**Developing Character One Lap at a Time**

Parents Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 3/9/21

**Statement of purpose:**

**To develop a culture of connectedness within YOTA by “making big feel small”.**

**To unify and improve the YOTA experience and engagement throughout the team.**

As we live into our new season, we are grateful for your leadership help us find AIR.

**Mission moment –** Thinking about how far we’ve come this year, appreciating parent support through the PAC; embracing AIR. Always hear about teaching kids resilience; adaptability that we’ve all had. Living into core values, providing a great experience for 530 athletes.

The YOTA swim team provides social outlet when they don’t have anything else.

**Celebrate success**

* AG Champs / GYSSA
  + Both were very successful meets with many PBs
* Virtual Club on USA Swimming – we’re ranked 42nd in the nation. Only score 11-18. Which is really good based on long-term development. YOTA is 5th in NC and 21st in Southeast region
* 17 swimmers going to Age Group Sectionals
* Over 100 attending USRY

**Discussion**

* Registration update – 530
* Upcoming meets
  + USRY – Jerry will attend for at least one day. 100 swimmers. Haven’t attended this meet in a very long time. Great opportunity for 13 & Up to do a prelim/finals meet.
  + AG Sectionals - Jerry will be at this meet for at least one day.
  + YMCA National Festival – YOTA is hosting – Mar. 31-Apr.3
* Spring break dates: March 29-Apr. 4- all but Taylor (and those at Y-Festival)
* COVID updates
  + Mask wearing will likely continue until herd immunity, social distancing and screenings will also continue.
  + Our risk department is saying still wear masks, be socially distanced, screening – but we can go as many as 6 per lane. Younger kids 12-under not very susceptible. Figuring out proper wording for when we start back up after break. CDC has been lifting this for 12-under age. This would allow YOTA to add more kids to the roster, especially in the younger groups, but we must manage effectively who we currently have can’t just add people. Chapel Hill and Taylor have waiting lists.
  + A question was raised regarding lifting or easing quarantine restrictions as people get vaccinated. This will be looked into.
* PAC minutes posted on website
  + No one has heard any feedback about anyone reading them.
* Survey
  + Will go out to all YOTA families this week.
  + The information gathered is very important to showing value to the Y and asking for investment from them
* Site updates
  + Meadowmont – Heater repair complete as of 3/5/21.
  + Southeast Raleigh – 4 swimmers will be trying for Y Festival cuts at USRY meet.
  + Chapel Hill – Continuing conversations among parents about wanting to help find water
  + AGS West – Some parents didn’t like having to choose between going to Sectionals or USRY. Coach John did a great job helping swimmers pick the right meet for them.
  + Taylor – working on water for the fall-winter.
  + Kerr – end of SC season gathering – outside.
  + Finley – all good
  + Durham – looking for LC schedule.
* Long Course
  + There WILL BE a long course season! TENTATIVE LC schedule coming very soon.
  + Will have some challenges finding long course lanes this summer, still not able to rent lanes at NC State or UNC pools.
  + Tuesday and Thursday mornings for long course at Pullen for Raleigh Senior 1, Senior 2 and AGS
  + No long course water yet on west side of town

Some things will not change:

* Our love for YOTA
* Our passion for Coaching
* Our desire to serve you and this community

Next Parent Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Jerry taking off the week of April 5 - 10