

**West Chicago Sharks
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 8pm**

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

Meeting called to order: At 8:12 pm by President Dan Clasen.

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

Coach Update (Dan Fors):

- West Chicago pool will be available for summer session, except a 2-week maintenance at the end of July. The pool parking lot will be redone, so parking will be tricky.
 - An awards ceremony after the season is challenging because there is such a wide range of levels and interests of the swimmers.
 - Enrollment is fluctuating this month; new swimmers are still trying out. Pre-team has 30 swimmers and Blue 45, so a very young team. Most swimmers come for at least 2 seasons. 173 is the total amount of swimmers in the water, 206 swimmers are registered.
 - Scheduling will be worked out soon for the spring and summer season, and then advertising will start, such as email blasts, social media, and flyers. There will be an incentive for staying on from the spring to summer season, and last year the month-to-month payment option interested more swimmers.
 - By Feb Frenzy, there will be a nominating committee, and a vote will be taken for Board members, electronically, according to the Shark's bylaws.
 - Meet volunteers need a reminder of job responsibilities. Any siblings who are helping in sessions should be geared to hospitality or bull pen.
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Financials (Rachel Petzer):

Scoreboard Fund: \$88,084.94

Money Market: \$117,838.58

Checking: \$109,750.81

- Financials from 2023 show an increase in membership fees and coach's salary over 2022.
- Polar Bear meet was a little smaller than last year, but this year there was the Sunday session, so will bring in just as much money.
- Money will be moved from the checking account to the money market account so a balance of \$75,000 will remain in the checking account.
- All meets are not created equal, the Fall Fling is a big meet, but Polar Bear, Feb Frenzy, and Feb Finale are sometimes smaller. Would a summer meet be worth it? Change some meets around for better attendance, making more money? Once the scoreboard is in place, putting a bid in for a summer regional could be on the table.

Meeting adjourned: Dave made a motion, Rachel seconded, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.
