YOSC Board Meeting Minutes - Thursday, November 17th 2016

Meeting held at YHS at 6:00 pm  
Board Members in attendance:

Sarah Vasher  
Kristie Chatters  
Melinda Keillor   
Kelly Gibbs  
Levent Uyulur   
Tom Leone   
Kristin Leone-Rusche  
Cash Range  
Andy Chatters   
Harsheet Patel

* Sarah brought 2 examples of certificates for all swimmers (as discussed at the previous meeting) & the board decided upon one.
  + Approved $35 for printing expenses – for 1 color ink cartridge for Sarah’s printer. Sarah agreed to print all of the certificates & write swimmer’s names & swim group levels on them. Sarah, Kristie & Melinda all volunteered to help obtain enough card stock to print the certificates on.
* Melinda proposed a reduction in rates for the winter swim season
  + Discussion as to why, and if there had been any complaints families about the cost of our programs.
  + We just got the reduction in pool fees recently. It was proposed that we should keep our rates the same for now.
  + Voted and approved to leave the rates as they are currently, for the winter season.
  + May discuss further in the future.
* Carb-O-Load Dinner – Friday Dec 2nd
  + Location? YHS? Ypsi Rec Center? Senior Center near Rutherford Pool? Kristie & Andy volunteered to check into pricing for renting the rec center, and to make our reservation.
  + Kristie to put out sign up genius for families to volunteer to bring pasta dishes to the dinner (will count for volunteering hours).
  + The email with the invite to the Carb-O-Load dinner will have the sign up genius link attached, for the food.
* Volunteer requirements for fall championships
  + Melinda & Kristie will send an email reminding families to sign up
* Stopwatches – Kristie tested all of them that we currently have, and it was determined that we need at least 2 new ones.
  + Approved up to $100 budget for Kristie to purchase new stop watches
* Trophies for fall banquet
  + Kristie found somewhere to get them for around $3 - $4 each
  + Do we have enough time to order after championships & then have them in time for the banquet on Dec 8th? (maybe not?)
  + Any trophies that we can get ordered sooner? Talk to coaches about their “coach’s choice” awards & if they know who those are going to, we can possibly get them ordered now.
  + Kristin will look up past records & let Kristie know how much we have typically paid for trophies in the past.
  + Melinda will get a list from Bonnie (coaches) on how many awards (& which award categories) there are total. So that we know how many trophies we will be needing.
* Discussion of use of funds earned from WeedMan USA contest ($1,000)
  + Approved $500 budget for Kristie to purchase equipment that the club needs.
  + We specifically agreed upon mats (15-20 of them) for dryland practice, and fins (especially in need of smaller sizes).
  + Kristie will get what she can with the approved $500, and if that amount is not sufficient we can bring up equipment purchases again in the future.
* Water Safety Clinic Reviews
  + Brief discussion of how the first swim clinic went (Kristie & Sarah were board members present at the event)
  + Kristie had a parent ask if they can participate in these clinics in the future. The board had no objections to this, and Melinda will check with the coaches to be sure they are OK with it.
  + Aim to have our next Water Safety Clinic in March-ish. We need to poll our coaches (as the date gets closer), to see when they are available. Also need to check with YCS about the availability of the pool for the next clinic.
  + We will put this item on our agenda to discuss again in January.
* Discussion of Saturday practices
  + Melinda has talked to our coaches about it, and they are available and willing to do it (there will be 2 coaches at each Sat practice)
  + Yellow & Blue groups = 9-10 am
  + Bronze, Silver & Gold groups = 10 am – 12 pm
  + Coaches will be able to focus more on individual swimmers b/c there will likely be less in attendance.
  + We need to let the school (Mr. Burgess) know when we’ll need to be in the building.
* Items to re-visit in the future, after we see how the Saturdays are going:
  + Use as a back-up or make-up class time for pups classes
  + Possibly create a “new” pups class on Saturdays?
* Stroke Clinics
  + Brief discussion. We need more stroke technique instructions. Need to find coaches qualified to run these clinics.
  + Revisit this topic in the future, after we see how the Saturdays are going first.
* Hiring of new coaches
  + Marisa is only here through the Spring session
  + Karen is on a “week by week” basis right now
  + Myles is NOT leaving
  + Let’s start looking for a new coach with more “competitive instruction”
    - College level coaches?
    - Let’s advertise for candidates (the more the better). We will pay based on experience (normally start around $11-12/hr)
  + Can we get ‘help’ from Kelton to find a coach?
    - Andy will talk to Myles about talking to Kelton for us (to recommend a competitive level coach that might be available)
  + Melinda will ask Eric if he wants to help out by coming in maybe a couple of times a week to coach, specifically to help with stroke techniques and helping kids understand DQs.
* Next YOSC board meeting will be Monday, December 12th 2016 at 6:15 pm, at Ypsi High School.