

# **Devilfish PAC Meeting**

## **October 7, 2024**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Susannah Lucas, Adrienne Manahan, Meg Myers, Debi Kapuscinski, Chris Ouellette, Keri Giordano, Catherine Matera, Steph Concannon, Daniel Spring, Hilary Crall, Nicole Bregman Young, Maureen Sahm, Catherine Choudhry, Allison Levitt

- **September 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
  - Approved via Teams
- **New/Old Business (Lucas)**
  - Bagel Bash was a success. Thank you to Maureen Sahm for organizing a great event.
  - Finalizing a room and date for Dr. Zito's presentation. It will be after the DFC.
  - Welcome to Daniel Spring, new Meet Coordinator.
- **Coaches Update (Myers)**
  - Bagel Bash went off without a hitch. The older swimmers were a huge help. They were so poised and impressive. This was our smoothest Bagel Bash to date.
  - All meets are up on the online schedule.
  - Will send updated Long Island files as needed. Mockup is in the works for a Long Island cap. Will be ordered week after DFC.
  - Viv Jeckell has come on board Angelfish and Junior 1 and Junior 2 coach.
  - The Monday emails are the "to do this this week" items. Friday's emails are a longer term picture from Fred.
- **Treasurer's Report (Ouellette)**
  - I made several updates to the budget sheet and would like to review and see if there are any questions and try to fill in any remaining gaps. Thanks to everyone who has been providing info!
  - As of September 30, we have an increase of \$24,000 due to the Swim a Ton.
  - We are in good standing on the account.
- **Standing Committee Reports**
  - **Fundraising (Crall)**
    - Towel order submitted on October 4. 119 towels sold vs. 100 budgeted. 4 to 5 week turnaround for the towels.
    - Meg decided to delay the Jolyn sale until the holidays.
    - January 11-12, 2025 are tentative dates for Swim a Ton
  - **Officials (Tao)**
    - We lost 5 L2s to graduation or kids no longer with the WY Devilfish; we gained 2 L2s.
    - We gained three L1s.

- **Social** (Goodman (Sahm))
  - Both Ultimate and Alan Keith are available for both dates our holiday party and end of season banquets. After much research, we will use Alan Keith for both events. **Travel** (Matera)
  - The day after we sent the link for LI hotels, we booked all 30 rooms at the SpringHill Suites and 14 (of 30) at the Homewood Suites. SpringHill added 10 more rooms for us.
  - All of the catered food for the weekend has been booked along with the restaurant for the 10&Unders on Sat night. Sign-ups for meals will be sent out the week of November 18 with a hard deadline of December 1.
  - Chickie's & Pete's is a possible location for Silvers dinner.
  
- **Vice Chair** (Manahan)/**Meet Coordinator** (Spring)
  - Welcome Daniel Spring as New Meet Coordinator!
  - There are five teams participating in the DFC. They are Summit, Wykoff, HCY, West Morris and of course Westfield. We had to turn teams away.
  - Friday night is distance. 100 swimmers. Timers and counters supplied by swimmer.
  - Both Saturday and Sunday sessions have 600 swimmers on both days.
  - 9/10s and 8U boys on Saturday.
  - 9/10s and 8U girls on Sunday.
  - Senior Night is Sunday before start of session.
  - Volunteer list filled up pretty quickly. Still need to follow up with those parents who have not signed up. 11/12 sessions still need volunteers.
  - 107/109 will be opened up for spectators with Live Stream and concession stand. No parents are allowed in gym.
  - Food trucks will be parked on Ferris Place. Costs us nothing and we get 10% of sales.
  - Those who attended timer training asked lots of good questions.
  
- **Apparel** (Bregman (Young))
  - Team gifts, spirit wear and caps all ordered. Spirit wear and caps should be here before DFC.
  - Hilary and I are working on the senior banner.
  
- **Timing System** (Kapuscinski)
  - Timing system has been tested and is ready.
  
- **Publicity** (Choudhry)
  - The article went out in TapInto and the coaches' bios are in Meg's hands.
  - I will plan to do an article about the DFC.
  
- **Community Liaison** (Giordano/Concannon)
  - All AGPs have been in touch with their respective age groups.
  - So far, the use of GroupMe for each age group has been successful. A large portion of families have joined and are already using the chat.
  - Older swimmers had to volunteer this year to be a mentor. Mentor program up to 33 swimmers; 14 boys, 19 girls
  - We will institute a revised version of families for dual meets based on the ratio of swimmers to mentors

- **Next Meeting is Monday, November 11 at 7pm in Room 107/108.**