

Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021

*****PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING*****

WPAC Attending: Todd Stevens, Erin Adams, Kerri Mims, Jill Lillis, Rosemarie Gimby, Christine Grey, Tammy Winslow, JoAnn McCaffrey, Lindsay Fontana, Lori Skiddell

Additional Attendees: Greg Pinchbeck, Bernadette Hess

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

Old Business:

- Approval of July 2021 minutes

Director of Competitive Aquatics Report

Todd Stevens

- Thank you to Bernadette Hess for 11 years of commitment to the Wahoo community 2010-2021
- Good to be back
- Starting dryland Monday for all squads. The schedule on the website.
- Maya di Rado is coming on Saturday. Senior and national practice in the morning.
- Long day - coaching staff will transition from coaching to clinic to parent social.
- Coaching staff will bartend.
- December 10-12 Long Island travel meet to include 11/12 year olds. Hotel is secured, 5 min from the pool. Looking for chaperones for that. Will need commitment from team members for that meet. National team will attend the Raleigh NC meet.
- Rock the Y is coming up on 9/25/21, no SS/SB practice that morning.
- Need National swimmers to sell tickets at Rock the Y. 9/25/2021.
- Y closes at 4 p.m., prior to WYW parent social. Guests will need to enter/exit through gates as the building will be closed.
- Was vs Hoos. 10/2/2021 from 1-4 p.m.. Todd will bring back the original Was vs Hoos event: team relays. It's a great opportunity for kids of all ages to interact. Followed by parent/coach relay. * JoAnn McCaffrey/ Jill Lillis - Wilton Deli is catering grilled foods, squads will provide sides.
- Committee will be needed for the 50th WYW anniversary party.

- Spring Banquet will need to be planned sooner than later given how far out Rolling Hills makes reservations. Typically a Tuesday night, after spring break. Potentially April 26, 2022.
- Turner construction is attempting a 2 week repair to a building issue which will require scaffolding which may affect spectators and meets. Looking for 20 parents for a midweek Bubble Up.
- YMCA wants to do a Halloween Spooktacular the same weekend as the Halloween WYW meet. Will need to coordinate space and logistics. Wahoos will need to be out of the meet by 5 p.m. This will be a 2 session meet 13/O and 12/U.

Co-President's Report

Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

- Questions if high school teams will have swim banquets as well. Potential Tuesday December 7, 2021.
- Welcome everyone to the first WPAC meeting with this new board. Explains WPAC schedule, role of serving as liaison between parents feedback and coaches, and promotes the team in a positive light. Reminders that we are the ambassadors of the team, encourage positive conversation and problem solving. Reiterate the importance of opening WPAC meetings to other parents. Redirect parents' concerns to coaches for "wet" issues. A lot of new families - goal is to increase recruitment, fundraising, trained positions, work policy. Please share any and all ideas for team growth.
- Discussion of 2021-2022 Leadership - most positions are filled. Coaches need to nominate squad VPs. Younger squads are quite large and would benefit from 3 squad VPS. Per JoAnn, the team is currently at 233 members.
- WPAC recognition to JoAnn and Lori for all of their behind the scenes work for the team, particularly in August for registration, and truly all they do.
- The Maya di Rado event will be a great event.
- Need volunteers for the parent social for set up at 2 p.m, and to pick up Village Market supplies. Taylor rental is dropping off supplies on Friday - to be stored by spectator fence. The Wilton Steel band will arrive at 4:30.
- National team and parents will coordinate BBQ for Was vs. Hoos, set up and clean up.
- Regarding the Wahoo handbook, one person is needed to edit for content. Lindsay Fontana volunteered to do so and then it will be available for the website.
- Regarding future WPAC dates and times. Plan on the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month, depending on holiday.

Meet Coordinator's Report

JoAnn McCaffrey

- Extra adult size shirts, samples, caps, etc in the Coaches office.
- All website information needs to be consistent and compatible with the website.
- 54 new families - nice families.
- Meets are all posted for Halloween and Thanksgiving meets.
- We do not have enough trained workers for November meet within the Wahoo team.

Vice-President Report

Lindsay Fontana

- An email is prepared for the Was vs Hoos swap, with a plan for a long window for the swap.

Secretary Report

Erin Adams

- Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Fundraising/ Team Development

Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell

- Communicated with Kristen Bishop regarding transition of role to new board. Identifying points of contact for each fundraising. Goal to have a table at the Was vs Hoos with graphic prepared by Eric

Meet Staffing Coordinator

Christine Grey

- Nothing to report. Will coordinate with Jill Lillis once the sign ups are complete.
- Per Kerri and Jill - Sarah Kruezer and Erin McCormick will assist. Christine will be identified as Super User.

Membership Coordinator /Squad VP Coordinator

Tammy Winslow

- No new information at this point.
- Halloween scarecrows will be on agenda this fall with the squads.
- Coaches will relay the squad VP nominees.
- Confirmation of Squad VP budget.

New Business: Greg Pinchbeck - discuss Safe Sport in January as the 2 year tenure of Safe Sport is in May 2022.

Next meeting is Monday October 18, 2021. 7 p.m..

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021

*****PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING*****

WPAC Attending: Todd Stevens, Erin Adams, Kerri Mims, Jill Lillis, Rosemarie Gimby, Tammy Winslow, JoAnn McCaffrey, Lindsay Fontana, Lori Skiddell

Absent: Christine Grey

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

Old Business:

- Approval of September 2021 minutes

Director of Competitive Aquatics Report

Todd Stevens

- Thanks to Mrs. Gimby, Mrs. Winslow and Mrs. Pinchbeck for helping with Bubble Up.
- The National banners are up on the line, effective today.
- We opted to skip December try out dates.
- Team photo day needs a date secured on calendar: Mrs. Kelly.

