

PAC Meeting 7/22/19

Attendees: Chris Cipolla, Lauren Youssef, Amy Sharkey, Kim Swenson, Matt Kennedy, Christyn McAndrew, Hilary Crall, Tina McKinney, Nicole Bregman, Ed Brown, Mike Kavanaugh

1. Coach's Update

- a. Long course practice for 13-18 year-old swimmers went well with only one practice delayed due to weather. Decision made to retain the Mountainside swim facility for next year given positive experience this year
- b. Overall, swimmers performed well in long course meets, although it was challenging to be accepted into meets given how quickly they fill. Next year's meets will look similar to this summer with potentially another out-of-state meet
- c. Planning for short course season well underway with some practice changes to balance the needs of all groups. Older swimmers will practice earlier on Saturday to allow for less cancellations due to dual meets. Additionally, older swimmers will have one weekday off to help juggle high school swim and will have a Sunday evening practice. Currently the team is estimated at ~220 but may go as high as 245
- d. "Intro to Distance" practice set (Sundays from 11:00 am to 1 pm) are for swimmers not in the top group so that others can gain this experience; coaches must approve swimmers for the Distance group. Groups 4A/4B (top group) will be given distance and sprint training sets and/or stroke work during regular Sunday evening practice
- e. Coach Chris will not be at the YMCA from Sept 11-27th given his pending nuptials

2. Timing System (Kennedy)

- a. A new scoreboard has been ordered from Colorado; the PAC funded close to 50% of the purchase price
- b. Installation on track for mid-September delivery
- c. The YMCA negotiated longer warranties than were originally offered

3. Social (Swenson)

- a. A Parent Social will be held at the Youssef's home on September 6th; a Save the Date event will be sent out on Team Unify
- b. The Spaghetti Meet is scheduled for Sunday October 6
- c. The Holiday Party will be held on December 14 from 5:30 to 8 pm at the YMCA
- d. The Devilfish Annual Banquet is planned for Sunday, April 26; the PAC voted to make it a buffet

4. Fundraising (Crall)

- a. Towels will be sold at the Team Swim Suit Sale in the fall (September 9) for \$30 with a 4-5 week turnaround

5. Officials (Brown)

- a. A total of 10 (out of 20) officials require recertification for this upcoming season which include 6 Level 1 and 4 Level 2
- b. Ed requested Coach Chris to inquire about hosting a Level 1 and Level 2 course at the Westfield YMCA in September before the Devilfish Classic

6. Travel (McAndrew)
 - a. Planning is underway for winter training trip. More information to follow soon
7. Meet Director (Riordan)
 - a. Devilfish Classic will be held on October 13. More details to follow soon
 - b. Alyson Twilley will shadow Beth this year and take over the Meet Director Chair in 2020
 - c. Video and admissions chair positions are open – please reach out to Beth if you are interested
8. Apparel (Sharkey)
 - a. Team suit sale will be held on September 9; room at YMCA TBD
 - b. Parents are asked to please check t-shirt sizes in Team Unify (under my account tab) for the team t-shirt
9. Publicity (Bregman)
 - a. We will reach out to Tap-Into and the Westfield Patch to profile articles
 - b. We will also ask the YMCA to publish more on the main their site
10. Next Meeting
 - a. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 10 at 7 pm at the YMCA