

Sandpoint Shark Swim Club Board Meeting 11/12/2025

Chad Foust – President; Greg Jackson – VP; Stephen Ferris – Treas; Briana Staglund – Secretary Bobi Bamer – Safe Sport/Fundraising chair; Matthew Ford – Parent advocate; Emily Renzini – coach

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am with 10 members in attendance: Chad Foust, Meggie Foust, Matthew Ford, Emily Renzini, Greg Jackson, Briana Staglund, Stephen Ferris, Bobi Bamer, Cora Johnson and Lola Martinsen

The mission statement was read.

Minutes from the 10/08/2025 board meeting and special meeting by email were reviewed by members. Greg moved to approve the minutes as presented, Steve seconded, motion passed

Team update was given by Coach Emily

The Trick or Treat and SWAT meets last month were both a big success with lots of new swimmers competing in their first meet.

December 29th – January 3rd will be Shark Week. Mike will help again with a stroke clinic, Emily will check in with him on fee. Tryouts will be held on the 29th and 30th of this week at 4pm

Want to schedule a team bonding event for after Shark week, looking into doing a skate party the 3rd

December 19th will be the Christmas party. Will do a practice for all 4:30-5:30 and then food and gift game in lobby 5:30-6:30

Alin gave notice – November 14th will be her last day. We will post a job opening on Indeed and our Facebook page and check with former swimmers for any interest.

Most USA memberships are coming due at the end of December, reminder will go out.

Committee Reports

Membership – we are currently at 82: 3 Black, 3 High School, 16 Purple, 19 white and 41 pink

VP Report – Greg passed out an initial meet announcement and reviewed plan for events, he will send to Board to get thoughts/corrections. He wants to have it to Jodi by the end of the year. We will try to add a bracket example in the announcement to alleviate any confusion with scoring. We will confirm dates with the KROC center and IES, there may be a discrepancy. Greg has offered to coach white and pink practices while we are looking for a new assistant to replace Alin.

Finance – a report was prepared by the new bookkeeper, it was reviewed by the Board

Safe Sport – nothing new at this time

Fundraising – a current list of events was passed around. These are what we have scheduled, more can and will be added. This is a start to present to parents on where we need help.

Parent Advocate – torch was passed to new parent advocate

Old Business

Scholarship Fund update – We have only received one or two apps at this time, we will try to do some more advertising on Facebook, in our parent emails, or with the Bee.

Assistant Coaches Review – these will be completed by the end of the year

Emily's Review – the survey went out by Greg, we will hold the review based on the results of this

Bookkeeping Services – the Board voted by email to accept the bid of Talents to take over bookkeeping services. They are up and running and prepared this meetings' reports.

Pool Contract and Winter Activities – working with Y to finalize, they have offered same rates for upcoming year. They want us to encourage older kids to work at Y but lifeguarding is a conflict of time with practices.

Annual Meeting – Set for next Wednesday at Sandpoint Community Hall and notice has been sent out to members. Bobi will do a Safe Sport Overview, Meggie will do a fundraising announcement, Emily will give a coaches report, Greg will present the Meet plan and express need for help. They will have outlines to Chad by Monday for the Agenda.

New Business

YMCA Locker Room Policy – Board discussed the situation and letter that was sent to us demanding action. An email was sent to parents/members with the options they have to keep their kids safe. The Y is looking into clearing the lockers on the pool side locker room so that it is only available to athletes during practice time. Y members on the team can use the main locker room if they choose. The Y will have a decision/plan ASAP and the locker room policy will be updated on their site and ours. The Y does a background check on all patrons that have access to the facilities when you sign up at front desk.

2026 Budget and Swim Fees – a budget was presented and reviewed by the Board for the 2026 seasons. A schedule of new swim fees with the 3 season format was also presented and reviewed. This is what will be presented at the annual meeting to members.

PO Box discussion – there was some discussion on getting a PO Box for the Team. We currently are using a board member's mailing address for mail. The amount of mail coming in is not a lot, we will keep it as is at this time to save on extra expense and re-evaluate if situations change.

Assistant Coach Search – this was discussed under the Team Update.

With no further regular business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM. Next meeting will be December 10th, 2025 at 8:30 AM