have a surplus of approximately \$6,000 from our fall meets. Prior to spending a portion of this on new LED lights, Penny Scarth will find out the age of the existing scoreboard, and Artie Roberts will explore the possibility of having a local business sponsor a new scoreboard to reduce the cost to us.

- There was discussion on whether to purchase new timing pads; we currently have 6 new Dactronics pads, and 10 old Colorado pads which sometimes have dead spots or misfires, and will eventually need to be replaced. With 4 spare pads available during a short course meet using two pools, it was decided to revisit this discussion in January once it is determined how much additional money has been brought in through fundraising.

- Laurie Storino mentioned that advertising is down \$2,000 from prior years. She wants the WPAC to begin thinking about the role of advertising, and whether it is to remain a fundraising option which results in variable sales each year, or if a committee should be formed to aggressively pursue advertisements to raise cash for extra expenditures.

- Randy noted that he will look into bringing in a photography service to take action photos of swimmers for future meets.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2012**

**WPAC Attending:** Jeff Adams, Lauriann Batter, Nicole Clark, Denise Cooney, Patti Daly, Lori DeLise, Randy Erlenbach, Camille Gilroy, Susan Hackel, Elizabeth Hendee, Debbie Lafond, Sophia Maragos, Sunanda Nagpal, Amy Nonnenmacher, Margy Sargent, Kristi Snyder, Lisbet Srivastava, Laurie Storino

**WPAC Absent:** Eileen Armstrong, Meg Cole, Derek Farrar, Bernadette Hess, Lynn Holmquist, Artie Roberts, Penny Scarth, Cindy Stewart

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting were not approved due to a lack of quorum at the start of the meeting.

### **Director of Competitive Aquatics Report Randy Erlenbach**

- T-shirts will be sold at the 13/over Y State championship meet.

- Randy reported that there are 300 more swimmers than last year registered for the WYW Winter Invitational in January.

- For the third straight year, Wilton was awarded Silver Medal Club status; Randy plans to upgrade our underwater video system with the monetary grant issued by USA Swimming.

- The annual award banquet to recognize all swimmers will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2012. Meg Cole is coordinating separately a senior brunch for our 2012 graduates.

- Randy noted that the air quality on deck at the December meet in Greensboro, NC was very poor. Since this is the venue for short course YMCA Nationals, he plans to have our team sit outside of the pool deck area during prelims to avoid breathing issues for the swimmers. Swimmers may watch the competition on a video monitor. During finals, the team will remain on deck.

### **Co-President's Report**

**Jeff Adams and Lynn Holmquist**

- Jeff reiterated the need for new touchpads, as well as LED lights for the north pool scoreboard; a vote on each of these expenditures will take place at the next meeting.

### **Financial Update**

**Eileen Armstrong and Sunanda Nagpal**

- Sunanda presented the November 2011 financials.

### **Committee Business:**

#### **Fundraising**

**Laurie Storino**

- Laurie noted that approximately half of the Wahoo families have met or exceeded 100% of their fundraising commitment. She will send a letter to the remaining families reminding them of their commitment due by January 31, 2012.

#### **Sponsorship**

**Artie Roberts**

- Absent; no report.

#### **Meet Coordinator**

**Debbie LaFond**

- Since there are no trained Dactronix workers from the age group squads available to work at Y States due to two away meets, Debbie may ask Cheshire for help since they have long used the Dactronix system.

- Poland Spring is unable to provide water for the Y State meet; Jeff Adams will purchase 15 cases of water to have on hand.

- Debbie noted that the Winter Invitational meet will run like the Thanksgiving meet, with the Friday afternoon session split into two sessions for swimmers, but one session for workers. As in the past, our swimmers will be staged in the gym.

- There was some discussion on the difficulty in getting timers to work away meets; it was reiterated that offering credit for away meets results in less workers available to work our home-hosted meets.

#### **Volunteer Coordinators Meg Cole and Amy Nonnenmacher**

- Work credits are up to date in the system.

#### **New Family Liaison**

#### **Patti Daly and Sophia Maragos**

- Patti announced that there are 4 new age group families; 1 new to the team, and 3 moved up from Super Bronze. Sophia noted that the senior level has 6 new families, 3 on Varsity and 3 on Senior.

- There was discussion on streamlining the process for welcoming and identifying new families, so that the New Family Liaisons can be made aware as soon as a family has joined the team.

#### **Public Relations**

#### **TBD**

- No report.

#### **Squad Reports**

#### **Squad Vice-Presidents**

#### **Super Bronze and Super Squad**

- A pool party is planned for January 14, featuring lunch and poster-making for Y State Championships.