- Lori Skiddell - asking is this a fundraiser? Is there a way to incorporate this to a fundraiser - there are potential parents on the team who can photograph the team.
- Debate inside or outside pictures, time of year. Kerri Mims - asking Lori to follow up with Christine Kelly. Needs to be completed by yearbooks, therefore pictures need to be finished by beginning of March.
- Working on Holiday training schedule - handing to Samantha Lusher
- Nutrition zoom with athletes on Nov. 10 by MaryAnn Gennuario and Ellen from Nuvance health.
- Todd plans to make an offer to 15/O swimmers, as he wants to retain their interest in WYW with age appropriate peer groups.. Proposal will not affect the stress of anyone but Todd's. This will not change anyone's practice schedule. It is an option. They can come from 3:30 - 5:15 M-F, allowing them to experience dryland with the National team MWF. The national team has a welcoming climate. The footprint is small enough to have them train at that time slot in the south pool and overlap with either the HS boys or girls swim team and/or the junior squad. With their own separate work out. For Todd - he needs to manage 2 different workouts at the same time. To begin November 1.
- Social events for groups coming up: Juniors. Seniors. Maroon. Not in the lobby - squad parties in paddle hut.
- December travel: We had planned to go to Long Island. However, they have downsized the meet tremendously. 12/U is timed finals. Friday - distance events limited to top 30. Logistics need to be sorted regarding hotel blocks that have been reserved as this meet no longer fits the needs of the team.
- Email last week about the air quality, but minimal response. In future -the plan is to minimize the chlorinator a few days prior to the bubble going up. In future - let it dry out prior to storing for the winter.

Co-President's Report

Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

- Thank you to everyone who helped parent social on deck. Thank you to our bartending coaches and JoAnn. We had a lot of positive feedback. Thank you to WPAC members for setting up.
- The Maya DiRado event had a positive message for kids and was well appreciated by the team.
- In the process of developing an officials clinic in Wilton as our number of officials is dwindling every year and have had difficulty training new ones. Liza Heller has tried help this, organized an instructor for clinic.
- JoAnn- "Y-Click" recertifications can be done online. Unsure of new certifications. Since we are running two pools we need two of each. CT and WYW are in need of officials.
- New parent social in lobby next Monday; fundraising will be there. WPAC will be there.

Meet Coordinator's Report

JoAnn McCaffrey

- Halloween Meet has a lot of changes. 6 teams. 541 swimmers. Saturday 12/u session would have had over 300 swimmers. So it was split into 2 sessions. Changes are as follows: Friday's warm up is staying the same. 2 sessions of 12/u and 13/o and combining into 1 event warm up 3:15 - finish by 7:30. Saturday morning starts the same 6:30 w/u 745 start - they will be finished by 10:45. 12/U split into 2 sessions. Combined 10/U girls. 12/U boys. 11 m warm up finishes by 3. Second one is 3 warm up finishes by 6. Halloween Sunday will be finished by 3:30. Not asking other teams for help on Friday. Never more than 115 kids.
- November meet is minimally attended. Will likely just be our team - younger squads.
- Scoreboard: Delivery is en route - optimistic arrival is a couple of weeks.
- Banquet - Kerry renegotiated the Rolling Hills contract. April 26, 2022.
- Eric had the idea to sell 3 shirts of different colors at the start of season at registration.

Vice-President Report

Lindsay Fontana

- Gear swap went really well. 85% of gear was taken. Should definitely do this again in the spring.

Secretary Report

Erin Adams

- Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Fundraising/ Team Development

Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell

- Selling fundraising cards during swap. Sold out \$800 Pinocchio cards.
- Reiterated plan to potentially convert the team photos to a fundraising event.

Meet Staffing Coordinator

Christine Grey

- Per Jill - She set up the transition for the meet. Julia LaBant is taking a hiatus from the concession position. There are a few families that haven't signed up for extra jobs on the National team.

Membership Coordinator /Squad VP Coordinator

Tammy Winslow

- Super Bronze: Joint party with SS on 10/23. The kids did Halloween Themed pool activities with the coaches and received treat bags.
- Super Squad: Joint party with SB on 10/23. The kids did Halloween Themed pool activities with the coaches and received treat bags.
- Maroon: Planning a date to do treat bags and relays with Eric and Ray. No date given at the time of meeting.
- Gold: Scarecrow building party on Saturday, 10/8. Kids decorated this year's scarecrow with a 50th Anniversary Themed throwback outfit. Scarecrow is currently in Wilton Center by Signature Style. Kids also enjoyed snacks and apple cider.
- Juniors: Donut party on 10/19 after Saturday morning practice. They are also planning a Halloween themed pizza party on 10/27 at the Pavillion.
- Seniors: Pizza and desserts party on 10/26 at the paddle hut.
- National: Team dinner and Halloween themed movie night at Randi's house on 10/15.
- Age group holiday gift to be considered - maybe a lunch box. Lauren Pinchbeck considered a team gator/scarf.
- Team scarecrow has a great location in town, right in front of Signature Style.

New Business: Purchase new officials shirts.

Next meeting is Monday November 8, 2021. 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

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**Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 15, 2021**

**\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING\*\*\***

**WPAC Attending:** Todd Stevens, Erin Adams, Kerri Mims, Jill Lillis, Rosemarie Gimby, Tammy Winslow, JoAnn McCaffrey,, Lori SkiddellChristine Grey

Absent: Lindsay Fontana

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of Soctober 2021 minutes

### **Director of Competitive Aquatics Report**

**Todd Stevens**

- Meets this weekend went well.
- Zoom for 50th Anniversary planning scheduled this Thursday.
- JoAnn will be away until November 29
- HS champs tomorrow night
- Scoreboard has arrived, on deck. Installed Monday December 13.
- Adding new swimmers to team on various squads.
- Holiday training schedule is set.
- Working on coaches certification updates.WPAC presidents met with Bob McDowell last Thursday.
- Big weekend coming up with Wahoo meet.

