

Sandpoint Shark Swim Club Board Meeting 12/6/2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 with 7 Members in attendance: Chad Foust, Meggie Foust, Bobi Bamer, Stephen Ferris, Briana Staglund, Matthew Ford and Emily Renzini. There was one member absent: Greg Jackson.

Minutes from the 11/08/23 board meeting were reviewed by members. Bobbi moved to approve minutes as presented, Emily second, motion passed by all.

Team Update was given by Head Coach Emily:

The Adam England Memorial meet went very well with 32 swimmers participating, mostly purple and below.

Emily conducted an exit interview with a parent that wanted to stop. Takeaways were:

- Need to re-iterate with new and existing parents that a meeting needs to be set outside of practice/meets to talk with the coach about their swimmer.
- Help on deck is needed with new parents and swimmers at meets. We have two interested volunteers, Emily will try to set a time to meet and interview them.

End of season wrap up event is next Friday 12/15/23 with a short practice, relays and food and fun after.

Upcoming meets: Hells Canyon meet is going to be a developmental meet now. Looking into going to Moses Lake meet January 26th and making it a taper meet for those not going to Washington Open. Washington Open is January 12th and we are trying to get High School swimmers signed up with USA Swimming if we can use their times from High School meets to qualify.

Board Member Position Discussion – we need a Fundraising Chair. There is a lot of people willing to help already, just need someone to fill the Chair position.

Committee Reports:

Membership – We are almost up and running with the website, an email was sent out for Team Unify. Getting Team Unify set up and bills going out. Minutes, links for team information and trainings, and signatures should all be available on the website.

Finance – Stephen reported that checks have been ordered for the account. We received an initial request of \$5K from 7B Swimming for start up for January. 7B Swim reported there is \$11K in funds designated for SSSC. Stephen has written a letter to request the accounting that determined this amount and it will be presented to 7B Swim before we move forward with transferring more funds.

Safe Sport – Bobbie is taking over as our designated Team Representative and Coordinator from Emily for Safe Sport. We need a Volunteer Parent Coordinator as well, Matt will take this position. We need to get a Travel Waiver for bus trips or if other parents are transporting to a meet.

Fundraising – Need a Chair for this committee still. We have Venmo and can do payments, donations, etc. through this. New caps are being ordered, there were a lot of custom/name caps ordered. Will get 20 silicone and 20 latex to have on hand. The Debit card will be used to pay for the order, Meggie will

pass out and collect money for ones ordered once received. Would like to do champs caps for future meets. Turner Promotions has an online shop for us with a lot of great items already that anyone can go online and order. Looking into ordering 30 shirts with the club logo on the front and sponsors on the back to have available for purchase for swimmers and parents. We would like to create a Google Doc spreadsheet of businesses so multiple families don't ask the same businesses for corporate sponsorship. Corporate sponsorship deadline of end of January to get on the shirts and banners we have planned.

Old Business

USA Swim Approval update – we have been approved for our 501c3 and through IES, the USA Swimming approval is expected to come through today.

Handbook Review – handbook was reviewed by all members page by page. Updates and corrections were noted and Chad and Bobbie will make the changes.

Team Unify – This was discussed under Membership Committee report. Should be able to register swimmers, keep track of paperwork, trainings, invoices, payments, swim meet registrations and more.

New Board Member Search – this was discussed under Board Member Position discussion – need a Fundraising Chair.

New Business

- Need to get a travel waiver made up
- Briana will get quotes for Directors and Officers Insurance.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10AM

Next meeting will be January 10th at 8:30 am at