

Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022

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

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

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Co- Presidents Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

Old Business:

- Approval of July 2022 minutes

Director of Competitive Aquatics Report

Todd Stevens

- Welcome back for a new season of swim. Reiterates that he is approachable and receptive to swimmer and parents needs and discussions.
- Joe and I were at Las Vegas ASCA world clinic. Very educational and informative. We've already begun implementing strategies learned but will share with coaching staff once solidified
- We are orienting the new coach - Will soon send out an announcement to the team with his bio, experience on social media soon. His role is likely to be very diversified. We will utilize him in dryland as well as involvement with many squads.
- Rock at the Y this Saturday - we encourage all to come out - it is a fundraiser for YMCA
- YMCA 50th anniversary - Saturday Nov 5 day before CT Swim banquet
- Next week squad parent meetings - Addressing the importance of dryand, what it means to be a Speedo sponsored team. [Signed contract until 2025, we get discounted competition suits, coaches apparel, team banner.] Some complaints that other brands are superior quality when in reality they are not comparing equivalent levels of suit quality. We want to foster an environment where hard work and commitment yields a higher quality suit.

- Was vs Hoos coming up - relays include kids of all ages. Grand Finale is coaches relay vs parents.
- Firming up squad VPS
- Bubble down - no practice on Friday October 14th through Sunday the 16th. Plan to be back in the water Monday Oct 17. Bubble will be professionally cleaned this year, confirmed with Bob.
- Dryland begins next week 9/19 for Nationals, for other squads Mon 9/26
- Coaches will wear costumes on Sunday 10/31 meet.
- Chuck Warner - former Wahoo head coach - was inducted into ASCA hall of fame.

Co-President's Report

Kerri Mims & Jill Lillis

- Welcome everyone to the new year, and special welcome to Jeanne Costa who will work with Christine and Jill and will take over when Jill departs after LC season 2023
- Reminder that we are the ambassadors for the Wahoo program. Promote positivity for the Wahoo program.
- Squad meetings next week, Jill may miss some of these. Will need WPAC help at these meetings to promote trained workers. A lot of parents have moved up and we need to recruit more 12/U. Have a sign up there to get things rolling for the first meet. We are implementing a new trained worker policy - it's an incentive with the big change - if you work a certain amount of sessions, you'll get your swimmers meet fees waived for home meets. For dak, computers, meet managers, hospital chair, officials. As ambassadors to our team, WPAC is asking for help to recruit and welcome friends.
- We have ~50-60 new swimmers this year.
- New Family social is the week after the parent meetings - would love WPAC members there - Thursday Sept 29
- Planning on doing the swim a thon again this year - every other year - planned for the end of June, likely a Monday or Tuesday. With a very specific purpose for fundraising.

- Wa's vs Hoo's Wilton deli will provide grilling - will ask parents for dessert sign up. Coaches will do relays, hoping Greg will assemble a parent relay. Will have an inflatable obstacle course as well. Asking the National team to work but many are out of town.
- Booked Wahoo recognition night for April 25, 2023 at Rolling Hills. RH chosen for proximity to Y. Space is limited, if a second parent wants to join there may be opportunity but at full price.
- At Wahoo 50th, \$ set aside for specific items - we are talking to Daktronics and Power Rack but working out details for purchase.
- For Y Nationals - we will be re-implementing a program which is a "give back" program. Y Nat travel is subsidized - however to participate you need to volunteer. Choice is per family - volunteer or pay full price.
- Thank you to Lindsay for all of her phenomenal work this summer on gear swap and handbook

Meet Coordinator's Report

JoAnn McCaffrey

- October meet is up

Vice-President Report

Lindsay Fontana

- Worked a bit on squad descriptions - now on the website for parents. Will be part of the edits for the handbook. A draft of the handbook ready for publishing within next 48 hours - some parts need continued edits. Hank Jensens emails indicate that officials do not need to do all of the typical recertifications - this is good news because it was awfully complicated.
- Thanks to JoAnn for relaying messages about Wahoo Gear Swap

Secretary Report

Erin Adams

- Nothing to report

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Fundraising/ Team Development

Rosemarie Gimby & Lori Skiddell

- Not much to report - will have a table at Was vs Hoos with posters to visually describe fundraising needs and goals.
- Discussing photo day to use that as a fundraiser - Regina Bailey - the new team photographer. Nov 9 picture day for wahoos.
- Shirts are ordered and they should be ready.
- Good Morning Wilton - has reached out regarding team communications - delegated to Lindsay

Meet Staffing Coordinators

Christine Grey, Jill Lillis, Jeanne Costa

- Nothing yet. But new incentive with trained workers is to track hours via team unify
- CT Swim Banquet - kudos to Madison Winslow as student athlete rep - designed a new jacket with updated logo. Eric is doing the invitations. Christine and Greg are on the committee.

Membership Coordinator/Squad VP Coordinator

Tammy Winslow

- Narrowing down needs - have SS/SB, need at least one more for M/G. Todd has most of the 13/O squad VPs. Once that is completed - there will be a parent meeting for VPS - tentatively Oct 6, will share general resources to manage parents needs and expectations. Hoping to give them an initial estimate budget for the year.
- Scarecrow materials are ordered.