### **Co-President's Report**

**Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis**

- Thank you to all that came out for WPAC social. JoAnn was helpful for so many new families.
- Productive meeting with Bob. regarding how Wahoos can support Y with fundraising. How to support coaches and their office space. Will look into companies that can live stream the meets. Future plans to store the bubble.

### **Meet Coordinator's Report**

**JoAnn McCaffrey**

- Huge thank you to Rosemarie Gimby for helping so much with officework.
- Upcoming Thanksgiving meet 9 teams 462 swimmers. 2 pools. 13/O in gym asked visiting teams to have a parent in the gym to help.
- 12/O all on pool deck. Parents have to walk into the Y, a staging area where parents can drop off the kids by the gym and a Wahoo parent to direct them to the locker rooms.
- Emailed Tom from gymnastics regarding borrowing TVs for the gym for the 13/O and for parents of 12/U
- 12/U will be masked. No ifs and or buts.
- Spectators on deck for finals. With masks.
- In good shape for jobs.



**Vice-President Report****Lindsay Fontana**

- absent

**Secretary Report****Erin Adams**

- Thank you for meet well run. Younger swimmers excited about new meets.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS****Fundraising/ Team Development****Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell**

- Rosemarie has been selling a lot of giftcards. ~~\$1800 pies, 31 blankets, Tiger Sports Spiritwear.
- Lori & Rosemarie have been calling new families regarding fundraising and welcoming information.
- Mr. Hu is happy to volunteer time for team pictures.

**Meet Staffing Coordinator****Christine Grey**

- Questions about no shows

**Membership Coordinator /Squad VP Coordinator****Tammy Winslow**

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Few thanksgiving social parties. SB. SS.  
Holiday age group gift has been ordered, will be in prior to December holiday parties. Thank you to Lori for designing gift.  
What options do we have for winter parties regarding indoor locations.

**New Business:**

Greg - thank you to Christine for representing the wahoos at CT swim banquet.

Safesport - will there be a marshal keeping parents outside of locker rooms? And for finals too? JoAnn confirmed we will. Remind flex workers that they can't use phone behind blocks.

Next meeting is

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

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## **Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 10, 2022**

**\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING\*\*\***

**WPAC Attending:** Todd Stevens, Erin Adams, Kerri Mims, Jill Lillis, Rosemarie Gimby, Tammy Winslow, JoAnn McCaffrey, Lori Skiddell, Christine Grey, Lindsay Fontana

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of November 2021 minutes

### **Director of Competitive Aquatics Report**

**Todd Stevens**

- Meet coming up this weekend.
- Scoreboard looks great
- Training occurred with joanne and eric with guy who installed the scoreboard
- Will finish up 13/O Y state entry by this weekend
- Thank you to WPAC and all WYW parents for the thoughtfulness and generosity during the holiday season.
- CT Senior championships - We have been asked to host the meet for thursday night and Fri Sat and Sun prelims which is a pick up in terms of revenue- but concerned about covid.
- Met with bob mcdowell and put out a job description and posting for a FT Wahoo coach to add to our staff and hopefully fill by april 11. It's going out in several different media. To primarily work alongside Ray and Eric but help Jr Sr Natl as needed and maybe coach some of the masters - come fully certified as a member of USA swimming - will also be involved in the pre team since we lost Pete Peters. Also doing some part time in some swim instruction.
- Ceiling in office has been repaired
- Met with 50th anniversary planning committee. Shortened the list of inductees - need written criteria for what it takes to be considered into hall of fame. Met with

bob who approved his shortened list. Eric will be working on a drop down that will list all current HoF inductees and criteria moving forward.

### **Co-President's Report**

**Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis**

- Jill questions about senior meet - schedule and standards. When is Seniors scheduled? JoAnn - we will know tonight? We believe it will be the weekend after.
- When will time standards go out for seniors? JoAnn - idk. - JoAnn - plans are still TBD. Wilton time trials and prelims, WRAT to do finals.
- Reiterate what todd said - thrilled that scoreboard is up - will be great to see it up this weekend. Thank you to eric and jann throughout the installation process. Some streaming and wifi issues that need to be sorted out. Behind the scenes we've been meeting with the Y to purchase additional tech equipment to streamline process. Eric bought a webca,
- Talk briefly about - have been in touch with Jared head of development - will partner with him along with rosemarie and lori - wahoos will cosponsor the swamp romp. Wahoos will be participation gin swamp romp with the Y.
- Hoping that by WYW taking on swamp romp, if we fundraise above and beyond it is an opportunity for WYW to take some of the money
- Hopefully joann can talk about safety measures for covid 19.

### **Meet Coordinator's Report**

**JoAnn McCaffrey**

- Sessions are not long - to minimize covid - let's not have 'time your own', have swimmers or regular timers to minimize outside exposure to covid.
- Have marshalls help with mask enforcement.
- Running one pool. There is space to distance around the second pool.
- Will provide bare minimum for concessions and food to purchase prior to finals.

### **Vice-President Report**

**Lindsay Fontana**

- Nothing to report - please reach out if there is something that needs help.

### **Secretary Report**

**Erin Adams**

- Thank y

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Fundraising/ Team Development**

**Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell**

- Nothing to report but will have info next weekend re swamp romp.

### **Meet Staffing Coordinator**

**Christine Grey**

- Registration closed tonight for jobs. 13/0 is the greatest need.
- System in place for last minute swimmers who need to drop out.