#### **Maroon**

- A pool, pizza and poster party is planned for February 4.

#### **Gold**

- No news to report.

#### **Senior**

- Plans are being made for a combined Senior and Pre-National social event in January.

#### **Pre-National**

- In addition to a joint Pre-National/Senior event in January, plans are being discussed for massages prior to Age Group Championships.

#### **National**

- Breakfast for the squad was provided daily during the holiday training week. Ideas are on the table for future social events.

#### **Old Business**

- Laurie Storino is investigating the potential for a lighting partner to help with the cost of replacement LED bulbs for the north pool scoreboard. Jeff Adams will get the LED specifications.

## **New Business**

- Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 pm in the Studio.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

## **Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 1, 2012**

**WPAC Attending:** Jeff Adams, Eileen Armstrong, Nicole Clark, Meg Cole, Lori DeLise, Randy Erlenbach, Camille Gilroy, Lynn Holmquist, Sophia Maragos, Amy Nonnenmacher, Margy Sargent, Kristi Snyder, Cindy Stewart, Laurie Storino

**WPAC Absent:** Lauriann Batter, Denise Cooney, Patti Daly, Derek Farrar, Susan Hackel, Elizabeth Hendee, Bernadette Hess, Debbie Lafond, Sunanda Nagpal, Artie Roberts, Penny Scarth, Lisbet Srivastava

**Guest:** Roger Stewart

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting were approved.

### **Director of Competitive Aquatics Report Randy Erlenbach**

- Randy noted that Bubble Up will take place a week later this year, on Saturday, September 22, in conjunction with a barbeque open to all team families (in addition to those working for credit at Bubble Up).

- Changes have been made to the long course spring practice schedule, beginning April 2, to expand Wahoo space in the pool and give everyone ample practice lanes. The new schedule will be published soon. The National squad will not have any break between seasons; all other squads will have a two-week break immediately following Age Group Championships (with practices continuing for zone swimmers). The long course summer schedule will remain the same as last year.

### **Co-President's Report**

**Jeff Adams and Lynn Holmquist**

- Lynn noted that the Winter Invitational meet was well attended, and other teams stepped up to fill timer positions as needed. There was discussion on parking and drop-off congestion; Randy will address these with Bob McDowell.

- Lynn also noted that the Nominating Committee is working to fill open slots for the 2012-2013 year.

- The date for the year-end Wahoo banquet has been changed to Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

### **Financial Update**

**Eileen Armstrong and Sunanda Nagpal**

- Reporting for Sunanda, Randy noted that once all meet income has been collected we should be approximately \$100,000, or about \$33,000 over the projected \$67,700.

- Eileen is in the process of reviewing USS accounts.

### **Committee Business:**

#### **Fundraising**

**Laurie Storino**

- The fundraising year ended on January 31, 2012. To date, \$44,600 has been collected, with \$3,800 additional still due. Collection efforts are in process with the families who still owe their fundraising commitment.

- Splash fee credits were earned by 19 families who generated \$11,000, or \$8,000 over their minimum.

- A Scrip Program may be instituted next year, provided the Wahoos can provide enough manpower to run the program. Laurie will explore the parameters of what is required.

**Sponsorship**

**Artie Roberts**

- Absent; no report.

**Meet Coordinator**

**Debbie LaFond**

- Lynn Holmquist reported that the Winter Invitational meet went well.

**Volunteer Coordinators Meg Cole and Amy Nonnenmacher**

- Some families still owe credit hours. It was noted that the credit policy as stated in the Wahoo Handbook will be enforced, and volunteer credits may not be earned at championship meets, to include 12/under Y States, Regionals, Seniors and Age Groups; families with unearned credits will be responsible for paying the stated penalties. All penalties must be paid by May 4, 2012, before the first meet of the long course season.

**New Family Liaison**

**Patti Daly and Sophia Maragos**

- Sophia reported that the Varsity Squad has one new family with two swimmers.

**Public Relations**

**TBD**

- Lynn Holmquist noted that she is submitting articles to the local Wilton paper on Wahoo accomplishments.

**Squad Reports**

**Squad Vice-Presidents**

**Super Bronze and Super Squad**

- No report.

**Maroon**

- Kristy Snyder asked that a "Lost and Found" bulletin board be made available; families can now post lost and found items on the existing Wahoo board in the lobby.

**Gold**

- A squad party will be held on February 4.

**Senior and Pre-National**

- A season "wrap-up" party featuring wraps and smoothies will be held with both Senior and Pre-National on March 9.

**National**

- Through March 15, Nicole Clark and Meg Cole are accepting donations of items for the traditional goody bag distributed to all swimmers attending Short Course Y Nationals. For monetary donations, checks should be made out to cash.

