

Sandpoint Shark Swim Club Board Meeting 2/14/2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM with 7 Members in attendance: Chad Foust, Meggie Foust, Bobi Bamer, Stephen Ferris, Briana Staglund, Greg Jackson and Emily Renzini. There was one member absent: Matthew Ford

Minutes from the 1/10/24 board meeting were reviewed by members. After some discussion regarding the coach's training and time, Greg moved to approve minutes as presented, Steve seconded, motion passed by all.

Fundraising Chair Update – We interviewed an interested volunteer for this position. Her daughter is not sure she will start swimming and she had good smaller ideas, but we are looking for large fundraising plans. She has been asked to stay involved with this committee. Bobbi volunteered to take on the role of fundraising chair. Bri moved to appoint Bobbi as fundraising chair, Greg seconded, and motion was passed by all.

Team Update was given by Head Coach Emily:

There is a new aquatics director at the Y – he has been helping Emily keep the pools functioning and open, but the Y is still having issues with maintenance and staffing.

We currently have 52-53 participating swimmers.

The Cougar Classic was last weekend, we had one swimmer attend.

The next meet is "B" champs in Lewiston this coming weekend, there are 13 swimmers signed up to go. Emily would like to do goodie bags, she will connect with Steve on items he has on hand for the bags.

Taper for "A" champs will start next Monday.

We were invited to a meet in Boise. We may bus down with the Cougars team. Believe it is the weekend of 6/30 but will need to verify. Estimating \$450-500 for travel, hotel and food per swimmer.

The summer meet schedule on the website is pretty set. Moses Lake and Summer Solstice may fill up fast, discussion on doing an early commit deadline for those that know they will be going and then a second sign up if there is still availability closer to the meet entry deadline. There is an option for adding a Tri-Cities meet.

SWAT did an event that had Jason Lezak come to the pool and do a program with the swimmers and talked with parents. Discussion about partnering with CAST and doing at the KROC or trying to set up on our own and offering other teams participation for a fee.

The Y is hosting a Fit for the Purpose event that will have a "learn to swim" meet that would have events for beginners to get comfortable in the water and learn some skills. Would like our swimmers to participate with helping as a community service/outreach event. Date is 3/16

Team Meeting Discussion

We will hold this first week of April or last week of March, hoping for a Friday at 5:30.

We are still trying to find a suitable spot, Bobbi will plan this event, we will finalize details at next Board meeting.

This will be a combo general meeting where we will have bylaw changes to approve and forms for swimmers/parents to complete if they haven't online.

Board training 201 – Chad, Emily and Bri completed the board training 201 through USA Swimming. A brief discussion on take-aways was had.

Committee Reports:

Membership – A vote was made by the board through email to afford a late payment option for a family last month. Discussion regarding how to approve these moving forward – need to make a check list or guidelines on criteria to qualify for these exceptions. May want to check with 7B Swim if they would have an avenue for sponsorship requests for someone needing help with a monthly payment.

Finance – No financial statements. Discussion on putting financials on website, would like to do quarterly reports on the site with a rolling forecast to show expected expenditures for remainder of year or season. We are on the mid to low end for fees when compared to other teams in our area.

Safe Sport – Bobi almost has this wrapped up, just need to put info in the correct order. Anyone with a USA membership must have another child or adult in the vehicle if transporting to/from practices or meets and must have a separate hotel room if staying the night.

Fundraising – We have received \$6,500 in sponsorships so far and brought in \$185 from our last Papa Murphy's night. 7B Swim has a meeting next week and we will determine the amount of funds we still have with them.

We have a Sweet Lous takeover on 4/16 and another Papa Murphys night, but we need to get the date.

We have written grants to Kinderhaven and a community impact grant through USA Swimming. We will apply for a grant through Big5 in March for equipment only – jackets, towels, ? Bobbi and Meggie will work with each other to come up with other grant ideas.

Other ideas for fundraising: Hold an auction, do a table for Christmas Present wrapping downtown during shopping events, check with Lions Club if they have a food truck we could use to do Festival or Fair.

There are rooms blocked for Moses Lake meet already.

Old Business

None

New Business: Would like to coordinate with LPOSD to help with the swim lessons they do for grade schoolers.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM

Next meeting will be March 13th at 8:30 am