

Devilfish PAC Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

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

Prior Meeting Minutes-approved via email

New/Old Business (Lucas)

- Trying a different meeting format to ensure we make the most efficient use of time. Those who don't need airtime should submit reports beforehand.

Coaches Update (Myers)

- Season is going well. The regular season is wrapping up and we are moving towards championships. Championship info is slowly coming in.
- Spring tryouts will be held March 12th - 14th. If you are already on the team, you do not need to tryout. Tryout info will be sent out soon.
- Spring practices will start on April 15th.
- We had a really great end to the first half of the season. Two boys' relays are going to Nationals.
- Please copy Meg on PAC related matters so she is in the loop.

Treasurer's Report (Ouellette)

- Jibbitz numbers are not yet reflected in the financials.
- December is not yet closed out in TeamUnify.
- Check from Westfield HS for use of Colorado System isn't in yet.

Standing Committee Reports

Meet Coordinator (Manahan)

- No report.

Travel (Matera)

- The Courtyard Marriot will only give us 20 rooms for Silvers. The second block of rooms is at the SpringHill Suites which is only a bit further away. Some members of team have booked their own rooms at other hotels.
- Activities/dinners at Silvers occur organically. Curtis is planning to put together something for 9/10s and 11/12s as he did last year.
- Hotel info for States to follow soon.

Fundraising (Crall)

- The Swim-A-Ton will be held on January 20 (10am-3pm) and January 21 (11am-2pm).
- Will check on number of ducks for Swim-a-Ton.
- Union County High School Championships have been moved to Swim-a-Ton weekend. We will ask eighth grade swimmers to help out that weekend. Sign Up to follow for those who want to help out.
- \$200 in gift cards approved for Swim-a-Ton for winners and age group leaders.
- Snacks and candy are needed but drinks are taken care from leftovers from DFC and holiday party.
- Swim-a-Ton can be extended so Saturday runs 8am-3pm if needed.
- From an administrative note, Google folders are very helpful especially for historical purposes.

Social (Goodman (Sahm))

- The 12U Holiday Party was a success. We had a few last-minute issues arise with respect to having background checks and insurance policies in place for outside vendors entering the facility, but it got smoothed out and we were able to have the original vendors participate.
- We had a really good response to the call for the canned food donations. The Westfield Food Pantry was very grateful for our contribution.
- Next event will be the End of Year Social. It's set for 4/21/24 from 5-9pm at Shackamaxxon. We have the DJ/Photo Booth confirmed. Sharon will start sending out email soon. Per head pricing should be about the same as last year. Fiorella Giacobbe is willing to help with the slideshow and senior books. Susannah and Maureen to work together again on end of the season coaches' gifts.

Timing System (Kapuscinski)

- The WHS swim season is exciting and sometimes our ancient equipment presents fun and interesting challenges.
- We always get through the challenges but let us plan for post season research to see how much money is needed to update equipment. Speakers are rusty. Wires are corroded. Colorado System needs to be updated.

Apparel (Bregman (Young))

- Silvers and States caps will be revamped for next year. Zones and Nationals caps have already been redesigned for this year.
- Should we consider redesigning Devilfish team caps so swimmers are easier to spot at larger meets?
- Female team suits will be changed for next year.

Publicity (A. Peterson)

- The following articles have been sent (date noted below) and published by media (most responsive has been TAP Into Westfield.)
 - Devilfish Long Course Season Recap (8/23/23)
 - Devilfish Classic (11/18/23)
 - Fall Invitationals (Great Turkey & HCY Autumn Challenge (12/18/23)
 - MR CIY FLY Holiday Invitational (12/28/23)
 - CAT Winter Classic (will go out this week)
- Plan to follow on how to cover the balance of meets and events (Swim-A-Ton) with input from Coach Meg.

Officials (Tao)

- We now have a Devilfish Cowbell for distance events.
- We need to provide at least one official per session for Championship Meets. We should be able to satisfy this requirement. Info will be sent out shortly to our officials.
- USA Officials Training are usually held the spring. Anyone interested in officiating should contact Curtis. YMCA Officials Trainings are generally held in the fall.

Volunteers (Giordano)

- 8Us and 11/12s working on age group events.
- Coach gifts were coordinated through Keri. Coaches really appreciated the generous gifts and this streamlined procedure ensured all coaches were thanked for their efforts.

Vice Chair (B. Peterson)

- Bryan will work with Amanda Aguirre to book rooms far in advance moving forward. Swimming in College Workshop will be scheduled ASAP before Memorial Day.
- Nutrition Workshop and How Parents Can Best Support Their Swimmer will now be on the schedule for Fall 2024. Dates will be set far in advance.
- Kellogg is the ideal room to host these workshops.

Next Meeting – TBD, tentatively Monday, February 5th , 2024