

**West Chicago Sharks
Board of Directors Meeting
August 12th, 2025**

Attendees: Coach Dan Fors, Dan Clasen, Dave McCue, Jessica Gross, Kristin Surch, Amy McCollum

Meeting called to order: 8:03pm

Minutes from previous meeting approved: Dave approve, Dan second.

Coach Update (Dan Fors):

-USA Membership fee is paid up front for those that have been a part of the team in the past year. Coach Dan is now able to enroll new swimmers in USA

Membership. (\$83 membership fee includes: cap, t-shirt, new equipment, etc.)

-*Projecting numbers for the season:* 90 currently enrolled. We are not seeing the amount of transfer rates that some of the other teams do. Goal is 40 swimmers for 8under, and then a pyramid concept. This is a model that is set by Illinois Swimming, and it is the evolution of what the swimmers and families decide what to commit to as they get older.

-*Official start date of Fall/Winter season:* White group 9/2 and the rest of the competitive levels are 9/8, developmental level is 9/16. Only group currently capped is developmental. 45 are signed up for evaluations.

-Average for the past 4 seasons is 180 athletes. 155-213 for winter.

-Target goal is 175-185 to operate with.

-Summer season was on par with the last few summers.

Meet updates:

Elgin- December

Late December- off calendar meet

January meet- Pleasant Prairie

Swim Palooza Circuit- Fox, SCST times BB and below can swim

-Coaches-advertised and searching for an assistant coach at various levels. Currently, there are no promising applicants, and a lot of teams are looking for assistant coaches.

-Developmental level, Coach Kelly Byrne will help and is available to maybe sub for the older levels. WCS is working to find another Leopard coach. Coach Kara will stay with Tigers. Coach MB is going to assist when she can.

-Planning phase, new timing system is needed. If number of swimmers for the season anticipate being stable, then this is the time to invest in the new timing console and starter box. (\$11k quote)

Financials (Rachel Petzer): Not able to be present.

Dan Clasen will send out balance of accounts tomorrow.

Coach Dan Fors oversaw writing checks for expenses that were being paid while Rachel was out of the country.

Team President (Dan Clasen):

Coaches' salary- has been 5 years since they have gotten any raise. Average coach gets paid \$26-hour, \$100 stipend per swim meet session. We need to be more competitive when we are trying to recruit other coaches. All agreed and conversation to be continued.

WCS runs on a 1 year of annual reserves.

Team Vice President (Dave McCue):

New printer was used at the July meet and it worked well, Dave will try out the wireless printers in the near future.

Jessica Gross- no update or questions

Amy McCollum (Safe sport): 10% of parents and athletes need to be certified for a year for different categories (ie. Meet director, parents, athletes, etc.) Coach Kara and Coach Dan are still helping transition Amy to this role within the club.

Comments: None.

New Business: Zoom membership upgrade needed- pro plan \$13/month. Coach Dan will take care of securing the membership. This will help transcribe meetings most efficiently.

Meeting adjourned: 8:52pm Amy approved, Dan Clasen second.