### **Membership Coordinator /Squad VP Coordinator**

**Tammy Winslow**

- .most squads in dec able to pull off their holiday socials in a variety of forms. Bigger question is moving forward, what they are allowed to do given the current climate.

### **New Business:**

Greg - renewal for safesport. Training is an area of renewal process where we can get some points. Will push training in february.

Next meeting is February, date TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

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Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 7, 2022

*****PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING*****

WPAC Attending: Todd Stevens, Erin Adams, Kerri Mims, Jill Lillis, Rosemarie Gimby, Tammy Winslow, JoAnn McCaffrey, Lori Skiddell, Christine Grey, Lindsay Fontana, Greg Pinchbeck

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

Old Business:

- Approval of January 10, 2022 minutes

Director of Competitive Aquatics Report

Todd Stevens

- Getting very excited for CT senior champs and regional champs
- Meeting w Samantha Lusher tomorrow regarding potential assistant coach - will keep WPAC posted. Ideal hire can liaison with the swim lesson program.
- Kerri Mim's question: What is the process of interviewing? Will parents be involved in interviewing potential candidates?
- Met with the 50th anniversary committee - it is shaping up very nicely. Grateful to be surrounded by committed hardworking and creative individuals. Makes life easier. Announced the inductees to Hall of Fame on 50th anniversary Facebook site - will share with Wahoo social media. Working on getting their bios and photos. In short - have opted to go with flow of what was done for parent social - Lori and Kerri present a schematic of tables around the pool deck. Beverages/ Wilton Deli will cater the event, price is fitting. Hawaiian theme. Photo booth on grassy area by entry to 50 m pool. Alleviates any issue with conflicts with little league events; parking issues. The presentation podium will be by the pond. Tables up both sides of the pool. The Wilton Steel band will be near the studio in a fenced area. Looks great. Things coming together. Couldn't be happier.
- CT Senior champs entries due tomorrow night. Regionals due next Tuesday.
- Senior invite planned. 10/U age groups. 13/14 age groups the following weekend
- The Wahoo office is still in disarray. Work being done on the roof with some of the fittings so that it is perfectly sound for upcoming meets.
- Talked to Eric and Ray regarding zones. Need a wahoo coach at the meet.
- Todd recommends that Eric and Ray manage time off so they can both get 2 weeks.
- Long course starts April 11.
- Kids will all have at least 2 weeks off , depending on what group they are in.

Co-President's Report

Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

- Kerri - At 8/u Y states - observations - our numbers have dramatically increased. Eric and Ray did such an amazing job. I hadn't been to another pool for a long time. After stepping away, it gives perspective - a reminder of how well things are run here - thank you to Joann and all the workers. It's a village.
- Move to livestreaming - a work in progress. We did, with Greg's help - get a new computer, today. It's powerful and it will help us. Still figuring out how we will use two pools. Maybe use YouTube instead of Facebook this time. Eric got a

connection for the scoreboard. Might not be perfect for seniors but will help going forward. Increased the wifi for the Y which should help.

- Jill, Greg and Kerri sat with USA swimming, and with support of both Bob and Todd will participate in a quality assurance program to see what the experts think to ID areas to enhance the program. Coaches and some parents will be interviewed by USA swimming. Greg: Team services function. Headed by Brendan Hansen. We want to do this rather quickly. Goal is to complete their one on one interviews quickly. Then we won't hear from them for awhile during which they will assemble themes. Then they will come onsite and discuss themes with participants. We are not charged for this from USA swim. Their recommendations are not binding.
- Wahoo picture. Team pictures were this past weekend. Mr. Hu is very professional and a pleasure to work with. Better than prior years. Insisting on wahoos selling them for fundraiser. Greg recommended an in kind tax deduction.

Meet Coordinator's Report

JoAnn McCaffrey

- Information with entry specifics isn't in yet for Seniors. We are doing hospitality and concessions. We are not responsible for meet management. Once I know entries, we can provide more information. Parking an issue for Friday as Wilton HS in session.

Vice-President Report

Lindsay Fontana

- Echoing what Kerri had to say regarding officiating the older groups, the officials are very pleased with the manner in which the meets are run. Kudos to everyone for ensuring that happens.
- 3 things: A few projects we'd like to develop moving forward
- New position for Greg - updates for title/description for manual - is a vote necessary?
- Have some 12/U squads create lawn signs wishing good luck to Y National swimmers. H frames in the gym closet with blank inserts. Roughly \$12-15 each. Reach out to squad VPs, could they assemble a squad party of sorts. Asking Todd which swimmers are going - 5 qualifiers. Will know by March 3-6 if others will make it. Nats are departing March 26 - meet begins March 28, ends April 1, home April 2. Signs ready by Sunday March 20
- Finally, thinking about a website - maybe have an alumni section - what is the interest in seeing in an alumni tab? Looking at other club's websites. Is it password protected? Does anyone have any thoughts on matter? Or clubs which they think do a nice job? Not sure of logistics of implementing this into website design.

Secretary Report

Erin Adams

- Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Fundraising/ Team Development

Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell

- Picture ordering - haven't seen how many have ordered. Deadline is Friday night. Jill suggested we send out a watermarked proof as a reminder and to motivate purchases.
- Brooke rec'd a \$1500-1600 check from VM for Village Market receipts.
- Everything up to date on spreadsheet for fundraising
- Discussed putting Aahoos on Amazon Smile. Per JoAnnThe Y has an Amazon Smile link now; but it goes directly to gymnastic Per Todd - Jared has some ideas to resolve situation
- Discussions with Y regarding swamp romp and 50th anniversary fundraising.
- Swamp romp date: April 30.
- Carolyn at Tiger Sports just had brain surgery last week - maybe we can send her flowers or some sign of support.

