YOSC Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Meeting held at the YHS pool area, started at 6:00 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Sarah Vasher  
Kristie Chatters  
Tom Leone  
Kelly Gibbs  
Kristin Rusche-Leone  
Melilnda Keillor  
Levent Uyulur  
Cash Range

* Melinda discussed the status of our laptop and Meet Manager software.
  + Laptop replacement? Was suggested to discuss more with Harshet and wait on replacing for now.
  + Meet Manager software needs to be updated. Cost est. is $300, All voted to approve up to $400 for Meet Manager updated software.
* Kristin discussed some financial items:
  + She has paid $25 for our non-profit filing and requested to be reimbursed for this expense. Board approved the reimbursement of $25 to Kristin.
  + Reported that our domain name is due for renewal, and we discussed options for renewal (1 year vs. more years). Board decided upon a 1 year renewal of our domain name (ypsi-otters.org). Board approved Kristin to spend up to $25 for a 1 year renewal fee.
  + YOSC has an outstanding tax bill with the IRS from the 2013-14 Season. IRS statement indicates that we owe $1,668.13. Kristin has done some research on the matter and attempted advice from an accountant. So far our knowledge of the situation is that something was “messed up” somehow on YOSC taxes from 2013-14. Board members voted and approved to pay the amount that IRS states we owe them. Levent will cut the check and send in the payment. Levent will give copies of all documents back to Kristin for our records.
* Discussion of Safety Clinic being run on Saturday, November 5th. This will be at our home pool, there are 3 sessions: 9 am, 10am & 11am.
  + Final version of flyer was completed.
  + Kristie has passed out flyers to all of the elementary schools in YCS district.
  + Dr. Edmondson has been CC’d on all emails regarding this swim clinic.
  + We discussed that this event may bring up questions from prospective families interested in joining our swim club, and we would like to attempt to arrange with Dr. Edmondson a program to subsidize or sponsor YCS children who are unable to afford to register. This may not be something we can accomplish prior to the next registration date in December, but we would like to have an answer & plan in place for the spring registration in March.
* Discussed stroke technique clinics
  + Kristin got a recommendation from Val (who has done clinics in the past). The recommendation is Dyne Burrell, who is a coach at Holt currently (in Lansing area)
  + Kristin has communicated with Dyne a bit regarding her interest and availability to do these clinics with us. Dyne is very busy but would be interested. One of the possible times she is available to run the clinics would be on Saturday nights.
  + Clinics would need to be run in approx. 3 different sessions:
    - Backstroke/Freestyle
    - Breaststroke/Fly
    - Starts/FlipTurns
  + Discussion of if Saturdays evenings would work for YOSC families, and what location(s) we should use for these clinics. Would our families be willing and able to drive to Lansing for this? Can we use YHS pool (w/out incurring any additional charges by the district)?
  + Possibility of renting a couple of lanes at EMU pool?
  + Cash mentioned that she has some contacts for other coaches to help us with stroke technique clinics (from when her daughter took clinics at Skyline). Board ok’d Cash reaching out to those coaches to gauge their interest/availability.
  + Cash and Kristin will continue to follow up with the possibilities on getting this set up.
* Discussion about holding Saturday morning practices
  + Need to ask and confirm with coaches that they are available to do this.
  + Every Saturday.
    - 9-10 am for Yellow/Blue groups
    - 10am-11am Silver & Up groups
  + Communicate with the HS/Middle School swim coach to make sure that their teams are not using the pool at the time(s) we’d like to hold our Saturday practices.
  + Melinda will draft an email to the athletics coordinator, and will send out to the board for an email-approval before it is sent.
* Discussed the fall season’s end date (as of now, it is not listed at all on our website. Some of us had the 9th in our minds as the last day)
  + Board approved extending the end date of the fall season to December 16th. \*\* Melinda will confirm with us by email if there are any issues with registration if we do go through 12/16/16 for practice \*\*
  + Once Melinda confirms that, Harsheet or Melinda will update our website to include an official season end date of Friday, 12/16/16.
* Side note: Winter season begins on January 9th 2017.
* Discussed EMU pool rental as an option for USA practice during January
  + We think that last we knew, the EMU pool rental was:
    - $10 per lane per hour + $5 per child who is swimming
  + We would like to get some dates reserved for January USA practices soon (before spots are filled up)
  + Cash will talk to Stacie about options
* Discussed USA Coaching
  + We need stronger competitive coaches for both USA meets AND on deck during our regular practices. We need coaches who can coach at a competitive level.
  + Kristin will email some of her contacts to gauge interest/availability for them.
* Discussed budget for USA Swim
  + Can we do independent fundraising for USA? And/Or get a Budget for USA?
  + Kristin reported that USA currently runs in the red.
  + Discussed that typically swim clubs offer 1 coached USA meet per month, and that we are doing such (as was approved at a previous board meeting regarding USA Swim) In addition, we are offering 2 USA coached meets in both January and February.
  + Cash brought up an idea to have YOSC pay for half of the USA Coaching fees & have the families who are swimming that meet pay the other 50% of the coaching fees.
  + Board decided to revisit this topic at the next meeting.
* Carb-O-Load dinner
  + Will be held the evening before Championships, which will be Friday December 2nd, 2016.
  + We need to decide on and secure a location for the carb-o-load dinner.
  + We will put it in the weekly email to ask for parent volunteers to find a location and to help organize/setup/etc this event.
* End of season Banquet
  + Location for banquet?
  + Should we invite Dr. Edmondson to the banquet? (board members seemed in agreeance about this, but nothing final was decided)
  + We would like to appear as professional, organized, and as awesome as possible with him being present.
  + Melinda will create and send out a poll to coaches and board members regarding a date for the banquet.
  + Certificates to present to all swimmers at the end of the season? We decided to do certificates but still figuring out specifics on what they will look like, what they will say (if the child is moving up or not, how that will be worded, etc).
    - Sarah will create a certificate(s) and present to board at the next meeting.
    - We will plan more specifics about the certificates at the next meeting
    - Possibly have the coaches fill out a portion and sign the certificates, and would like to give the coaches their groups’ certificates at least a week prior to the banquet so they have adequate time to do them.
  + Melinda will make a list of all of the swimmers from the fall season, including what level they swam this season AND what level they are going to be registering for in the winter season (coaches will tell Melinda which swimmers will be moving up).
    - Sarah will use this list for names/levels on the certificates as well.
* Board decided on the next Board Meeting date:
  + Thursday, November 17th
  + 6:00 pm
  + Location: YHS Pool Area