



RACE

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

October 28, 2025 - 6:00 pm, Cascade Swim Center

MINUTES

1. Fundraising Survey

All in attendance received and responded to the survey. RAPRD has not shared results or set a date for the Board to vote on proposed changes.

2. Corporate Sponsorships/Fundraisers

Flyers will be printed for all swimmers to take home prior to Thanksgiving break; **Coaches** will send out email information about the fundraiser through TeamUnify. If a corporate sponsor needs RAPRD to send them an invoice for the donation, notify Krystal or Denise to arrange paperwork. **Krystal** will share the link with the editable list of businesses that have already been contacted by RACE this year to prevent multiple solicitations at the same business. Race-o-Rama will be in April. PAC supports another Wild Ride Pint Night in June.

3. RACE Gear

Shane ordered youth sweatshirts. Majority of PAC are interested in buying adult sweatshirts, recommend moving forward with adult order. **Denise Maich** will work with Amy Johnson to schedule another suit fitting for new swimmers.

4. Swim Banquet

Great event. Ideas for creative recognition of athletes are always welcome. We hope to use the multi-purpose room or gym in the new facility next year.

5. New Parents, Swim Etiquette

Hood River was a very chaotic and unusual meet, although it was a lot of fun for the athletes to have the opportunity to swim together in mixed age/gender relays. Coach Shane discussed Safe Sport and simple rules to keep swim meets safe and competitive.

Spectators are not allowed behind the blocks unless timing; if your child needs something, talk to a coach. Be quiet after the whistle so that swimmers can hear the start. Parents are not allowed in designated official areas. More parent officials are needed as swimmers age out of RACE; **Lynette Konop** will be sending an email with more information to solicit new officials to the program.

6. Coaches Report

RACE Intersquad meet followed by ice skating at 7th Mountain Resort in Bend is scheduled for December 20, more information will be sent out in December. Shane attended the Oregon Swimming Senior Training Camp in Coronado, CA last week; hopes 1-2 athletes from RACE will make the team next year. Mark from Bend Swim Club subbed for Coach Shane, may sub in future when available. RACE plans to host meets at the new facility in August and October. Bend meet this weekend for Copper, Bronze and Silver swimmers; 34 swimmers are registered for McSwimville November 7-9. Tualatin Hills Holiday Classic is December 5-7 in Beaverton for 13+ and at MAC for 12u swimmers. All swimmers must have at least one qualifying time, although Coach Shane may use discretion in registration if a swimmer is close to meeting qualifying time(s). Coach Jody will return in February 2026. RACE has six Eels honored on November 16 at the "Top Five" ceremony in Corvallis, and one coach is nominated for Coach of the Year. Eels had the highest amount of Top Ten 14u athletes score points at Oregon championship meets per capita during last season. This is a new accomplishment for the program! Coach Shane encouraged PAC to start strategizing a way to meet more competitive pay standards than the RAPRD budget currently allows for coaching staff; changes are necessary to keep good coaches and the program competitive. Coach Shane provided information and comparisons of average pay in Oregon for Head and Assistant Swim Coaches; and outlined his awareness of possible booster club/non-profit formations, coach stipends, or public/private partnerships that could be an option. Due to public employee conflict-of-interest regulations, Coach Shane recused himself from further discussion on this topic.

PAC discussed and supported forming a separate RACE "Steering" Committee to explore options and help direct the future of RACE. **Laura Nofziger, Justin Mahon, Barbie Unfried, Julie Van Matre, Shane Van Matre, Kristen Rodriguez, and Rachel Mitzel** volunteered as members of the new Committee; **Julie Lovrien** volunteered to provide support and coordination of the Committee to ensure a successful launch. All parents and stakeholders are welcome to join and participate in the Committee.

7. Q & A

Q. When will Oregon Swimming post new time standards?

A. New time standards should be posted on November 1. Oregon's Time Standards are still slower in comparison to USA Swimming and most other States. Oregon lost several Assistant Coaches during the pandemic to other States with open pools or new jobs, Oregon programs are still recovering.

Q. Is there a training scheduled for meet timers?

A. **Coach Shane** will ask Lynette to conduct a brief training for all parents during the next meet during warmups, before the start of competition.

Q. Are there more tattoos available, and could tattoos possibly serve as a fundraiser?

A. Julie will discuss tattoos with Krystal, deferring the probability of fundraising through selling tattoos to her.

Next Meeting - TBD December 2025 or January 2026

Action Items:

- **Coaches** will send out email information about the fundraiser through TeamUnify.
- **Krystal** will share the link with the editable list of businesses that have already been contacted by RACE this year to prevent multiple solicitations at the same business.
- **Denise Maich** will work with Amy Johnson to schedule another suit fitting for new swimmers.
- **Lynette Konop** will be sending an email with more information to solicit new officials to the program.
- **Laura Nofziger, Justin Mahon, Barbie Unfried, Julie Van Matre, Shane Van Matre, Kristen Rodriguez, Rachel Mitzel and Julie Lovrien** will launch RACE Steering Committee.
- **Coach Shane** will ask **Lynette** to conduct brief training for all parents during the next meet during warmups, before the start of competition.