Meet Staffing Coordinator

Christine Grey

- At the last meet, Jill asked for feedback from Tammy and Christine Kelly. They provided good feedback. Will provide spreadsheet with updated work history

Membership Coordinator /Squad VP Coordinator

Tammy Winslow

- Not a lot to report. Will wait to hear if we can have squad socials, and if so, where. Will talk to VPs about decorating for nationals. Some VPs helped for photo day. VPs organized birthday celebrations for Eric and Ray.

New Business:

Greg: sticking with the good news - got the Wahoo alum 50K match.

Safesport - come up on 2 years in May - can start re-applying for that recognition program two months prior to it.

Training occurs every month - maybe we send out notices online. JoAnn - is there any way to obtain a list of parents that are already trained?

Next meeting is March 14, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

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## Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 14, 2022

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

### Old Business:

- Approval of February 2022 minutes

### Director of Competitive Aquatics Report

**Todd Stevens**

- Wahoos had a great performance at Regionals with a combined 1<sup>st</sup> place
- CT seniors and senior invite was a success.
- 10/U Age Groups were outstanding. A lot of excitement in Westport for that meet; 11-14 Age Groups this upcoming weekend.
- The assistant coach search continues; tomorrow we will talk to a few people for potential hire, back to back tomorrow afternoon.
- Look to follow up with the USA swimming survey. We hope to manage that next week.
- There are Coach discussions about the 15/O senior squad. The direction we want for September is to give space for 15/O apart from 13/U. We will continue to run that moving forward now that boys HS swim is out of the way. After that, in the summer, the older kids will need to swim with younger kids.
- There are swimmers who go to juniors from lower end of gold or higher maroon. Some have the desire and want to work hard while others end up quitting because they've 'been there done that' or their friends have moved on. We need to develop a group for kids with 2 years in the junior group who are



now 15, or 2 years in the senior group and now 15. There needs to be another place for them to go.

- Alternatively, there are 13 yr olds now in the senior group – if they don't eventually move onto Nationals with Joe, they're going to have growing pains because there's always kids funneling in from Gold.
- We want to create an incentive in the junior group to swim year round.
- Great that the Age Group kids are preparing team support signs for our Y National qualifiers
- The Wahoo office is being worked on today and tomorrow.
- We are meeting about Y nationals – it is all coming together. Entries are due next Monday
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is coming together – plan on reconvening with committee to get update on that
- Bubble down is Saturday May 21 – the company will do it but will need volunteers to help with folding. – Kerri asking about cleaning and temperature protected storage of the bubble – Kerri and Jill will follow up.
- Recognition day coming along – will be really nice at Rolling Hills. Terry is awesome with the yearbook.
- Joseph G Rogers award will be given to Bob McDowell at Y National meet – coaches, chaperones and swimmers going to dinner in his honor. Terry is doing a page in the yearbook in his honor.
- Upcoming tryouts are scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Our goal is to have summer travel meet opportunities for swimmers. Location and logistics are still to be determined as it is not yet clear which teams will be hosting events. Long Course schedules aren't done yet so it's difficult to assess availability. College pools are closed as of this time.

## **Co-President's Report**

**Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis**

- We are so impressed with live streaming; It has come a long way. Spectators are pretty pleased. Jill adds – will be testing another software that's more user friendly to transition it to a parent job and relieve Eric of this additional duty. We

will need another solution for the long course. Some wifi issues on Sunday. However, overall we are in much better shape than we've been in the past.

- Asking Joann, "Is there anything you want to add regarding functionality of the new scoreboard?" Co-presidents also asked for coaches to develop a "wishlist" of items needed to facilitate coaching and meet needs. JoAnn responded that with some extra money from regionals – we need to start upgrading touch pads; eventually all of our touchpads need to be rewired. No one knows anyone that knows how to do it. Backup plungers are on threads, need clean computers with nothing on them. We do have new meet manager but haven't put it on old computers yet. Rewiring secondary plugs in the event we want to run both pools on one scoreboard. Wiring is our first issue. Let's do it when bubble down.
- Recognition night – on track – Summer has booked a photo booth. We need a final count as we are pretty close to the date of the event. ~\$35 per attendee. One parent per swimmer. No siblings.
- Greg, Jill and Kerri have spoken with USA swim to have a preliminary meeting with recommendations for enhancing our program. They're really excited to offer us insight. More to come on that.
- Jill – something came up at regional meet - some parents cannot work meets for various reasons – can we think or spearhead ideas for parents that cannot be onsite but really want to help – some don't want to pay, but they can't help onsite. Perhaps they can bring medals home and sort. It's just 3 or 4 families.

### **Meet Coordinator's Report**

**JoAnn McCaffrey**

- Started to set up fees for summer tryouts – no increase over last summer fees but for move up kids we are charging the differential – we never have done that before but believe it is necessary to accommodate for the 4 months of long course.
- There are some parents who haven't paid swim fees all year. Soon their children are not going to be able to attend. Jill – we need to know whose kids swim and don't work.
- May meet is open to teams – no finals
- June meet is a closed invitational – 5 teams. We will have trials and finals
- We will put bid in for regionals
- The CT swim plan is probably for seniors inside.
- Last question – anyone on board with organizing senior brunch? Jill has two parents assigned. It's normally in late May. Jen Gardner and Jill Newcomer.

### **Vice-President Report**

**Lindsay Fontana**

- A follow up for Greg to have him formally part of the WPAC board

- We did yard signs for Y National qualifiers– thank you Tammy for help with VPs – these will be ready on Friday.

## **Secretary Report**

**Erin Adams**

- Nothing to report.

