

Clinton Otters Swim Team
Parent Meeting, Tuesday November 2nd 2025
Board Notes

1. Call to Order – **Kristina Bentz**
2. Secretary Report – Angie Moran
3. Treasurer’s Report – Amanda Ferguson
 - a. **Meet Revenue**
 - i. **Intrasquad - \$507**
 - ii. **Duel - Concessions \$925.25 Meet Entries \$170 (\$5 each swimmer)**
 - b. **Meet Expenses**
 - i. **Mattoon \$633**
 - ii. **SPY Opener \$760**
4. Aquatics Director/ YMCA Report -
 - a. **Locker Room behavior: make sure swimmers know how to properly act while in the locker rooms. Keep an eye on lost and found, even though it has been getting better.**
5. Coaches’ Corner- **Both Coaches’ expressed the importance of nutrition for the swimmers, especially during practice. Make sure they are making right choices, HAVE gotten the chance to eat a good snack that will pair nicely with practice, and to come hydrated, have a drink with them during practice to help replace electrolytes, and to recover from practice as well. What we are asking these kids to do at practice is a lot, no matter what level they are at. Extra Handouts on the table to take.**
 - a. Coach Claire
 - b. Coach Aubrey
 - c. Coach Michelle
6. Old Business
 - a. Volunteering at Meets: **Usually we don’t talk about this really again, unless there is a problem. We just want to express our gratitude this team/parents/and swimmers have done so far in October when it comes to going above and beyond with volunteering. You helped Bloomington see how a meet is ran, especially during all the changes we had to make throughout the meet. Then there was Mattoon that couldn’t even run a successful meet without the Clinton Otter Parents. Way to go and represent our team well.**
 - b. SafeSport: **At the Bloomington Meet and Mattoon Meet we noticed parents still violating some of the SafeSport regulations. The main one that parents are most likely to break is phones behind the starting blocks, especially taking pictures and videos behind the blocks. It’s a big No No, easy to accidentally break, and Officials will call you out on. Once again follow the QR code on the bulletin board or read the packet located in the team filing box.**
 - c. State Hotels- Free Cancellations
 - i. **Sports Engine - 4 Hotels in Merrillville, IN**
 - ii. **Also located on the bulletin board**
 - d. Equipment
 - i. AO Cord: **We have some experts looking right now to see if they can merge 2 old cords together to work for our new location of the AO table for meets. We are really trying to get another door accessible for home meets, especially reindeer. A new 25’ cord is \$155-160, so it would be nice if we can save some money, especially if we get a quote for a 50’ cord for around \$200-300.**
 - ii. Score Board - **We have all numbers lighting up and working great. Only trouble we have right now is that there is a lag in timing. It doesn’t effect the official times since there is an internal phasing time the system automatically has, it’s just irritating when watching the scoreboard**

time at the meets. We are waiting to hear back how much the scoreboard maintenance cost and see if we want to go ahead to fix the lagging issue (possible loose wireless wire connection). Might look into it for next year's maintenance cost for the season.

7. New Business

a. New Meets

- i. Heartland Hurricanes Winter Invite @ Effingham, January 17th
- ii. Kankakee Tri-Meet with Joliet Jets @ Kankakee, January 24th

1. No attending the Super Splash at Danville

b. Reindeer Classic- December 13th

i. Volunteers- 1 slot per swimmer

- 1. Teamunify Sign-Up: Open Now on SportsEngine
 - a. 1 slot per swimmer**
 - b. If you have questions on volunteer areas- let us know**
 - c. Remember to find time to watch your swimmer**

ii. Donations

- 1. Concessions- Karlie & Amanda
 - a. SportsEngine : Open Now**
- 2. Silent Auction-Fundraiser Committee
 - a. The Fundraiser Committee helps with setting up the baskets with the donation sheets for silent auction. Help collect the sheets, contact the winners, and collect forms of payment.**
 - b. We ask for donation baskets, gift cards to the swim store, if you know any small businesses you can ask them if they want to donate.**
- 3. Sponsorships-Amanda Ferguson
 - a. If you want any copies of the sponsorship letter of someone who might be interested, Amanda has extras**

iii. Reindeer Classic Shirts- Double A Designs: **Order Online is now OPEN!**

iv. Quick Overview:

- 1. Set-Up: **Looking into the set-up committee plus any and everyone. The more hands on the quicker we can get done.**
 - a. Set-Up: Friday, December 12th at 4:30 pm**
- 2. Warmups:
 - a. We are the home meet so usually our first warmups around around 6:30/6:45, so just be prepared ahead of time. We will have a complete timeline during our December Parent Meeting.**
- 3. Bull Pen/Flow
 - a. Working hard trying to get a new flow: moving AO table, using the other door for bullpen entry, taking door off hinges. Please make sure you know the flow when you arrive at the meet and let your family members coming to watch the route as well.**
- 4. Heat Winner Prizes/Awards
 - a. We are extend to try and have some more fun heat winner prizes at this meet. A lot of people liked the sweet maes free scoops. We might even add in "HOT HEATS" which means it's a bigger and better prize to get for the heat win. 1 for each age group/gender random heat.**

5. Swim Store

- a. **We have Swim Store items here for sale as well. It is great to shop for Christmas gifts for your swimmer and we usually have pretty good prices and selections.**

c. Christmas Float Parade

- i. Date: December 6th
- ii. Same day as Galesburg Meet

- iii. **We will probably skip it again this year.**

d. Christmas Tree in the square

- i. Decorating starts on November 22nd
- ii. Completed by November 29th

- iii. **Great alternative to missing out on the Christmas Parade.**

8. Chairman/Committees

- a. Apple & Pork Chairman: Eric & Amanda Ferguson
- b. Publicity Chairman- Jessica Sullivan - **See if you want to reach out and let them know the Reindeer Classic is coming to town. It brings about 400-600 people to town. Maybe say if interested in sponsorship, reach out to: Amanda?**
- c. Awards Chairman: Angie Moran : **What kind of awards we will be seeing at Reindeer**
- d. Hospitality Chairman – Karlie Lamar, Amanda Ferguson, Michelle Kolesar:
- e. Official Chairman – Eric Ferguson: **Any update of Official Training?**
- f. Fundraising Committee – Beth Dunham and Krista Jackson: **Get with the Board and we can help you with flow**
- g. Set-up/Tear Down Committee – Looking for 1 more spot to fill: **All hands on deck for Reindeer but hoping for more help. Luckily we have had 2 meets already**
- h. Spirit Committee - Kristina Bentz & Jenny Lux & Courtney Smith: **Help with kids making posters and decorating the Y for Reindeer.**
- i. Banquet Committee - Krista Jackson, Angie Moran, Kristina Bentz
- j. NEW USA Committee- Angie Moran - looking for 2 more spots

9. Upcoming Meets:

- a. Girls HS Sectionals, November 8th
- b. Jaxy Pentathlon @ Jacksonville, November 15th
 - i. Deadline: October 26th
- c. Barracuda Invite @ Canton, November 22nd
 - i. Deadline: November 3rd
- d. Knox County Invite @ Galesburg, December 6th
 - i. Deadline November 16th
- e. Reindeer Classic @ Clinton YMCA, December 13th
 - i. Deadline November 26th
- f. Snowball @ Springfield, January 9-11th
 - i. Deadline December 2nd

10. Questions?