

BPRSTPA Virtual Meeting Minutes

Parent Meeting

September 13, 2022
8:00 PM

Board Members for 22-23 Swim Season

- Taryn Powell - President
- Justin Strock - Treasurer
- Alycia Miller - Meet Director
- Dana Wilmer - AMS Representative
- Nicole Mitchell - Fundraising/Marketing
- Naomie Moffat - Officials Chair
- Janis Jackovic - First Vice-President
- Nikki McKiernan- Secretary
- Heather Martin - Concessions
- Christina Ratti - Membership
- Linda Blocklin - Safe Sport

- MOTION: To approve the positions - Taryn
 - 2nd Justin Strock
 - Motion carries
- Open Positions
 - President Elect
 - 2nd AMS Representative

Slide Show Presentation

- **Introduction of 22-23 Coaching Staff** – Kathy Strock
 - Kathy Strock, Anna Waterson, Emily Eiben, Annie Sekulski, Jane Brackett, Michelle Becker

- **Communication**
 - Please email coaches
 - Website: www.bprswim.org
 - OnDeck App
 - Facebook: Bethel Park Rec Swim Team
 - Twitter: coming soon
 - Instagram: coming soon
 - USA Swimming: www.swimming.org
 - AMS Website: www.amsswim.org

- **Swim Meet Entry Process**
 - Go to BPRSwim.org, select the event, edit commitment, select your swimmer's name, select the day and session, a note to the coaching staff can also be added.
 - Meet announcement is also posted for additional meet information.

- **Swim Program Expectations**

- Mindset - attend practice with a purpose
- Effort - attendance is important
- Joy - have fun
- Goals - build a culture, "Success is Tradition."

- **Swim Season**

- First Splash is at Seneca Valley
 - 10/1 - 10/2 (Open Meet)
- Steel City Age Group Open at Moon
 - 11/5-11/6
- Bethel Park Rec Swim-A-Thon
 - 11/12
- Mark J. Braun Fall Classic at the SPIRE Institute
 - 11/18-11/20
- Christmas Qualifier at Bethel Park 1
 - 12/2-12/4
- WVU Christmas Meet
 - 12/10-12/11
- Mt. Lebanon Age Group Open
 - 1/14-1/15
- Single Age High Point at Bethel Park
 - 2/4 - 2/5
- Valentine Mixer
 - 2/11-2/12
- Distance Meet at Hampton
 - 2/18-2/19
- Silver Champs
 - 2/24-2/26
- Junior Olympics at Pitt (A and faster)
 - 3/9-3/12
- Last Splash at Mt. Lebanon
 - 3/25-3/26

- **Home Meets**

- Swimmers swim at Bethel Park Pool
- Showcases our community and facilities
- Great source of revenue to avoid fundraisers

- **Registration and Dues – Justin Strock**

- Dues
- Administration/Athletic Fees
 - Tier 1 (2 Seasons)
 - Senior, Platinum, Gold
 - 2 seasons (short course Sept-May), (long course Apr. - Aug)
 - 2 payment options (full season or installments)
 - Tier 2 (4 Seasons)
 - Silver, Bronze
 - 4 seasons
 - fall: Sept-Nov,

- winter: Dec-Ma
 - spring: Apr-May
 - summer: June-July
- Full dues at registration
- This is to allow for multi sport athletes to take a season off and then return
- Refunds are not given for those who do not complete the season
- This information is on the website

- Sharks Group
 - Month by month fee structure
 - group is designed for newer swimmers
- Multi-Athlete Discount for dues
 - 2 swimmers 5%
 - 3 swimmers 10%

- **Athlete Fees and Administration**
 - t-shirts
 - caps
 - meet entries
 - USA Swimming Registration - not included in team registration fee
 - they are using a new system called SWIMS 3.0 and membership fees are now paid directly through this account
 - a link will be shared
 - create a parent account
 - add your swimmer's name
 - link your swimmer's old registration to new registration
 - pay for coming year
 - 2 payment options
 - Sharks swimmers - flex membership
 - Other groups - premium USA swimming membership
 - swimmer times can be accessed here
 - Discount Membership for Low Income Families
 - Outreach membership program is available
 - Information is on the AMS website

 - This information will be emailed along with AMS registration information.