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **Fundraising/ Team Development**

**Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell**

- 14k raised to date. \$1300 excess over minimum requirement. We raised \$1500 from squad photos. \$1300 from swimsuits. Receipts from Village Market ~\$500. Separately, random receipts from Village Market are no longer accepted. Need to be associated with family. We Need to find a replacement for the current Village Market organizer, she's giving us some time but needs to transition out of position soon.
- Amazon smile – per Shana it can be separated from gymnastics but will be a challenge. We have the potential to add it on to fall fundraising, but it's a lot of work and may not be worth it. We need to think about it.
- Swamp romp coming up – it's a Y fundraiser attached to healthy kids day. We will have coaches and swimmers participate.
- We are so close to, and need to focus on, the 50<sup>th</sup> Wahoo anniversary celebration.
- We used to have a Bulletin board in the lobby – we want to encourage community and get people back into the YMCA - Will need to talk to Bob about possibilities.

### **Meet Staffing Coordinator**

**Christine Grey**

- Some challenging emails with parents that are new and don't want to work; Jill is very good and diplomatic in these situations.

### **Membership Coordinator /Squad VP Coordinator**

**Tammy Winslow**

- Age Group VPs did a great job rallying behind the yard sign project. VPs have handed out squad photos.
- Some end of season parties are starting tomorrow, rest are next week. All before the break.
- We were so impressed with 10/U meet – commendable that we went from 2 – 14 kids at Age Groups, some made zone cuts. There was so much camaraderie, and high fiving. Kudos to Eric and Ray. They should hear the appreciation from parents.

### **New Business:**

Greg - the system is open to start adding back in safesport.

Next meeting is May 2, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

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Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 2, 2022

*****PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING*****

WPAC Attending: Todd Stevens, Erin Adams, Kerri Mims, Jill Lillis, Rosemarie Gimby, Tammy Winslow, Lori Skiddell, Christine Grey, Lindsay Fontana.

Absent: JoAnn McCaffrey

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

Old Business:

- Approval of March 2022 minutes

Director of Competitive Aquatics Report

Todd Stevens

- Our new coach, Jaice, is awesome, a go-getter. The kids love him.

- I met with the WPAC presidents today. We are starting a long range planning calendar so all parents can have a look at our program. When LC begins, the last day of practice, when we will be on break. The Pool will be closed for cleaning and renovation in late August. Long Range calendar planning. Have more precise squad definitions and progression. More efficient website.
- Recognition day was great - thank you to all who were involved.
- JoAnn is in Florida.
- Coaches will go to ASCA world clinic for continuing education Sept 7-11.
- Bringing everyone, with exception of Super Bronze and Junior back on Aug 29 for a week prior to ASCA.
- Looking forward to team travel in June. We are rounding up chaperones. We currently have two commitments and are looking for a third. Will get that budgeted and the entries completed.
- Swamp Romp was great - thank you.
- Bubble down May 21
- Meet scheduled for May. Kerri has questions about spectators. Response: It will be indoors; we will likely have spectators, but they may be limited. It will also be live streamed. Ultimately, we will follow whatever CT announcement is.
- The 50th Anni is coming up quickly. Thank you to all involved. Invite is nice and convenient to text it to others who are not on social media.
- July meets happen rapidly. So much better now with Jaice given Nats and Age groups overlapping. The UCONN meet at the end of July will be great for kids that end at Regionals or Nat swimmers who don't make Ys.
- 12/U to Long Island and Cheshire Distance
- Saturday September 17 is Tom Petty Project
- Todd - coaches planning a 15/O Senior Squad Will be integrated into the short course season as it can dovetail with highschool sports.
- SafeSport - need to be prioritized

- Recognition night was fabulous - nice to see everyone together and celebrating. Summer and Maureen did a fabulous job
- Swamp Romp - great to see so many people out supporting coaches. Thank you Todd and the rest of the crew. We raised a ton of money for the YMCA.
- Positions: home meet job assigner is an anticipated need. Squad VPs - vacancies in Super Bronze. Will email the parents to see if anyone is interested in leadership positions. Tammy - will ask who is interested in VP positions, won't be solidified until squad placements are complete
- May meet - spoke with Joann. 13/14 and 15/O are split. This is because CT swim asked JoAnn to keep the meet open to accept more kids. Right now we have about 4 teams. If we end up combining it at the end, we will manage the work needs then. Parents want spectators. Will need to manage physical space to host spectators. Will be difficult to livestream the entire pool now that it's a long course. Need to talk to Bob. Christine Grey asks - will other teams help work positions? Yes - everyone works 2 days and then we will ask teams for gaps.
- Re: USA swim follow up. It is on our agenda, and we started phase 1 meeting with Todd and Eric today. Looking to fine tune squads, policies and procedures, maybe add positions to WPAC. We are taking their feedback very seriously and strive to improve our program.

Meet Coordinator's Report

JoAnn McCaffrey

- Relayed by Jill regarding May meet

Vice-President Report

Lindsay Fontana

- Helped Lori out with a fundraising letter.
- Will help Lori with bios for program
- Will start working on updates to the handbook.

Secretary Report

Erin Adams

- Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Fundraising/ Team Development

Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell

- Consider charging for a heat sheet at June meet.

- Focused on the 50th Anniversary party. Would be great for WPAC members to attend and promote.

Meet Staffing Coordinator

Christine Grey

- Will work on May meet.

Membership Coordinator /Squad VP Coordinator

Tammy Winslow

- VPs were a huge help at the banquet, labeled extra yearbooks for kids who could not make it that night.
- We always have one vacancy in super bronze and it's one of the more vital positions to have available information. Are there other people who maybe are no longer "new" who can help?

New Business: Find parents to help for CT swim banquet.

