

Devilfish PAC Meeting

November 11, 2024

Minutes

Present: Susannah Lucas, Adrienne Manahan, Megan Myers, Chris Ouellette, Hillary Crall, Maureen Sahm, Catherine Matera, Daniel Spring, Debi Kapuscinski, Keri Giordano, Allison Levitt

- **October 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
 - Approved via Teams
- **New/Old Business (Lucas)**
 - Dr. Zito is hosting a parent presentation on the evening of November 13.
 - First swimmer presentation is on Thursday evening, November 14. Snacks and beverages to be provided for swimmers. Second session is on Thursday, November 21. There are 20 swimmers registered per session for a total of 40.
 - Working with a Team Parent who is a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist to set up a swimmer nutrition workshop in January. Content will focus on pre/post practice snacks, meet fuel, and hydration.
- **Coaches Update (Myers)**
 - We have a little break after the Autumn Challenge. The focus at practice will be on mid-season meets.
 - Well over 100 swimmers have qualified for Long Island. Last year we had 90 swimmers qualify.
 - Winter break practice schedule to follow.
 - MAY meet scheduled for first weekend of December for swimmers who are not swimming at Long Island.
- **Treasurer's Report (Ouellette)**
 - Budget reflects Kix & Stix and Ultimate Swim Shop for September. Waiting for October numbers which will be a lot of inbound activity due to DFC.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
 - **Fundraising (Crall)**
 - 27 Jolyn suits ordered. Need to get to 30 suits to avoid any extra charges. Suits are expected to arrive before Long Island.
 - Towels have been delivered.
 - **Officials (Tao)**
 - Silvers Team Dinner Update — 6pm on Saturday, February 15, 2025.
 - Twenty Devilfish officials have officiated at least one meet this season.
 - We raised \$840 for the Devilfish PAC from the L1 Officials class we hosted at WY in October.

- ***Social*** (Goodman (Sahm)))
 - January 4, 2025 Bounce into the New Year will be a 12U event.
 - Will coordinate with Westfield Food Bank on collection again this year.

- ***Travel*** (Matera)
 - We are all squared away with Long Island hotel rooms. We have 80 rooms booked between the SpringHill and Homewood Suites.
 - For Friday night dinner, we are doing a Jersey Mike's boxed meal at the Rose Board Room at Homewood Suites. This is for swimmers and their families. Please enjoy your food in either the lobby area of either hotel or in your room.
 - Lunch on Saturday for 11 and overs and their families from the Guac Shop at the Roosevelt Conference Room at the Homewood Suites. Conference room dining for swimmers only but parents can eat in the lobby or their rooms.
 - Saturday 9/10 dinner at the Guac Shop Restaurant private room for swimmers and their families.
 - Saturday dinner from Pacific Street Pizza for the 11 and overs at the Homewood Suites Roosevelt Conference Room. Swimmers can dine in the conference room. Parents and siblings in the lobby or their rooms please due to the large number of swimmers.
 - Google form and payment for meals will be sent in late November.

- ***Vice Chair*** (Manahan)/***Meet Coordinator*** (Spring)
 - 2024 DFC was a huge success.
 - Lots of positive feedback from parents, swimmers, and coaches on the three-day structure and organization of the DFC.
 - Five teams participated in the DFC with over 1000 swimmers which was almost to full capacity.
 - Live stream was fantastic.
 - Of eligible Devilfish families, we had just over 97 percent participation. Most families were proactive to register to volunteer. Many of our older swimmers also volunteered to help.
 - DFC 2025 is scheduled for October 17-19, 2025.
 - Coach Matt did a great job with catering.

- ***Apparel*** (Bregman (Young))
 - All spirit items have been delivered.

- ***Timing System*** (Kapusinski)
 - No update

- ***Publicity*** (Choudhry)
 - DFC article published in TAP Into.
 - Seeking feedback from PAC on ideas for future publicity/articles.

- ***Community Liaison*** (Giordano/Concannon)
 - Mentor program is fully up and running. We have received lots of positive feedback from both parents and coaches.

- We are using 11/12s as junior mentors for our Angelfish and pre-team swimmers as a way to ease them into leadership roles.
 - Two of the age groups have scheduled their socials: 13/14s at Laser Tag and 11/12s at SkyZone.
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- **Next meeting January 13, 2025 at 7pm**