- **Fundraising**
 - Swim Meets
 - entry fees, concessions, apparel, heat sheets
 - Community Day
 - Swim-A-Thon
 - Other Fundraisers
 - Goal to raise \$15,000 - \$30,000

- **Benefits**
 - events - banquets, team activities
 - end of season awards
 - coaching travel, training
 - pool equipment and rental
 - competition -championship meet travel reimbursement
 - athlete benefits - team suits, team gear, other as fundraising allows

- **Volunteer Hours - Christina Ratti**

- Opportunities for Volunteering:
 - 2 Swim Meets
 - Community Day
 - Swim-A-Thon
- Clearances are needed to volunteer
 - PA Child Abuse (Act 151)
 - PA Criminal Record Check (Act 34)
 - FBI Finger Printing (Act 114)
- Volunteering is important
- 28 hours required per family
 - All groups are responsible for these hours except Sharks
 - Penalty of \$500 if the required hours are not met.
 - Majority of hours can be attained by working at the swim meets.
- Information about the clearances needed can be found at the link below.
 - <https://www.bpsd.org/VolunteerInformation.aspx>
- If you have questions please email:
 - bprsafesport@gmail.com

- **Meet Jobs - Justin Strock**

- Timers
- Officials
- Announcers
- Runners
- Timing System Operator
- Concessions
- Sign in table
- Deck monitor
- Safe Sport
- Safety/First Aid (board position)
- Meet Director (board position)
- Awards/ Ribbons
- (Entrance) Membership chair (board position)

- If 10 hours or more away from the required number of volunteer hours a fee of \$500 will be charged.
- Swimmers can volunteer depending on their age and the job.
- HS kids may time the Christmas Qualifier meet.
 - Younger swimmers will not be permitted to time this event.
- Volunteers are excused to watch their child swim during meets.

- **Safe Sport - Linda Blocklin**

- Club is recognized as a Safe Sport Club with USA Swimming.
 - This recognition is valid for the next 2 years.
- Watch to make sure no one is on deck that is not permitted.
- email lblocklin@gmail.com if there are any questions.

- **Swimming Officials - Naomie Moffat**

- Multi-step training process
 - Attend a clinic
 - Official in Training (apprentice) - shadows an official for 6 sessions
 - Background Check
 - Open Book Test
 - Attend a "new officials" clinic 9/22/22 @ Woodland Hills High School

- (attending this clinic can be done at any time)
 - AMS Site has information about how to become an official
 - 5 officials needed to run a meet
 - email naomiemoffat@yahoo.com if interested in learning more.
 - This is a way to earn volunteer hours toward the BPR Club Requirement
 - 25% discount for swimmer's fees if you do choose to become an official
 - The club covers the cost of becoming an official.

- **Swim Apparel Sale - Heather Martin**
 - Open 9/13- 9/26
 - Many of these items will also be sold at Community Day
 - Heather will send a separate email about the apparel sale
 - email martin.heather816@gmail.com if questions

- **Concessions - Heather Martin**
 - candy gram committee
 - bake sale
 - general concessions
 - one-time drink donation for the first swim meet. (water or Gatorade)
 - both food and drink donations will be needed.
 - Sign-up Genius will be shared
 - If interested in helping with concessions please email Heather.

- **Team event - Janice Jackovic**
 - October 22nd - Simmons Farm, Hayride Bonfire
 - Please bring an appetizer or dessert. (a dish)
 - No fee to attend this event

- **Swim A Thon**
 - Packet will be shared with swimmers in October
 - Older swimmers swim 100 laps
 - Younger swimmers swim
 - Sponsors can donate per lap, or a one time donation
 - Will need volunteers to count the swimmer's laps.
 - Prizes will be awarded to the swimmer's for those who raise the most money, swim the most laps, etc.
 - November 12th
 - Will be structured by groups

- **South Park Learn to Swim Clinic**
 - October 10-October 27
 - at South Park High School
 - 6:30p - 7:15p

Meeting adjourned 9:29 PM