Next meeting is June 13 , 2022

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

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**Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 13, 2022**

**\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING\*\*\***

**WPAC Attending:** Todd Stevens, Erin Adams, Kerri Mims, Jill Lillis, Rosemarie Gimby, Tammy Winslow, Lori Skiddell (via zoom), Christine Grey, Lindsay Fontana.

**Absent:** JoAnn McCaffrey

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

**Old Business:**

- Approval of May 2022 minutes

**Director of Competitive Aquatics Report**

**Todd Stevens**

- Awesome trials and finals meet - thanks to all of the hands on people. We didn't hear anything negative including the fact that we aborted the livestream. No complaints from the Y. Great weather. JoAnn will be at the Y tomorrow for a Y employee appreciation
- Senior brunch sunday. Jen Gardner and Jill Newcomer are working behind the scenes. 100% attendance. We will preferably move that to a Saturday next year
- Jace has decided to skip the Las Vegas coaching continuing education conference
- Todd will be here at least through Sunday night of regionals and then leave late for Greensboro to go Y Nationals through Thursday morning
- Eric will handle Thursday night. Todd will then catch up with Storrs/UCONN meet Friday night. Travel plans TBD
- Joe and Todd have hotels secured for CT Seniors - Consider staying in Vernon off I-84. Many parents have reserved the Graduate on campus - others at the Marriott.
- Getting ready for Friday/Beverly MA meet which is really exciting because a large # of kids traveling have never been on a team travel meet. Bertucci's dinner Fri/Sat night. Bagel world for breakfast and panera for lunch. Thank you to the chaperones. Bus arrives to Y at 10:30 - leaves at 11 a.m. No practices Jr Sr Nats on Friday/Sat.
- Camp begins at Y on Monday - on full summer schedule at that point
- The 50th. An all day event for Todd/Joe. Alumni swim meet at 11:30.
- Kerri -can we use facilities and maintenance to help clear the deck? Todd thinks coach staff can manage with help. Awards are ordered from Clark Trophies - photo booth is ordered. Numbers at 137.



- Will relax 4th July weekend - Joe will go to the ISCA meet (St. Petersburg is the following week) - Todd will cover UCONN. No coach has to go to Zones as it's CT swim.

## **Co-President's Report**

**Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis**

- Jill - not much more to add on to Todd's statements. Some parents didn't show up to finals the first night, but it worked out and everyone learned quickly and showed up the next day. Kerri - agrees - the home meets were fabulous.
- Procedures for incidents where a swimmer needs medical attention - who calls 911, lifeguard? Coach? Consensus is 911 should always be called and then parents can refuse.
- Thank you to Tammy for the Memorial Day Parade - very well attended (Todd says thanks too!) Many kids came to the float decoration too. Special thanks to the Maltz family for their help.
- Trained meet worker incentives, not just officials - spoke with Todd and Eric. Thoughts - if you go above and beyond your required sessions potential meet fees waived for home meets.. We really need 12/U parents to become trained meet workers as the existing trained workers age out.
- Westport meet workers commented on how well Wilton meets are run
- Discussion on registration early, in an organized fashion - sign parent work agreement, USA swimming etc before kids get in the pool. Conflict as returning families have membership in good standing through December.
- Junior squad attendance.
- Drop in fee for the college swimmers? Vs. College swimmer summer training fee. Some swimmers coming from out of state to train with us for a couple of weeks, they only have to pay the Y drop in fee - not a fee to the Wahoos per se.
- Thank you to everyone returning on the Board - hoping to add a few new positions - will finalize over the next couple of months. Need a diversity position and another position.
- Final thing - Jill is kind enough to host a social on Thursday July 28 for WPAC/Coaches.

## **Meet Coordinator's Report**

**JoAnn McCaffrey**

- Nothing relayed

## **Vice-President Report**

**Lindsay Fontana**

- 1st - question about Y Nationals poster support. Only thing tricky is that the last day people can make Nats is 7/11. Todd - travel plans on July 17th - chaperones are Jennifer Besgen, Kim Hastings and Joe. Return on July 24th. Fly out of LGA with small shuttle to and from ECS (from kerri - have parents asked about driving to and from the airport with a shuttle, fundraising for suits etc, should Nationals have fundraisers to defray costs)
- 2nd - travel meet planning going well - thank you to Jill for assisting Lindsay and Beth.
- 50th details to sort about bios.
- Todd set out a plea for 15+ swimmers to swim at the 50th meet.

## **Secretary Report**

**Erin Adams**

- Nothing to report - added to discussion of the squad descriptions and parents expectations

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **Fundraising/ Team Development**

**Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell**

- Nothing to report - have been consumed with 50th

### **Meet Staffing Coordinator**

**Christine Grey**

- The Meet went well -discussions about parents who didn't register for any shifts - mostly new parents and a few repeat offenders. Jeanne Costa approached about helping Christine Grey as a meet staffing coordinator to succeed Jill Lillis when she moves on
- Had first meeting for CT Swim Top 16 swim banquet, it was poorly organized. It will be November 6th at the Aqua Turf. Tammy - Madison did her first meeting. Kerri - thank you for managing this responsibility.

### **Membership Coordinator/Squad VP Coordinator**

**Tammy Winslow**

- Not a lot - we need budget updates for end of season squad parties - Jill's advice - just let them do it. Keep it reasonable and provide receipts. Christine Grey - can we do a "Dive-In Movie" - JoAnn wants to be a part of this.

