

Sandpoint Shark Swim Club Board Meeting 3/13/2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM with 8 Members in attendance: Chad Foust, Meggie Foust, Bobi Bamer, Stephen Ferris, Briana Staglund, Greg Jackson, Emily Renzini and Matthew Ford

Minutes from the 2/14/24 board meeting were reviewed by members. With no corrections to be made, Greg moved to approve minutes as presented, Steve seconded, motion passed by all.

Team Update was given by Head Coach Emily:

Short course season just wrapped up. There were multiple PRs at both "A" Champs and "B" Champs. Our team won the Spirit Award at "B" Champs. Shamrock Shakeup meet was also a success with 3 swimmers winning the Pentathlon Award and a couple swimmers successfully competing in their first meet.

Long course season starts in mid-May with the Lewiston meet.

Emily has started compiling a document for code of conduct updates. There is a code of conduct in the handbook already and we will plan to make additions/corrections and add steps of actions to it.

There was a discussion regarding a couple incidents recently at the pool

- A swimmer went the wrong way in a lane and ran into another swimmer. This seemed to be an isolated incident and we will re-address if it persists.
- There was an incident with members and staff upset regarding swimmers splashing in the pool when they should have been warming up. This was discussed with the swimmers, parents and staff prior to our meeting and we feel it has been dealt with.

Emily has started compiling a list of requirements for scholarships. She has compliance with code of conduct tied into these requirements and we would like to keep that in. We will put this on the back burner for now, we need to be solid with funds and financial planning before we start offering scholarships.

Fit for a purpose is next week, 3/16/24 from 9-12. Some kids have signed up for volunteering for this.

Team Meeting Discussion

Date set for 3/22/24 at the Green house on Michigan from 5:30-7:30. Lasagna will be provided, parents are signing up to bring sides.

We will keep this a fun event and hold the parent/annual/membership meeting at a later date.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Tryouts will be held April 8-11, we will work to get a sign up by Dubs on the fence for this. Emily has sent out an email with schedule regarding practices and breaks for each color. Discussion regarding discount for months where there are breaks in practice. It will set a precedence for other months that end up short on practices and we still have to pay for the full month of pool fees. Keep full month tuitions this year and reevaluate next year. Someone from the Board will print the tri-fold information sheet to save some money.

Finance – Steve gave financial reports and reviewed with the Board. 7B swim has determined they have \$20K total for donation funds. At this time, \$14K will go to SSSC and \$4K will be held for SHS team. They will stay active to keep funding SHS swim team.

Safe Sport – no updates

Fundraising – We have received a donation from Bonner General Hospital, we made \$210 at our last Papa Murphy's night, Edward Jones and Kochava sound like they will be new sponsors.

The Big5 grant ended up being gift certificates for auctions, we will not pursue that. We have not received any further communications from other grants yet.

Sweek Lou's Takeover is coming up on 4/16

We spent \$800 on shirts, possibly do one in fall too if we continue to bring in new sponsors. Would like to do gifts for LC champs – Meggie will look into options. We would like to do champs caps as well that are a different color or design so they stand out from regular team caps.

Old Business

None

New Business: Diving guidelines were discussed. Greg put a lot of time looking into requirements for USA swimming, **National Federation of State High School Associations**, and YMCA diving depths.

NFHS = 4' deep at 12" away from wall

USA Swim = 4' for practice and competitions, 6' for teaching

YMCA = 5' for practice and competitions, 9' for teaching.

Discussed doing training times at the KROC center for a couple months so kids can learn and be certified to practice in shallower depths.

The coach determines when a swimmer is certified to practice instead of learning. Would like to do a checklist for kids under 10 and coach make judgement for kids over 11.

Greg is talking with YMCA aquatic director about holding high school meets, this may lead to some consideration for practicing dives for the age group swimmers.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM

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