

Sandpoint Shark Swim Club Board Meeting 7/19/2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:23 AM with 7 Members in attendance: Chad Foust, Meggie Foust, Stephen Ferris, Briana Staglund, Greg Jackson, Emily Renzini and Bobi Bamer. Matt Ford was absent

Minutes from the 5/1/24 board meeting were reviewed by members. Minutes of Special Meetings through emails were also presented. With no corrections to make, Bobi moved to approve the minutes, Greg seconded, motion passed by all

Team Update was given by Head Coach Emily:

We held tryouts in May, 8 swimmers tried out and joined. We have another tryout scheduled for Sept 10th – 12th before practice at 4pm and have the lanes reserved already.

We got our regular cap order in

The pink squad is doing great

Alin has come to a practice to observe and is working on her deep water certification. She is not able to make the entire upcoming meet but is trying to make one day

Sofie is working on her certifications as well and should be done with her online training by 8/12.

We are doing the mini long bridge swim at City Beach in 2 weeks on August 2nd. We are trying to coordinate the end of summer celebration after as well, Bobi will work with Fabi to see if they can find a new parent to help coordinate this.

We have one swimmer going to Zones the 2nd week of August and team is on their final week of taper for Champs meet.

Will try to do some unofficial practices at Dog Beach pilings the week before the Long Bridge Swim.

First week of September will be off from practices, afternoon practices will begin Sept 9th.

Emily will be in Denver Sept 26th – 29th as the IEL rep for coaches.

Committee Reports

Membership – 52-53 kids right now, we anticipate a decrease when High School starts. We will pause payments in August this year for no practices or meets. We will send out an email to the parents/kids that stopped for the summer to try and get them going again

Finance – Stephen passed out and reviewed financials with the Board

Safe Sport – will send email reminder to parents about doing the training when kids come back.

Fundraising – a small kid triathlon was put on in the community, look into co-hosting the swim portion in the future. We are still planning an online auction hopefully in Sept/Oct, will try to get a group together to help coordinate donations. Discussed that we should make money off of hosting a meet

Old Business

Chad is still waiting to hear from Heidi for an appointment to discuss lane times, lessons, pool renovations, etc. We have our lane times set through Dec. 31st.

New Business

Caps – We have a design but would like to do a different color for the champs caps. Grey, white, light purple? We will see what kids want before ordering. Also want to look into charms (croc charms?) for kids that PR or break a record.

Discussed options for hosing a meet:

- For 2026 we would need to get our bids into the HOD in October. Options we will look into are co-hosting with the Vandals club, doing a sprint classic just B4 champs and trying to do at Whittier because the fees are less than U of I
- Greg will check on if there are any options to get one in for 2025 – maybe in January, or May-July so we can have another qualifier before Champs entries are due.

Would like to get the Long Bridge Swim certified as a qualifier for the Open Water Zones that will be held in Coeur d Alene again next year.

Would like to look into a Christmas Break Swim Camp or Hell Week – Chad will try to get 4 Lanes in AM and PM the week after Christmas and Greg and Emily will come up with a schedule/plan for event.

Coach annual review – will hold in December. Bobi, Stephen and Greg will conduct review. Should survey the parents and compile responses.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

Next meeting will be Sept 11th at 8AM