## **New Business:**

Next meeting is July 12 - 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

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## **Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 12, 2022**

**\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPAC MEETING\*\*\***

**WPAC Attending:** Todd Stevens, Erin Adams, Kerri Mims, Jill Lillis, Rosemarie Gimby, Tammy Winslow, Lori Skiddell , Lindsay Fontana. JoAnn McCaffrey (via zoom), Greg Pinchbeck (via zoom)

**Absent:** Christine Grey,

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

### **Old Business:**

- Approval of June 2022 minutes

### **Director of Competitive Aquatics Report**

**Todd Stevens**

- 50th Anniversary celebration was a huge success - thank you to everyone involved
- Maria Bennini from the HR department has contracted with head hunters for the new coach position that will become available in September. I have just forwarded today samples of their flyers for the job description
- Regional championships are coming up this weekend - JoAnn is organizing that meet. Summer has organized the food delivery for hospitality which is complicated as the summer camp is still ongoing

- The Gymnastics team wants to know the Oct and Nov meet to avoid conflicts. We don't run any meets in Dec.
- Y is gearing up for Rock at the Y for Sept.17
- Coaches have finished the newly reorganized squad descriptions for the new season in Sept. Meeting with Jill and Kerri tomorrow to review post 50th anniversary purchases
- Will review rough draft of Fall schedule
- Adding 15/O practice group - in the hopes that Jace and or the new coach will take over either senior 15/O or junior or both in some capacity
- Age group entries are due this week by Thursday
- UCONN meet is at end of the month
- National team and some members of the senior squad had a successful meet at CT Seniors - we will take 16 athletes to Greensboro departing early Sunday morning from the Y parking lot. Todd will be here through 5:30 regionals then departing to LGA to join Nat team; coming back on Thursday to join age group staff at the UCONN meet. \*\*Kerri added that some of the younger swimmers are upset about Ray departing - is there any thought of sending out a message to parents that we are using headhunters and pre-emptive communication that we are working to find the best replacement?\*
- Spoke with Samantha Lusher about securing the pavilion and pond for a send off for Ray. August 1. After all championship meets except for maybe Zones.
- SafeSport - informed by Coach Eric that the powers that be - JoAnn , Greg Pinchbeck and Eric - parents and athletes that took tests - have jumped through all red tape required - we are reinstated as a CT swimming/USA swimming safe sport club.
- Joe and Todd committed to going to Las Vegas continuing education. With Jace and Eric home, albeit with other responsibilities, we may be able to avoid shutting down practice altogether. Senior and Nat groups practicing on Labor Day morning and on Tuesday 9/6 as well

## **Co-President's Report**

**Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis**

- 7/28 7:30 end of year celebration at Jill Lillis's house.
- End of Year/ Ray's Pizza Party is planned.

- Last WPAC meeting - everyone in the current WPAC position is staying. Jill suggested that with the other leadership positions, we want to send message we are inclusive so we should invite any and all to become involved - direct them to Kerri & Jill
- Jill & Kerri meeting weekly with Todd and Eric in efforts to fulfill the USA swim recommendations. Lindsay and Lori are kind enough to help with those efforts. We will send out an overview before the fall short course kicks off .
- Jill questions Regionals - with camp on Friday - how will that work? What time do we have access? JoAnn - 2 p.m. We can set up the North end. After camp we can set up the South end after camp 3 . Warm ups at 4 p.m. Sessions end at 8:30 Parking is across the street. Cannot park at the Y at all. Saturday National practice 6 a.m. Meet over Sat night by 8:30. Half of the gym is reserved in case of rain. Couple of other thoughts - do we need the snack bar? We will have a police officer at 4 p.m. to manage traffic.
- Need a lot of volunteers to set up tents prior to the meet. Swimmer headcount for Friday night is 189 total.
- Wahoo tryouts are upcoming at the end of August - encourage new families to join
- Travel policy taken from USA Swimming - it's a good thing to review prior to travel meets. Our expectations. It's very different when we travel as a team, it's different than when we travel with parents. Goal to review prior to travel meets and to embed in our handbooks. Todd/Joe have a team meeting which reviews all the ground rules

### **Meet Coordinator's Report**

**JoAnn McCaffrey**

- Logistics for upcoming meet discussed.
- The T-shirt guy will be here this weekend.
- Todd asked about the registration process and kids accessing practice in August. Once we know the plan for Junior fees we will have instruction. Biggest concern is getting the new kids registered. They must be registered by first meet or they cannot swim.

### **Vice-President Report**

**Lindsay Fontana**

- Today we finished creating the Y Nats signs and will divide and conquer and put them in kids yards tomorrow
- Will work with various updated policies and descriptions, any upcoming articles, and thank yous for the 50th.
- At Seniors. There were a lot of CT swimming people there who discussed that Deck Pass is getting phased out - encouraged to get printed copies out prior to

August 1 of concern that the data will be unavailable during the transition period to a new system.

## **Secretary Report**

**Erin Adams**

- Nothing to report

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **Fundraising/ Team Development**

**Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell**

- Nothing to report. Once the numbers are in from the 50th we can discuss further

### **Meet Staffing Coordinator**

**Christine Grey**

- Regional job sign-ups close tonight at midnight. Tomorrow she will send an email to those families that haven't yet signed up for a job or need to sign up for more. Her question to the group is; we have always given the parents an option to pay the fine or make-up extra shifts at the next meet but with this being the last meet for most swimmers, should we just impose the fine?  
Jill. No. as long as they are willing to do something sometime. We can give them the option - you can either pay out (not called a fine) or you can make it up - even though the last meet of the season we will allow them to make it up in the fall. Since they tell us in advance. If they don't communicate with us at all, we will consider a fine. Tammy - if it's a repeat offender? We don't really have those and the one person is on Jill's to do list. Many Long Course families were never given the work policy but next year everyone will be aware of the policy.

### **Membership Coordinator/Squad VP Coordinator**

**Tammy Winslow**

- Squad VPs are scheduling the end of season parties
- Working with Lindsay on the National swimmer lawn signs.
- Need to prepare sustainable VP training in the form of a handbook, documents.

### **New Business:**

Next meeting is in September. Date TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams