

Sandpoint Shark Swim Club Board Meeting 09/11/2024

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

Minutes from the 7/19/24 board meeting were reviewed by members. With corrections and additions to be made. Greg moved to approve the minutes as amended, Emily seconded, motion passed by all

Team Update was given by Head Coach Emily:

We are holding tryouts this week. 15 new swimmers tried out yesterday 9/10 and all were passed to the team. Some sound like they want to start right away, some may start next month after other sports end. We will try to get them entered into Team Unify so they are set up when they are ready to join. All current swimmers who tried out yesterday to move up squads made it as well! There will be a second tryout tomorrow 9/12.

Emily had a coaches meeting this week with other area coaches. She brought up wanting to do an open water event and got info on how to get that going so it is a qualifier for Zones next year. The CAST coach is interested in co-hosting this and/or a meet in April with us. We will need to get our request in by March to host a meet.

The meet calendar is out for the short course season. Meggie is working on blocking rooms and getting the info onto our website.

- Meet in September at WSU – some kids are signed up already, Sophie plans to attend with Emily
- Meet in October Trick or Treat – hopefully Alin can attend this meet
- Meet in November is Adam England memorial – Emily may have to miss if she get into a workshop she is looking into. If so, Greg and possibly Sophie will be able to cover.

Planning for Sophie to work 2 hours per week with the pink squad. Hoping once cross country is over Alin can do 8 hours per week.

Still want to do Hell week Dec 30 – Jan 4th. 8-10 would be workout, discussed trying to hold a stroke clinic for younger kids from 10-12 and schedule a second workout for hell week participants after that. Would like to have shirts made and if the kids attend and complete certain requirements of the workouts they would receive one as an incentive to participate.

Committee Reports

Membership – 40 kids right now, not counting any new ones that passed the tryouts this week.

Finance – Stephen passed out and reviewed financials with the Board

Safe Sport – next round of Zoom meetings are coming. Bobi will send info out once she gets it.

Fundraising – We are hosting a bake sale at the Ponderay Days this coming weekend. Would like to look into using some funds to get charms or incentives to pass out when swimmers hit goals at meets. We will send out an email to the Sharks parents to come support the SHS team at the Sweet Lou's Takeover next week.

Old Business

Asst Coach Update – both Sophie and Alin are certified and on deck with Emily. They will get bios together to put on the website. We have had a new applicant, Beth Knight. She is hearing impaired but has tons of coaching experience. Her preference would be to work with older kids, so options might be to pull a couple aside at practices to work with them, maybe cover Friday practices, or maybe start a Masters Team in the mornings after High School team is done. Chad will set up a meeting with her and a couple board members.

Swim Caps – still need to get champ caps ordered and can get regular personalized caps ordered at the same time. Decided to do purple caps for SC Champs and white caps for LC Champs with “Champs” under logo where names usually are. Will order 50 latex purple caps to start.

Open Water Swim – Would still like to use the Long Bridge Swim to start an open water qualifying event. Briana will discuss with them if they would be willing to work with us and what it would entail, Bobi will look into USA swimming requirements for having a qualifier. Emily has info on who to work with if we are moving forward. Everyone will think about other options to host if we can’t work with the Long Bridge Swim. Steven was contacted by someone from Hope/Clark Fork with an idea to start a swim program at Pend Oreille Shores and host an open water event out there at the end of their season. Chad will talk with someone at POS on if they would be on board for this.

YMCA contract – Chad is working with Heidi and Patrick to get this finalized for next year. Looking to go from 4 to 5 lanes next year, this will increase our capacity but also our costs. Working with YMCA on times, they want to extend their swim lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays which would make our availability less. Tentative schedule of Mon-Wed-Fri Pink and White from 3:15-5:15, Black and Purple 5:15-7:30; Tues-Thur Black and Purple 5:30-7:30

New Business

Emily’s Annual Review – Would like to have the parent input document ready for Board review and out to the parents in October, compile the responses in November and hold the review in December.

Service Charge for refunds – we have parents that are telling us after they pay for the month that their child is no longer swimming and want tuition refunded. We are incurring a service charge every time this happens. Need to implement a fee for this – no refunds, half refunded and flat fees were discussed. Greg moved to charge a flat \$15 fee per refund for now, Steven seconded and motion passed by all. This will be re-evaluated and may change at the beginning of next year.

Annual Meeting – scheduling is tight for this with swim meets and high school season. Looking to hold it 1-2 weeks after the November BOD meeting – November 20th or 21st. Will want to have no practice that day so more parents and kids can attend. Bobi will look for a venue around this timeframe.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM

An executive session was held with members after regular meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be October 9th, 2024 at 8:30 AM

