

## Sandpoint Shark Swim Club Board Meeting 4/10/2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM with 7 Members in attendance: Chad Foust, Meggie Foust, Bobi Bamer, Stephen Ferris, Briana Staglund, Greg Jackson, Emily Renzini. Matthew Ford was absent

**Minutes** from the 3/13/24 board meeting were reviewed by members. Correction was made to update a diving depth guideline resource from IHSA to NFHS. Greg moved to approve minutes as amended, Chad seconded, motion passed by all.

**Team Update** was given by Head Coach Emily:

Everyone is back in the pool after the short break between short course and long course season and moral seems to be high with the kids.

Tryouts are this week and 5 new swimmers have committed to joining with possibly more that have shown interest but not committed. One person saw our sign by Dubs, called for info and tried out!

No issues with parents and the sign up fees so far.

Tara Converse is doing a nice job with teaching the level 6 group, their skills are increasing significantly.

The Y hired a new Aquatics Director. He just started on Monday but it is going well so far and seems to be supportive of the swim team and our needs.

There was confusion with a post by YMCA recruiting for a new swim team. This is a team they are trying to start in Spokane, not Sandpoint, but the post was misleading.

First Long Course meet coming in 5 weeks

We hope to have an assistant coach hired by May 10<sup>th</sup> when Emily is due to start her other job.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Membership* – we are sitting at 40-50 kids depending on how many new ones sign up with this weeks' tryouts

*Finance* – Steve gave financial reports and reviewed with the Board.

*Safe Sport* – we are almost 100% up to date with everything we need to submit to them, just waiting on a couple items to go through on USA Swimming site.

We have another parent that has shown interest in officiating, Bobi will work with them to get started.

An update was given on the issue of officials and board members taking other swimmers to meets and practice: if there is a dual relationship outside of swim team, they will just need an annual waiver for all trips.

*Fundraising* – We will be forming a committee to start coming up with larger fundraising ideas.

Sweet Lous takeover is Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. There are a few shifts that still need to be shored up, an email will go out on this. A Facebook post will be sent out soon to promote event and get shifts filled. Bobi will be doing posters for the event and a donation jar for the 50/50 raffle.

We will make a Thank You letter to send out to our sponsors so far.

### **Old Business**

Banquet went well last month. We would like to do another one this summer to wrap up Long Course season. Will plan on an outdoor potluck event to save on money and planning.

Parent meeting discussed. Instead of having a meeting that parents need to make it to, we would like to have a week or two where a Board Member will be on deck to answer questions and have signature pages available. Would like to do this the first part of May.

Diving regulations discussed. We submitted our information to the Y to have them approve practice diving. This was with the previous Aquatics director, Greg has been in touch with the new Director already. There has been no movement or contact from the Y on a decision yet.

Open Water Zones has been scheduled in California this year. Coeur d' Alene will hope to host again next year.

### **New Business:**

Assistant Coach: We received one applicant, but she is finishing high school this year and doesn't have any coaching experience. Greg will let her know we are keeping the job open and won't be making a decision yet. Another person has expressed interest but has not applied yet.

Older swimmers in pool: Discussion regarding 18 and older swimmers in the pool with age group swimmers. They need to do a background check and complete SafeSport training. We will try to put something on our website for information on this for year round swimmers and those coming back from college for breaks who want to get in.

Pool operations: Emily has had issues lately with the pool not being cleared of members when swim team starts. She has been needing to ask people to clear the lanes, creating a delay in start time of practices. There are signs in the pool, but the guards are either coming late or not setting them up or helping with clearing the lanes. In August, the Sharks will be down to 1 or 2 lanes for practice. How will this affect our pool rental fees? Chad will address these with Y management.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM

Next meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am