

Devilfish PAC Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023

Present:

Ann Marie Peterson, Brian Peterson, Hilary Crall, Keri Giordano, Chris Ouellette, Maureen Sahm, Debi Kapuscinski, Nicole Bregman, Adrienne Manahan, Susannah Lucas, Catherine Matera, Allison Levitt, Curtis Tao, Meg Myers

- **Prior Meeting Minutes**
 - Approved September minutes via email.
- **New/Old Business (Lucas)**
 - No updates.
- **Parent Meetings (Peterson)**
 - Plans are well underway for the first parent workshop. Devilfish parent Melissa Schwartzman will present a workshop on how parents can best support their swimmers. Agenda is in progress now and then will be sent to the coaches for their approval.
- **Coaches Update (Myers)**
 - The Bagel Bash was a great success. The kids and parents loved it.
 - There were two dual meets this past weekend. Both were successful and very fast meets.
 - Two new State Qualifying Times were earned this weekend, along with 9 Silver Qualifying Times, 29 Bronze Qualifying Times, and 13 Long Island Holiday Meet Qualifying Times.
 - Little kids did great with their first dual meets.
 - 78 percent of kids had best times during weekend meets.
 - Thank you to the older swimmers who helped at Dual Meets and Bagel Bash.
 - Lots of teams and kids are coming to this weekend's Devilfish Classic.
 - New York teams are accepted first on October 23 for the Long Island Holiday Meet. On October 24, other teams are accepted. We sent in a preliminary file to get in the meet queue. Entries will be updated after DFC and Autumn Challenge. The last chance to qualify for Long Island will most likely be Autumn Challenge. Long Island is a pre-seeded meet.
 - The Stingray Splash is in Perth Amboy from January 13-14, 2024.
 - There are no dual meets in January.
- **Treasurer's Report (Ouellette)**
 - No major updates.
 - Summer long course bagels from Bagel Chateau recently hit account.
 - A new Go Pro will be purchased as well as four new straps for the backstroke wedges.

- **Standing Committee Reports**

- Officials (Tao)
 - Many DFC Officiating spots are being filled by Westfield Y Officials. There are relief officials this year. Saturday's 1650 is a bit light on officials but we are in great shape overall.
 - We went from zero to seven Administrative Officials (AO) this year.
 - Curtis and other experienced officials are working on getting new officials up to speed.
 - We have name tags for every swim official.
 - It is harder to find officials for dual meets.
 - Thank you to Curtis for his great work recruiting officials this year.
- Social (Goodman (Sahm))
 - Parent Social was a success. One swimmer's parents decided to come to the Social after having such a great time at the bowling event so thank you to the Peterson's for organizing that last spring.
 - Bagel Bash was also a success. All expenses should be covered by parent donations. There were plenty of bagels but we may need more hot chocolate for next year.
 - Holiday Party is set for Saturday, December 16 from 6-8 pm in the Y Gym. It will follow a similar format to last year but there will be a new DJ. This is a 12U event but older kids will be given the chance to help out. Pre-team and Angelfish will be included in the Holiday Party. Allergy information will be considered when ordering snacks, pizza, and desserts.
- Timing System (Kapuscinski)
 - The timing system is ready for the DFC.
 - Approval granted for purchase of new printer for timing booth.
- Fundraising (Crall)
 - Jibbitz will be in soon. There was lots of interest in them. We ordered 200 pairs and any extras that were not pre-ordered will be available for sale.
 - Swimathon should be scheduled for early January.
 - Devilfish towels are usually ordered every three years. There is a minimum order of fifty towels. We will revisit ordering in 2024.
- Apparel (Bregman (Young))
 - All Kix N Stix and Ultimate Apparel orders are in. Team t-shirts and sweatshirt gifts are also in. Pre-team and Angelfish do not receive the team gift. Caps will be in this week to Coach Meg.
 - People have been asking for parkas. There is a minimum order of 12. Will look into ordering in time for holidays.
 - Second suit option for girls is still in the works.
- Publicity (A. Peterson)
 - The YMCA is launching a new newsletter and long course summary as well as DFC summary will be included.
 - Age group parents will recruit parents to take photos to ensure lots of great pictures of all swimmers from meets. Almost all swimmers have filled out

the photo release. The marshals could be good people to take photos at DFC.

- Meet Coordinator (Manahan)
 - Devilfish Classic is this weekend.
 - We will work to make sure there are great pictures from each session.
 - We are in good shape with volunteers. Parents really stepped up to volunteer and now just must fulfil their responsibilities.
 - We had lots of interest from teams in DFC. There were more teams interested in swimming than we could accommodate.
 - Volunteer check-in will be in childcare room. Timer meeting info will be emailed.
 - Donations for the DFC Café went really well and we won't have to purchase as many items as expected from our budget.
 - DFC Reminders will be sent this week including FAQ.
 - Senior Banner will be ready in time.
- Travel (Matera)
 - Hotels for Long Island meet were sent out very early this year and both hotels booked within 24 hours. Both hotels have added rooms and in total, 60 rooms total have been booked. Both hotels offer free breakfast and swimming pools.
 - Long Island Saturday lunch at 1pm Fyhr Hibachi before finals. The restaurant can work with all allergies. 9/10 swimmers will have dinner there from 5-6:30 pm.
 - There is a conference room at Homewood Suites which holds 80 people. Kids can eat in the conference room for Friday and Saturday. Food options will most likely be pasta and pizza. Parents and siblings are also invited.
- Volunteer (Giordano)
 - Age group parents have been rolled out. They are receiving so many questions from team parents. Parents are so grateful for their help in answering questions.
 - Age group social events are in the works.
 - New swimmer buddies have also been set up for younger kids.
 - Age group parents should send reminder that kids should leave with their equipment bags.

- **Next Meeting – November 13**