**Ypsilanti Otters board meeting minutes November 27, 2018**

Attendees: Lily, Andrea, Matt, Melinda, Mark, Mich, Jennifer, Tom, Kristin, Leila, Tiffany (Tom & Leila left early)

Volunteer Deposit & 10-hr requirement (Andrea): There are still many families who haven’t paid and haven’t volunteered. We don’t want to prevent them from registering, but next season we should make it clear that failure to pay or volunteer will disqualify swimmers from participating in meets.

USA Report (Jennifer): 14 members plus 4 new members and possibly 2 more; scheduling extra practices.

Grant Opportunities (Tiffany/Mich): The Ann Arbor Community Foundation is being revamped; applications in Feb, grants in May. Private donors are probably our best opportunity – get ideas from board at Rutherford. They should be contacted soon, since they want to make tax deductible contributions before the end of the year (and because holidays make them more generous). Also contact foundations such as Ralph Wilson. Private donors and foundations want to hear how we affect health outcomes (e.g. swim safety) of local kids, and about our relationships with EMU, Rutherford, and YCS, and what specifically their money would buy (e.g. X months of custodial service or pool rental). Tiffany can help but can’t actually submit applications due to conflicts with her job. We should also ask local businesses (Ypsi not Ann Arbor) such as Eby-Brown, Gene Butman, Cueter, Sidetrack, Aubrey’s, Wurst Bar, Go Ice Cream. Businesses want to hear how we can help promote them; maybe we should offer to hand new swimmers a “welcome kit” (which the business provides) with their logo on bags, swim caps, etc. Face-to-face requests are best for businesses.

Financial Report - (Kristin): Current checking account balance is $42,380 which is good for this time of year (although we haven’t yet paid the pool rental of ~$4,000).

Fall Registration Stats & YCS 50% Discount (Mark): We should keep the discount through the school year. Some YCS students pay full price, some still can’t afford volunteer deposit for young ones. Discussed possibility of reduced volunteer hour requirement for guppies, pups, and juniors (no decision made).

Swimmer Recruitment (Matt/Mark): Facebook, principals at YCS and charter schools. Difficulty with Tara? Need to prove diversity with pictures of swimmers on website. Must get permission from parents to use images - perhaps put waiver request on registration?

Cleaning Company Quotes (Mich): Four companies not responding.

Pool deck proposals (Jennifer): All approved – plus it was agreed to lock the direct pool door

- No parents on deck

- No street shoes on deck

- Swimmers use door behind locker room and enter from locker rooms

- Parents use door behind locker room and use stairs to balcony

Bathroom cleaning (Matt): People are “cherry picking” the cleaning jobs. Matt proposed a family who cleans one day/week should swim free. Need to brainstorm more ideas and agree on solutions.

No Friday practice - help coach down time (Matt): Not agreed on.

Misc: Discussed problems with pool temperature. Melinda reported that YCS will plow and salt Mon-Fri, and will provide shovels. Three coaches are leaving Dec 14, still searching for new coaches. No December board meeting.