New Business:

- Per Greg we are recertified for SafeSport for another 2 years. Need to be consistent with photography of those who haven't signed permission waivers.

Next meeting is in October 12, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Adams

Wahoo Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 9, 2022

WPAC Attending: Todd Stevens, Jill Lillis, Kerri Mims, Lindsay Fontana, Jo Ann McCaffrey, Lori Skiddell, Rosemarie Gimby, Christine Grey, Jeanne Costa, Tammy Winslow, Annie Lam

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Co-Presidents Kerri Mims and Jill Lillis.

Old Business:

The October 2022 minutes were approved after the inclusion of a question concerning the Banquet at Rolling Hills. The WPAC Presidents decided that the 2023 Banquet will remain at Rolling Hills given its close location to the Y and its being a weeknight event. An amendment was proposed on parent attendance, namely that a waitlist would be created for any extra parent of a non-senior to attend the Banquet. If space allowed, those waitlisted would be allowed to attend at full price, and priority will be given to parents who hold leadership positions. The motion was approved.

Director of Competitive Aquatics Report

Todd Stevens

- We got through team photo day.
- We honored JoAnn and Top 16 swimmers on Sunday at Aqua Turf.
- Eric, Jace, and Todd attended the Y 50th celebration at Rolling Hills.
- The girls high school swim season is coming to a close.
- Swimmers have Thanksgiving day off from practice and the winter holiday practice schedule is in the process of being finalized.
- Joe and Todd will be leaving for the Capital Classic meet in NC on Wednesday evening, 11/30, and returning on Monday, 12/5, on an 8am flight.
- Adam and Todd will leave on Friday, 12/9, at noon, for the Bluefish meet in MA. Pricing for this trip is still being figured out. The hotels are booked, and breakfast and dinner are set. Coaches still need to work on room assignments and meet with Chaperones (they are looking for one more).

Co-Presidents' Report

Kerri Mims and Jill Lillis

- Erin resigned for personal reasons as Secretary. The WPAC extends a huge thank you to her for her service. She will be missed.
- There will be a holiday gathering with coaches instead of a WPAC meeting in December, likely on the 14th at 7:30 at Jill's house. There may be practice changes to allow coaches to attend at 7:30.

Meet Coordinator's Report

JoAnn McCaffrey

- A tech person from Scoreboard Enterprises inspected all of the Daktronic-related equipment including touch pads, connecting modules, plungers, starters and microphones. All equipment was properly cleaned and tested. One touch pad was deemed unusable. Cables were replaced on a couple of touch pads. Two new touch pads were ordered. One starter was taken by the technician to be fixed. Both Daktronic consoles are in good condition, and there is no need for replacement which is good news. One microphone will be refurbished, and the microphone order canceled. They upgraded Daktronic from version 9 to the latest, version 19. Jeff Maltz donated four computers and spent the day installing Meet Manager software onto the computers.
- The scoreboard by the South pool is not working. The wiring of the box on the wall needs to be looked at, and an electrician has already been called. The possibility of purchasing a new portable scoreboard should be explored. This type can be stored away and protected from the elements when not in use. This secondary scoreboard is used only twice per year, and the cost is significantly less.
- For the upcoming meet, 12/U sessions will be large and in one pool only. There will be no bleachers, and the spectator area will be standing room only. Parents can also sit in the gym. We cannot put 12/U swimmers in the gym as they will have a hard time getting to the pool for their event. Parents can sit in the gym. 13/O swimmers will wait in the gym. All swimmers will be on deck on Friday night. There are plans to move chairs in the lobby to allow for more spectator areas.

**Vice-President Report
Fontana**

Lindsay

- Jill has been great in helping Todd and Joe with NC meet. Lindsay and Keerthi met with Jill and then Rosemarie for 1.5 hours to discuss logistics, and the plans are moving forward.

Secretary Report

- Nothing to report

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

**Fundraising/ Team Development
Skiddell**

Rosemarie Gimby and Lori

- Picture day went well. There is a link to allow for ordering on-line with a deadline of 11/15.

- Thanks were extended to Jeanne Costa as the Wahoos enjoyed a Thanksgiving pie sales profit of \$1,600.
- Mr. Hu was also thanked for his hard work and for taking the day off to be our photographer.

Meet Staffing Coordinators
Costa

Christine Grey, Jeanne

- Job sign up will likely be opened Friday morning with a deadline of Tuesday.
- JoAnn will send an email to coaches from other teams to help with timing for the coming meet.

Membership Coordinator / Squad VP Coordinator

Tammy Winslow

- There may be a staffing shortage at the Meet Manager table, so volunteers may be asked to multitask. Flex workers will likely be timers. We need to continue to remind volunteers to check in at warm-up. Results for Finals will be posted in three locations. Walkie talkies have been ordered and should arrive on time. Scratches will be processed through coaches.
- The proposed holiday gift is a maroon hat with gold threading using the WYW and/or fish logo. An order must be placed by the end of the week. Todd will check with Bob for an okay concerning the logo. While the idea of socks appeals, it is out of the price range, so it may be available in the future through Spirit Wear.

New Business:

- Nothing new was reported.

The next meeting will be the holiday gathering with coaches, likely in the evening on 12/14.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Lam and Lindsay Fontana

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