### **Old Business**

- Jeff Adams presented expenditures for new equipment totaling \$8,965: \$5,685 for six Dactronix touchpads and \$3,280 for replacement LED bulbs on the north pool scoreboard. A motion was made and approved to go ahead with these new equipment purchases.

### **New Business**

- Roger Stewart expressed appreciation to Susan Hackel for all her assistance in distributing team photos over the past weekend. Any remaining photos will be given to squad VPs for further distribution.

- The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 7, at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

## **Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 7, 2012**

**\*\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING\*\*\*\***

**WPAC Attending:** Jeff Adams, Eileen Armstrong, Nicole Clark, Meg Cole, Denise Cooney, Lori DeLise, Randy Erlenbach, Camille Gilroy, Susan Hackel, Elizabeth Hendee, Bernadette Hess, Lynn Holmquist, Debbie Lafond, Sophia Maragos, Sunanda Naggal, Amy Nonnenmacher, Margy Sargent, Penny Scarth, Kristi Snyder, Lisbet Srivastava, Cindy Stewart, Laurie Storino

**WPAC Absent:** Lauriann Batter, Patti Daly, Derek Farrar, Artie Roberts

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting were approved.

### **Director of Competitive Aquatics Report Randy Erlenbach**

- Coach Randy noted that the Wahoos won CT YMCA States for the 26<sup>th</sup> year in a row; they also won Connecticut Regional and Senior Championships. Randy wanted to extend special recognition to all those swimmers who participated in the relays at Senior Championships, as they exhibited true Wahoo spirit and competitiveness by racing their hearts out in every relay.

- Randy noted that due to the high number of long course meets we competed in this season, the Wahoos are currently ranked as #1 Long Course Club Champions in the country.

- Randy is looking for a couple of parents to meet with Coach Todd to discuss the team championship suit policy. He has concerns about the high cost of suits that are only effective for up to 20 hours of wear, and said younger swimmers do not need to make this investment.

### **Co-President's Report**

**Jeff Adams and Lynn Holmquist**

- Nothing new to report.

**Financial Update**

**Eileen Armstrong and Sunanda Nagpal**

- Sunanda submitted the financial statement for February.

**Committee Business:**

**Fundraising**

**Laurie Storino**

- Laurie is meeting with Wilton Pizza to discuss adding them to our fundraising vendors, using the preferred gift card format, while Jenn Lewis is exploring fundraising with Whole Foods.

**Sponsorship**

**Artie Roberts**

- Absent; no report.

**Meet Coordinator**

**Debbie LaFond**

- The 9/under meet, our last short course meet of the year, will take place on Sunday, March 11. There are still many timer slots available.

- Debbie expressed concern over the need for Daktronics workers. She is in great need of a captain to coordinate and recruit volunteers for this critical meet job.

**Volunteer Coordinators Meg Cole and Amy Nonnenmacher**

- CT Swim assigns work positions, based on the number of entries each team has at a championship meet. It is Wahoo policy that a parent must work if his/her child is swimming at championships. These jobs are pre-assigned, but problems occur when a parent does not report for an assigned job, or does not notify anyone that his/her swimmer scratched the meet, causing other parents (who have already worked) to pick up the slack. There was discussion on how to address this problem in the future.

- Amy noted that following the 9/under meet, there will be approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 due in work credit penalties.

**New Family Liaison**

**Patti Daly and Sophia Maragos**

- Nothing to report.

**Public Relations**

**TBD**

- Lynn Holmquist noted that she is submitting articles to the local Wilton paper on Wahoo accomplishments for Wilton swimmers, and that she gave information on neighboring towns to parent representatives from those areas.

**Squad Reports**

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**Super Bronze and Super Squad**

- An end-of-season party featuring an inflatable bouncy and carnival games will take place on March 10.

**Maroon**

- Nothing to report.

**Gold**

- The first-ever Gold Squad pool party will be held on March 10.

### **Senior and Pre-National**

- A season “wrap-up” party featuring wraps and smoothies will be held with both Senior and Pre-National on March 9.

### **National**

- Plans are being made for the annual breakfast prior to Y Nationals. Additionally, the National squad girls will hold a bake sale at the 9/under meet.

### **Old Business**

- Jeff Adams and Coach Mark installed the new LED scoreboard lights.

### **New Business**

- Bubble down is scheduled for Saturday, May 19.

- CHANGE to next meeting date: The next meeting will straddle two months, taking place on Wednesday, April 25, at 6:30 pm, in lieu of the currently scheduled meetings on April 4 and May 2.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

## **Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 25, 2012**

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