



Champaign County HEAT Booster Club Steering Committee

Meeting minutes from: April 13, 2023 at 6-7 p.m.

Present: Will Barker, Natalie Kenny Marquez, Liz Howard, Mindy Borden, Jan Reynolds, Roselle Bhosale, Anne Fahnestock, Erica Malloch

1. Presidents Report - Natalie Kenny Marquez

- a. Sponsorship Update
Prospect Bank sent in a check for sponsorship. Grow Marketing sent in their sponsorship check.
- b. Upcoming fundraiser opportunities
Looking into a Long Course season dine out fundraiser at Hickory River or Panera. Whichever isn't chosen will be a fall Short Course season dine out fundraiser.
- c. Travel policy
There was a lengthy discussion about the travel policy under development. Anne voiced her concern about coaches reimbursements, specifically for parent coaches. Anne made note that she wanted it on record that coaches who do not coach regularly throughout the season should not be allowed to submit receipts for travel reimbursement. Being that coach travel reimbursement is by far the largest budget expense of the board, Will proposed that moving into SC season we determine a number of coaches allowed to submit for reimbursement per meet. Natalie offered to come up with a schedule so that we can work this into the budget. Natalie recommended that another meeting take place to review the additions to the draft policy brought up by the YMCA, Will, and Coaches (who offered their feedback to Will). Then, incorporate the draft policy components and budget into a meeting for the full board to review and vote on at an upcoming meeting. Natalie will coordinate both a travel and budget meeting in the coming weeks. It was suggested by Anne that no coach reimbursements take place for Y Nats travel until the travel policy is further discussed.
- d. Ideas for team building activities for summer season and moving into 2023-2023 short course season
The board is looking into ways to offer treats or snacks for swimmers after ARC practices, offer a vehicle decorating in prep for the LC state meet, and work with Will and the coaches to do some fun activities (maybe a relay meet at the Y) during the summer season.
- e. 2023-2024 board member recruitment efforts & planning for next season's board
Group reps may need to be adjusted moving into the SC season. Board roles are two-year assignments.

2. Coaches Report - Coach Will Barker

Will was pleased to report that the season went great. Y Nats went great. Angie Coe was a national champion in the 50 free and 100 breast. The team placed 13th overall at Y Nats.

Summer season started in early May. Centennial pool is still broken so all workouts are happening at the YMCA as of right now. The schedule for practices is good through the May. ARC practices will start on May 30th and continue every Tuesday and Thursday for groups 3-nats from 6:30-8 p.m. Please arrive by 6:10 to help set up the pool.

3. Meets

- a. Home Meet Management - Billy Oatman and Nikki Asse - no report
 - Illinois Open July 7-9, 2023
 - Erin Block: October 27-29, 2023
 - Midwinter Classic: January 13-15, 2024
- b. Concessions - Roselle Bhosale
Nothing to report at this time except that Roselle and Natalie plan to overhaul the storage unit this summer. If you like organizing then plan to join in on the storage unit cleaning fun!
- c. Volunteer Coordinator Update
We need a new volunteer coordinator as soon as possible. An idea was suggested that the role be broken into two co-coordinator positions, with one coordinator representing the younger kids and the other representing the older kids.
- d. Computer Table / Officials - Larry Fahnestock
 - Official recruitment efforts - no report
- e. Meets & Events:
 - Long course meet schedule will be posted in the coming days
 - Illinois Open: July 7-9, 2023 (home meet at the ARC)
 - YMCA Long Course State: July 21-23, 2023 | Lake Central HS in St. John, IN

4. Treasurer's Report - Jennifer White

- a. Financial report
Jennifer will send February financials to the board this coming weekend. March financials have not yet been shared by the Y.
- b. Budget discussion and planning for 2023-2024
Natalie will set up a meeting with YMCA's new CFO, Tiffany, and the group that has been working on the budget (Jennifer White, Anne and Larry Fahenstock, Natalie Kenny Marquez, Will Barker)

5. Team Apparel & Equipment - Jennifer Maxfield & Erica Malloch

- a. Apparel update - Jennifer
The group talked about issues ordering with Elsmore and exploring ways to make this relationship better moving forward.

6. Practice Group Updates

- a. Group representatives - no report except we need to find new group reps moving into the SC season.

7. Social - Liz Howard and Betsy Bradley

- a. Update on the end of season banquet: April 16, 2023 at iHotel and Conference Center
Liz reported that we filled all three sponsors for the banquet (Nelson Builders, Holder Wealth Management, Equii Bread). We have 211 RSVPs. There are nearly 20 silent auction baskets. Thank you to Liz and Betsy for all of their work pulling this together!

8. Digital

- a. Website - Ryan Bradley - no report
- b. Publicity and Social Media - Mindy Borden/
Mindy said that getting photos this year at state to post on Facebook went much smoother. There is a Heat Booster Board email address now so if people have photos or things they want posted they can be sent there, too.

9. **HEAT Masters**

The masters group wants to have the apparel shop up-and-running soon. In addition, they'd like to host a fall meet before/after a Heat kids meet. In addition to the meet they host in February.