



RRV WAHOOS

Parent's Forum Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:15PM at Hyslop Pool Classroom

This was an open discussion meeting. Jim Higgins gave some opening comments and wrote down some discussion points on the board based upon comments sent to him in the preceding days.

The group discussed many issues, but decided on focusing on the following points (in no particular order):

1. Re-establish the Social Chair position and start organizing activities social activities outside of swimming. One idea here that seemed to be strongly supported was to organize a monthly Saturday movie day/party at a local theater for all of our athletes. Another idea that had support was to organize a social activity when a practice gets cancelled (assuming we know far enough in advance). Examples here ranged from going to the University park, or inquiring with UND about using their gym for fun activities, or things of this sort. Any/all of these activities would have to be organized and supervised by the parents, as it wouldn't be fair to the coaches to make them responsible. The parents there seemed to indicate they would be happy to volunteer. Also, there may be issues with using UND's gym or even using a park.
2. Market (via the website) available parent volunteer positions that are open. Consider co-chairs for redundancy (in case one chair is unable to perform). There was a sentiment that some volunteer positions were only given to "favorites." Jim Higgins mentioned the board would be happy to have any and all help, and that if this is the perception, we all have to move toward making sure this perception is removed. Perhaps marketing these positions on the website will help with this?
3. Establish a newsletter. Two parents volunteered to do a club newsletter (Tracy Uhlir and Amy Dallum). The newsletter will include some board updates, but also some coach and wahoo interviews.
4. Practice groups. There were several comments about group transitions and how and when these decisions are made. Many parents mentioned they would like feedback and goalsetting when their kids don't make it to the next group. There was strong support for a set schedule for these evaluations, perhaps every other month or after big swim meets.

Everyone agreed that the meeting was helpful, and we should hold these meetings in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.