

PAC Meeting 10/22/18

Attendees: Chris Cipolla, Lauren Youssef, Tina McKinney, Amy Sharkey, Kim Swenson, Sharon Daniel, Mike Kavanagh, Ed Brown, Chrystyn McAndrew, Ellen Heinze, Mary Camacho, Matt Kennedy, Beth Reardon

1. Coach's Update

- a. The Fall/Winter season continues in a strong fashion with all training groups, from Distance to Narwhals, swimming well and recording high participation
- b. Two new coaches have joined our Devilfish staff – Coaches Savannah Llewellyn and Maddie Harris; they are working with many different coaches to get acclimated to the team and swimmers
- c. Several meets have already been completed with more planned (details on Team Unify)
- d. 8 & Under swimmers will compete at the South Amboy YMCA on 10/27. Our 13 & Over age group was shut out of the HCY Meet (11/16-11/18) except for the Mile distance on Friday evening. To replace the events at the HCY meet, the 13 & Over swimmers will attend the BAC Treasure Island meet (11/17-11/18); all swimmers have been entered into the same events. Long Island (12/7-9) has accepted our second (updated) file; final confirmation on our participation for this meet is set for 11/1. The Holiday Classic (12/14-16) entries are due on 10/22; Sharon sent an email to the swimmers who qualified for this meet to confirm participation as the file was due within one day
- e. The Dual Meet tentative schedule is posted on Team Unify (under Meets tab); it is almost complete but still moving around slightly waiting for confirmation from other coaches
- f. Devilfish Training trip for Senior Groups (Silver, White and Blue) is being planned for the December holiday break; approximately 15 swimmers have indicated strong interest; more details forthcoming shortly. Coach Chris is finalizing the training for those swimmers remaining at the YMCA over the holiday break
- g. Parent Meetings were held in September for each age group and went well. If you could not attend and have questions, please feel free to direct questions to Lauren Youssef (laurenyoussef@gmail.com) or any PAC representative (listed on these notes and on Team Unify)

2. Treasurer (Kavanagh)

- a. PAC financials reviewed; all in good condition. The annually held Devilfish Classic, slightly higher registration fee, and less expensive swim caps all contributed to a positive financial picture (\$5.3K ahead of budget)

3. Timing System (Kennedy)

- a. Scoreboard was functional throughout the majority of the DFC and all dual meets thus far. Matt noted that it is an older system which may cause potential issues until it is replaced
- b. PAC has received quotes for new scoreboard; analysis on selection continues

4. Social (McKinney)

- a. Parent Social at the Garwood Lanes on 9/22 was successful with many positive comments
- b. Spaghetti Meet on 9/30 was also met with favorable reviews with the majority of swimmers attending the meet followed by a spaghetti meal at the Bauer Branch YMCA
- c. Holiday Party for swimmers (traditionally for the 12 & Under) is set for December 1 at the YMCA; detailed information to be uploaded to Team Unify soon

- d. Swim banquet at Shackamaxon Country Club is set for April 28, 2019. Our team will have both the bar area and the big ballroom
5. Meet Manager (Riordan)
 - a. Devilfish Classic, held on 10/14 was a resounding success with more swimmer entries and two new teams (Raritan Bay and Meadowland) compared to prior years. Banner Ads posted a little lower but we still netted \$18,192 with two vendors' receipts still pending (Northwest and Ultimate). Beth and the PAC thank our parents and swimmers for contributing generously of their time to our team's success
6. Fundraising (Camacho)
 - a. The Kastle fundraiser began on October 17 – flyers/order forms have been placed in all swimmer folders by Wallace Pool
 - b. This year, orders can be made on line with delivery at the YMCA (choose ship to the Y) to eliminate the paper base forms/checks
 - c. Merchandise delivery will be between December 11-13 with volunteers performing delivery drop offs directly to swimmers' homes
 - d. If any families prefer to make a monetary donation instead of participating in the Kastle Fundraiser, checks can be made out to "Westfield Area Y" with Devilfish swim team donation noted in the memo and dropped off to the swim office
7. Officials (Brown)
 - a. We are currently at 21 officials; 10 of those are at Level 2
 - b. 4 parents have expressed interest in becoming certified; Coach Sharkey is offering a local class on November 4
 - c. There were no issues with officials at the DFC
8. Apparel (Sharkey)
 - a. Distribution for Devilfish swimsuits and supplies were distributed on 10/4 at the YMCA
 - b. Feedback regarding the team gift (gray hoodie) has been positive, especially the embroidery for the individual swimmer names
 - c. Spirit Wear sale is tentatively planned to start tentatively on October 29 and will end on Sunday November 11. Information will be forthcoming shortly
9. Travel (McAndrew)
 - a. The hotel (Long Island Marriot) is booked for Westfield YMCA for the Long Island meet; link will be added in Team Unify. November 16 is the last day to sign up for the block
 - b. Hotels for all Championship Meets (Silver and State) have been booked
 - c. Silvers (2/15-17) at Courtyard by Marriot Glassboro Rowan University for younger swimmers and Holiday Inn Express Vorhees for older swimmers
 - d. 12 & Under States (2/21-24) as the Days Hotel in Toms River and 13 & Over States (3/7-10) in Heritage Hotel Lancaster
10. Publicity (Swenson)
 - a. Published a DFC recap in the Westfield Leader – should be published on October 25
11. Volunteers (Daniels)

- a. Dual Meet Parent Reps are as follows: Alyson Twilley - Boys Blue, Suzanne Welsh – Boys Gray, Rosa Leonetti - Girls Blue, and Stacy Burrick - Girls Gray
- b. ~30 new families have joined Devilfish; PAC members will each take 3 families and reach out for welcome and instruction with Team Unify if needed

New Business:

- a. If anyone has an interest in serving on the PAC – please reach out to Coach Chris via email (ccipolla@westfieldynj.org) or Lauren Youssef (laurenyoussef@gmail.com).

12. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be held on November 26 at 7 pm at the YMCA