

**West Chicago Sharks
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

Attendees: Coach Dan Fors, Coach Kara Parry, Coach Nick Parry, Dan Clasen, Dave McCue, Rachel Petzer, and Kathy Kosten

Meeting called to order: At 7:06 pm by President Dan Clasen.

Minutes from previous meeting approved: Dave made a motion, Rachel seconded, all approved. The minutes will be posted to the website.

Financials (Rachel Petzer):

- These will be prepared in the next few days. No funds have been transferred to the sub account to earmark funds for equipment.
- Budget still needs to be finalized.

Team President (Dan Clasen):

- Thank you to Coach Kara for spending three weeks in Florida coaching the kids! They had a great time and swam well!
- New template for the website is up. There are a few things to still work on. When emails are being sent out, a check box can be selected to post the latest news for the team. That setting needs to be setup. Shark Bites can work as a running doc. The calendar function has the practice schedule and events, but there can be a real time function to keep up to date on changes. Coaches need to learn how to add pictures and need to work on FAQ and the parent handbook. Information needs to be basic and from the coaches.
- Record boards are being reviewed by the coaches and will be printed up soon!

Coach Update (Dan Fors):

- Spring registration is opened up. On the first day, 112 athletes are registered, 25 are pre-team, and swimmers are still being evaluated. Only a few swimmers are indicating that they will do spring only.
 - Coach Josh has been hired and will be a floater coach for where he is needed.
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- Registration is constantly happening and so is recruitment at outside booth events handing out promotional materials.
- St. Charles Pentathlon entries are submitted and the Sharks have been accepted to May Mania at Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. These are both long course meets and in the month of May.
- Quincy is not happening this year, but there will be a Pleasant Prairie Grand Prix and Palatine meet in June and last chance meet in Wisconsin at Pleasant Prairie in July. These are all long course meets.
- Thinking about doing an intersquad meet in July and looking for other short course meets for the summer.
- Parent meetings are April 15, 22, and 29. This should help educate all our parents. Sessions will be 9-10 am, and 10-11 am. Topics on the 15th are Sharks basics – history, coaches, Dan Clasen to recruit parents, and Coach Dan. The April 22nd meeting will be about practices and the 29th will be about meet expectations and what to get out of meets to see progress. All groups are covered during practice times except the Blue group. A blast will go out soon and it will be in a close by math classroom.
- Coach Kara is trying to get the new vendor from Wisconsin to come in during one of these Saturdays, if not, there will be a suit sizing kit. There will be a one-time free shipping for the big group order to the high school and then it can be individually ordered and sent to swimmer homes.
- Tentative Cougars game date is Thursday, June 22nd, Quarry night is Tuesday, August 1st, and social restaurant night is being looked at for over the summer.

Meeting adjourned: Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm , Rachel seconded, all approved, meeting adjourned!
