

Valley East Waves

Parent Meeting/Annual General Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2024 Zoom 7p.m. till 7:51 p.m. (some technical issues at beginning)

In attendance: Connie, Ashley, Sharon, Sheryl, Shauna, Cara, Jen Raymond, Josee, Audrey Pharand, Peter MacDonald, Eric Demers, Stacey Trottier, Christine

a) Adoption of Agenda:

- Nothing to add

b) 2024-2025 Executive Committee

- President-Ashley LeBlanc-Aubin
- Vice President-Vacant
- Registrar-Cara Whalen
- Treasurer-Sophie Renaud
- Secretary-Shauna Leclair
- Director of Officials-Connie Zwarich
- Fundraising/Apparel-Chantal Beaulieu
- Payroll-Sheryl Dashnay
- Bingo Coordinator-Connie Zwarich
- Head Coach-Sharon Leger

Vacant Positions (no interest from members not already on exec)

- Website and Social Media
- Swin-A-Thon Coordinator
- Jr. Waves Representative

c) Approval of VEW Bylaws

- Legislative changes to Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act were implemented and required us to amend our bylaws.
- Bylaws were attached to Agenda prior to Meeting, some questions regarding bingo commitment noted in bylaws were discussed
- Unanimous approval of bylaw changes

d) Review of Code of Conduct and Complaint, Discipline and Appeal Procedures

- Ashely discussed that these are required to be adopted by all swim clubs from Swim Ontario. Handled by the Club first, if not, then escalates to Swim Ontario
- Will be posted on our website under the tab documents
- Already signed off on at registration

e) Fundraising

- Not holding as many fundraisers, planning on chocolate bar sales, fudge sale around Easter, top-fish in February, Swim-A-Thon etc.

- Look at website for info, team unify messages for events

f) Bingo

- Largest fundraiser for the club
- Connie noted that we have asked for some during the week so not all on weekends
- Have most of this year filled up, a few spots in December still need to be filled
- Will have 2025 schedule sometime next month
- Need to doing training if not already trained, info on website

g) Sponsorship

- 3 different sponsorship levels, letter available on website under documents

h) Apparel

- LY Sports-team swimsuits, team code VEWAVES, Team page link VEW...see info no website

i) VEW Top Fish Swim Meet

- February 23, 2025, for 12 and under, big fundraiser for the club
- All hands on deck needed for volunteers to run this event

j) Swim-a-thon

- Swim Canada event, usually help in April or May, competitive are required to participate, fitness/junior waves encouraged to participate

k) Competitions

- Nov 10th Top Fish at Gatchell Pool, 9 swimmers
- North Bay Nov 15th weekend, 14 swimmers
- Kirkland Lake Nov 30th weekend, require a minimum of 5 swimmers to travel
- Jan 25-NEOR 2 Gatchell
- Feb 7th Dave Kensit SSM
- Feb 23rd-Our Top Fish, like our non-competitive swimmers to do our event, only allowed 1 competition when registered as a pre-competitive swimmer
- April 12th-NEOR 3 North Bay
- April 25th SSM
- May 4th Top Fish Gatchell
- May 24th Fred Rams Timmins
- Sharon still looking for a June meet to take our season right till the end of school

l) Officials Information

- Connie will be holding another intro session, need to assist other clubs at events so they will help out at ours also. Timers and other positions to be filled, best seat in the house being right on pool deck.
- Can utilize LMS system to do online training also for other positions

m) Financial Update

- 2024-2025 budget discussed

n) Head Coach Report

- Slow start with pool closure delay, 14 swimmers at Gatchell/dryland
- Swim Meet in October-very high % of best times by swimmers
- Rest of club started once pool re-opened, lots of intro to competitive swimmers
- Higher end swimmers not there, no one registered above group 4, no morning swimmers
- 13 Junior Waves, down from last year but lots moved to competitive
- Niko joined to help with the JR Waves

o) Questions

- Concerns over bingo sessions served and bylaws, noting expectations for when bingo session served. Club require assistance to fulfill bingos all the time; many people do more than the required in order to fulfill our bingo commitment. Would be appreciated if more parents would participate and space out their commitments.