

Devilfish PAC Meeting

July 18, 2023

Minutes

In Attendance: Susannah Lucas, Bryan Peterson, Meg Myers, Chris Ouellette, Maureen Sahm, Debi Kapuscinski, Hilary Crall, Nicole Bregman Young, Ann Marie Peterson, Curtis Tao, Adrienne Manahan, Catherine Matera, Allison Levitt

- **Prior Meeting Minutes**
 - Approved May Minutes.
- **New/Old Business (Lucas)**
 - Welcome to Ann Marie Peterson, new Publicity Coordinator. Ann Marie has one son on the team.
 - Welcome to Keri Giordano, new Volunteer Coordinator. Keri has two children on the team.
 - All PAC members were asked to review PAC Guidelines. There will be a two- term limit per family and continued updates to guideline language to ensure that the PAC and its efforts remain in line with what is important to swimmers and their families.
 - We may need to revisit Strong Kids Campaign contributions from Swim a Thon as team grows.
- **Parent Meetings (B. Peterson)**
 - We want to make sure that all parents/families feel connected to the team.
 - Parents will be invited to informational meetings from September-March. Possible topics include nutrition, managing swimmer stress/anxiety at meets, and dryland exercises to build strength outside of the pool.
 - These meetings will not only be informational but will help parents get to know each other.
- **Coaches Update (Myers)**
 - Long Course season is going well and the larger number of meets this season has been well received.
 - Long Course Nationals are in Greensboro, NC from July 25-29. Coaches Meg and Ryan are attending along with relay swimmers.
 - Spring National Swimmers each received a \$250 stipend funded by PAC.
 - Fall Registration to be sent out shortly.
 - Parents were asked for feedback in end of season survey. Feedback was good and suggestions will be implemented but it's a work in progress including lane space issues.
 - Purchase of second Go Pro was approved. Coaches will use this to video older swimmers and will offer short sessions to review feedback with individual swimmers and their parents.

- **Treasurer's Report (Ouellette)**
 - Review of financials. Swim a Thon and Banquet are the two biggest fundraisers.
 - The Devilfish PAC balance continue to rise
 - Purchases over \$1000 require YMCA approval.
 - Still waiting for Kix & Stix check from Spirit Wear sale.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - Social (Goodman (Sahm))
 - River & Rail, Garwood Lanes, Ashbrook Golf Course, and Stagehouse are being considered for Fall Parent Social. River & Rail is the top contender with a date of September 29, 2023. The hope is to make the parent social more interactive. We usually have between 55-60 parents attend.
 - Bagel Bash date will be set shortly. Coach G will design a shirt for the event that will be sold as a fundraiser.
 - Tentative holiday party date is December 16, 2023.
 - Season end party will again be held at Shackamaxxon on April 21, 2024.
 - Timing System (Kapuscinski)
 - AC unit is ready to be installed in timing booth.
 - Working on securing additional parents to help run Meet Manager.
 - Fundraising (Crall)
 - Long course Friday bagel sales have raised approximately \$250.
 - The bagels remain very popular and are appreciated by the swimmers.
 - Apparel (Bregman (Young))
 - Devilfish apparel sale will begin in September once new swimmers are added to Team Unify.
 - Team gift will be a sweatshirt in a different color than last year.
 - Purchasing additional caps will be an option.
 - Publicity (A. Peterson)
 - Coach Fred's recaps are so helpful and will find a way to share on social media.
 - Working on updated list of media contacts.
 - Pictures are so important for media articles.
 - Officials (Tao)
 - Swim Officials Level I training to be held at FSPY on September 16, 2023.
 - Swim Officials Level II to be hosted at Westfield Y on September 23, 2023.
 - Do a walk through with officials on meet responsibilities.
 - Meet Coordinator (Manahan)
 - The Devilfish Classic 2023 will be held on October 21-22.
 - Planning is already well-underway and there have been lots of meetings with Meg to date to ensure another successful DFC.
 - 8 and under swimmers will have their own session.

- There will be lots of reminders sent about the meet outlining volunteer expectations. Parents can volunteer at sessions other than the one their child is swimming in.
- Travel (Matera)
 - Hotels for Long Island are booked and they are next door to each other.
 - Silver and States hotels remain the same.
- Volunteer (Giordano)
 - There will be a lot of outreach to all swimmers (and families) this year.
 - Courtney Ouellette will onboard new families to the team.
 - Each practice group will be assigned two team parents that will work like PTO class parents.
 - More team building and fun outings within age groups like laser tag and bowling.
 - An emphasis of having Devilfish volunteer at events like Greta's Run, the YMCA Christmas Tree Sale, and also at the Community Food Bank.
- **Next Meeting – September (date TBD)**