

**West Chicago Sharks
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

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

Meeting called to order: At 8:04 pm by President Dan Clasen.

Minutes from previous meeting approved: Dan Clasen made a motion to approve the minutes from October (The Board did not meet in November), and Dave McCue seconded, all approved. The minutes will be posted to the website.

Financials (Rachel Petzer):

Scoreboard Fund: \$88,067.45

Money Market: \$117,768.40

Checking: \$113,364.94

- Dan asked for a monthly income and expense report and a balance sheet, since it is nearing the year's end.
- There has not been pool rental charges since last spring.
- We are on par with coach's fees, even including the fact that the Sharks hired two new coaches.
- Fall Fling revenue will be on the next report, but gross income was \$25,000. Concessions brought in cash of \$2100, Venmo of \$200-\$300, with a starting bank of \$700. How does this amount compare to last year?
- The Sharks club is on the low end for fees and charges. This is because, we as a club, do not have huge pool rental fees.

Coach Update (Dan Fors):

- There has been a Go Fund Me set up for James Oliver and the Sharks would like to support the Oliver family in whatever way is needed.
 - There are 174 swimmers registered to the Sharks, plus the high school boys.
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- The upcoming Candy Cane meet has 58 swimmers signed up, the January meet, only 40.
- Last year's Polar Bear meet had 580 swimmers, even though it fell over break and unfortunately the lighting issues in the pool cancelled Sunday's events. This year, it is back to more normal numbers of 360 athletes coming from the West Chicago Sharks, Mavericks, and Schaumburg.
- Parents have a lot of email questions and there are lots of parents in the stands for practice! The biggest hiccup is because of Safe Sport, parents are not allowed in the bathrooms, and the pre-team and blue group parents are still struggling with how to make that work.

Team President (Dan Clasen):

- The coaches expressed a desire to have some water weight equipment that will cost about \$2500. The Board supports this, where are the coaches with getting these supplies?
- What is the scoreboard update? Nick Parry, as the athletic director for West Chicago high school, is going through the process of getting bids. This will not be installed until the summer.
- Will the Sharks put on a summer meet?
- Congratulations to Nick Parry, who is the vice chair of operations for Illinois Swimming!

Meeting adjourned: At 8:38pm, Dan Clasen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rachel seconded, all approved.
