YOSC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 12/12/2016

6pm @ Tim Horton’s on Washtenaw

Board Members in Attendance:

Kristin Rusch-Leone

Tom Leone

Melinda Keillor

Harshet Patel

Levent Uyulur

Cash Range

Sarah Vasher

Kristie Chatters

* Winter session parent meeting
  + First Day of swim session (Mon. 1/9/17) at 6:00 pm. Circulate notes similar to last session. Tom will be our speaker. We will try to borrow the microphone from the office. Kristie will put up merchandise table. We were not sure if Sun & Snow will be there, or if they have been there at past winter season parent meetings.
* There were only about 6 families who did not pay their volunteer deposit for the fall session (and also did not put in their volunteer hours). These families have been notified by email, that they won’t be able to register for the upcoming winter session until after they pay their $40 from fall session. They will then also have to put down an additional $40 for their winter session deposit.
* Possibility of YOSC hosting championships
  + Brief discussion regarding what we would need to do to prepare to host championships in the future. It was brought up that there is normally an 8-lane pool used for championships, however a 6-lane pool (such as ours) would be considered if needed (example: if no other swim clubs volunteer to host championships).
  + Concerns were brought up about the track record of our pool’s maintenance and upkeep. What if our pool is not functional on the dates of the championships?
  + Pool rental fees, custodial fees, and cafeteria usage/rental fees would need to be negotiated with YCS.
  + We are unclear what YOSC would “get” if we hosted the championships - Do we get any monetary compensation (from SMSL)? Do we keep all profits from heat sheets &/or concessions sales?
  + It was decided that we need to do more research about what is required of the hosting team, and what the benefits and advantages would be for YOSC.
* Volunteer deposits – Should we enforce again this (winter 2017) session?
  + Board voted and it was approved that we should enforce the volunteer deposits the same as the previous session.
  + Kristie contacted our bank, and was told that most checks cannot be cashed after around 6-9 months. Our bank recommended that we obtain new checks from our families each swim session, rather than allowing families to “carry over” the same check from the previous session.
  + Voted on keeping the number of volunteer hours the same as the previous season. Board approved to keep hours the same for the winter 2017 session.
* Winter session swim a thon discussion
  + Idea was brought up that we could ask YCS swim teams to join us (they would keep their profit earned from taking pledges).
  + Should we set it up as a volunteer job that someone can earn volunteer hours for helping organize? Board was in agreement that it is worth asking for volunteers, and see who – if any – volunteers we get & go from there as far as planning.
  + Discussed when would be the best time to hold a swim-a-thon.
    - Summer session - ? – concern that our club is too small at that time of year (usually have around 50 swimmers).
    - Fall session? – It was brought up that we may need 6-8 months to effectively plan & organize a swim a thon.
  + When could we start taking pledges/donations? Can donations be left open year round for an annual swim a thon fundraiser? Do we pay team unify based on how long we have our donations option open?
  + Should we partner with another organization?
  + Not partnering with anyone means more money is raised for YOSC.
  + After discussion, board agreed to ask for volunteers from our families, see if we get any takers & bring this back up at the next board meeting for further discussion.
* Kristin talked to someone [Kristin – pls include name(s) if necessary. I didn’t get that info down as it was being discussed] about helping us recruit a new coach(es) and proposed the question of what to tell them as far as pay rate.
  + Currently we pay our coaches between $11 and $18 an hour, based on experience.
  + We want more competitive coaches, which may mean we have to pay them more. It was agreed that Kristin should tell them what our current pay rate range is, and that it is based on experience: Currently the range is $11 for someone out of high school, $18 for our head coach(es) and $13-$15 for college level.
  + We do not know how much other clubs are paying their coaches.
* Kristie asked to be reimbursed for the cost of renting the church for our carb o load dinner ($65) and for our awards banquet ($70).
  + Board approved $140 reimbursement.
* Bonnie bought the trophies for our fall session awards banquet, and we will need he to submit her receipt to us for reimbursement.
* Date for our next board meeting?
  + Wed, Jan. 18, 2017 @ YCS pool