

## Sandpoint Shark Swim Club Annual Membership Meeting 11/19/2024

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Board President Chad Foust

Chad presented items for approval:

- 1- Last year the members approved increasing the number of board members to 7, the board has filled the spots by appointing Briana Staglund as secretary, Matthew Ford as member at large and Bobi Bamer as Safe Sport and Fundraising Chair.
  - a. Appointments were approved by all with no discussion
- 2- The following additions were proposed to the By-laws: add wording that our official club code registered with USA Swimming will be **SHRK**. Add descriptions and responsibilities for new board positions of Safe Sport/Fundraising Chair and Member at Large
  - a. Additions were approved by all with no discussion

Head Coach Emily presented a Team Update

- Assistant Coaches Alin and Sophie introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their swimming and coaching experiences
- An overview of each squad and their recommended gear was reviewed
  - o Pink Squad – practice Mon & Wed 4:30-5:30, has grown a lot. Kickboard and Fins are gear needed
  - o White Squad – practice Tues & Thurs 4:30 – 5:30 and Fri 4:30-6:30. Kickboard, Fins and Pull Buoy are gear needed
  - o Purple Squad – practice Mon – Thur 5:30-7:30 and Fri 4:30-6:30. Kickboard, Fins, Pull Buoy, Paddles and Drag Socks are gear needed
  - o Black Squad – practice Mon – Thur 5:30-7:30 and Fri 4:30-6:30. Kickboard, Fins, Pull Buoy, Paddles and Drag Socks are gear needed
  - o Chrom Squad – New – will practice Mon – Thur 5:30-7:30 and Fri 4:30-6:30. Kickboard, Fins, Pull Buoy, Paddles and Drag Socks are gear needed
- Team Gear sites
  - o [www.swimoutlet.com](http://www.swimoutlet.com) – good place for team suits, squad gear and goggles
  - o <https://sandpoint-sharks-swim-team.spiritsale.com> – Turner Productions site with lots of options for items with our logo on items. They are currently having a 30% off holiday sale, if you order online they donate some proceeds back to club
  - o Amazon has drag socks if you are having a hard time finding them
- Meet with the Coach – **New** – Emily will be available in the lobby the Second Wednesday of each month from 4:10-4:20 beginning Jan 8<sup>th</sup> to answer questions for parents. She is available through email throughout the week at [headcoach@sandpointsharks.com](mailto:headcoach@sandpointsharks.com) and will answer questions or work to set up a meeting outside of this time if needed
- Christmas Break
  - o Pink & White squad last day is Dec 20<sup>th</sup> and will be back in the pool Jan 6<sup>th</sup>
  - o We will have a team celebration on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> for all squads in the lobby with secret swimmers, food, drinks and games. Bobi and Emily will send out details and sign up sheet

- Shark Week: Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>
  - o Hell Week Geared towards Black and Purple Squads
    - 12/30 – 8am – 10am and 4:30pm to 6pm
    - 12/31 – 8am – 10am
    - 1/1 – 4:30pm – 6pm
    - 1/2 – 8am – 10am and 4:30pm – 6pm
    - 1/3 – 8am -10am and 4:30pm – 6pm
    - 1/4 - 9am – 11am
  - o Stroke Clinic Geared towards White and Pink Squads
    - Monday 12/30, Tuesday 1/1 and Friday 1/3 from 10am – 12pm
    - Special Guest Coach will be there to help!
- Next round of Tryouts will be Dec 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm
  - o This is for new swimmers and for swimmers that want to move up a squad
- Swim Meets
  - o A list of scheduled swim meets were reviewed, they are posted on the website
  - o We are currently in *short course* season, which is typically held at indoor 25 yard pools. During Summer we are in *long course* season, typically at outdoor 50 meter pools.
- Team Rules and Mission Statement were reviewed
- Communications – updates are sent out at the end of each month with practice and meet schedules for the next month
  - o There is no practice Nov 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> due to the Aqua Trot at the Y – this should be a fun event that we encourage swimmers and families to join. You can find info on their website or in the lobby

Safe Sport report given by Bobi Bamer

- The purpose for Safe Sport courses is to train the swimmers, parents, coaches and board members on what is acceptable and what should be reported. This is required training to be Safe Sport recognized. Make sure you are signing the swimmers up for the right age group when doing their course online.
- 67% of clubs in our LSC are recognized as Safe Sport compliant, including us!
- There will be an online Training Session Dec 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> that Bobi will send out more info on

Fundraising report given by Bobi Bamer and Meggie Foust

- A lot of our financial success this first year came from fundraising and corporate/community donations. We will start another big push for sponsors in January for next year.
- A form was available for giving to prospective sponsors and a sign up sheet was passed around to try and get more bodies on this committee to help plan events and get sponsorships. Please reach out to the Board if you were not in attendance but would like to help on this committee: [bod@sandpointsharks.com](mailto:bod@sandpointsharks.com)
- Meggie blocks off hotel rooms for each meet. There is only 10-12 per meet and they are available on first come, first serve basis. So sign up ASAP if you know you will want a room

Financial reports presented by Stephen Ferris

- A 2024 Financial balance sheet was presented and reviewed with all present

## 2025 and Beyond, additional discussions

- New fees were presented with the Finance for 2025 budget. We will be getting a 5<sup>th</sup> lane for each session in 2025 and our fee per lane will be increased by the Y in 2025. Our Kinderhaven grant will be used to lower fees by 10% for all swimmers in 2025.  
Currently proposed 2025 fees:
  - Black \$150/mo
  - Purple \$145.45/mo
  - White \$86.36/mo
  - Pink \$78.18/mo
- Hours – most parents and board members would prefer to get earlier timeslots in the afternoon, but the Y needs to keep the 3:30-4:30 timeslot for their lessons. The Y was proposing pushing us back even later, but we were able to keep our same hours. We are trying to get a 2+ year contract with them for pool rentals to ensure our lane costs and timeframe are stable for multiple years.
- Survey for coach Emily – the board will send out a survey through email to all members for input. The Board will conduct a head coach review for the year and will use your feedback.
- Squad Parents – went well at the Adam England meet. Kudos to Fabi and Cora for taking that on and it is something we will try to continue coordinating for future meets
- Issues with the Y were discussed and the Board asks that any complaints come to the Board, please do not address complaints directly to YMCA employees. [bod@sandpointsharks.com](mailto:bod@sandpointsharks.com)
- Additional Kudos:
  - We are thankful for all the parents that have done their training and are available to be officials at our meets! It is a great opportunity to learn more about swimming and be up close at the meets. If you are interested, please reach out to Bobi Bamer or Matt Ford for more info on getting started on this.
  - We are thankful for all the support the parents have shown their swimmers at practices and meets! It sets up a positive environment for everyone to learn and grow in the sport
  - Chad and Meggie Foust have put in countless hours to get this Club and Board through our first year, a big round of applause went out for them!

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM