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December 2008 Minutes

Swim Symposium #4 of 12

Held Thursday, December 18, 2008

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Panera Bread Company

1075 West Gannon Drive, Festus, Missouri 63028

Roll Call

Members Present/In Attendance: Shirley Coile, Jamie Methvin, Rudolph Oates, Alice Oates, Andrew Reiter, Kathryn Reiter & Julie Roth

Prayer

Given by Coach Alice

Attendance Report

A sign-in sheet was passed around which will be attached to the original minutes.

Approval of November Minutes

Mrs. Kathryn Reiter moved not to accept the November 2008 minutes because they need to be corrected. Coach Alice seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Minutes are to be corrected as soon as possible and passed out at the next Symposium for approval.

November Coaches Report

Coach Rudy said he has special projects on hold until he meets with Advisory Board Officers Mrs. Anne Mahan and Mrs. Jamie Methvin. He is in the process of setting policy regarding discipline and conduct at swim meets by both parents and swimmers that impacts negatively on Swim Team. Coach Rudy said he will be finalizing the issues on the swim team suits just recently given to our Team by USA Swimming and others. Coach Rudy said since there has been an onset of questions lately that he will be providing further verbiage that will explain when a swimmer is ready for Team Genesis Swim Club and how a swimmer becomes a member of Team Genesis Swim Club. Coach Alice mentioned several USA Swimming B & BB times were achieved at swim meets this month. Coach Alice passed out Swim Meet Results. Swim Team Records have been updated and will be posted onto the Website soon. Also, Coach Rudy will be sending weekly workload volume reports to Andrew to post to the Website. Coach Alice mentioned she has a lot of ribbons to pass out☺

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Informational Technology Report/Website

Andrew Reiter reported that the Website is doing pretty well and we are getting more on the Website and would like to add the Symposium Agenda, and Minutes. Andrew said the Website is getting a lot more resources. Andrew thought we should make the minutes members only. Coach Alice said she will get back with Andrew to let him know if the Agenda and Minutes should be for members only. Coach Alice requested that we have tabs (i.e. a Tab Form) and told Andrew that it is not for members only. Andrew suggested we put a place on the Website on "How to Join" Swim Team. Andrew said the Tabs were just separate menu links. Coach Alice said she will send September and October Symposium Minutes file to post on the Website. Coach Alice suggested that we should highlight one of swimmers on the website (i.e. hi welcome to our website – like a profile – like a greeting, etc.) Coach Alice would like to put something to capture (a picture, special event going on this week, news, announcement, bulletin board, etc.) on the the front page of the website. Coach Alice mentioned that Dale Anderson the administrator for the Ozark Website complimented our Website. Mrs. Coile suggested we do a bio and picture each month of one of our swimmers.

Future Monthly Symposium Locations

Mrs. Methvin will call the Hospital to see if we can have our January Symposium. She will take a headcount/survey to see if members would like a restaurant location or the YMCA since that is where we practice to attract more people. Mrs. Roth said if they are Y members they can use the childcare at the Y. Mrs. Coile said you can use Child Care even if you are not a Y member. She said the Y will charge us for the room and she will check with Cheryl Story.

Compliance Chair

Mrs. Shirley Coile, Compliance Chair reported that the medical waiver to participate on swim team is good for only 30 days and it will be enforced. Mrs. Coile mentioned that we must remain in compliance in order to protect our Swim Team. Mrs. Coile would like to see the Registration Process set-up on the Website for the members. Mrs. Coile reported that we have 26 swimmers, 2 Advisory Board Officers & 2 USA Swimming Coaches rostered for a total of 30 members. 15 are at 100% compliance & 9 with most of their forms. We have 6 swimmers that should not be in the water because they do not have their physical and some are on medication and they do not have the medication or the medication form to allow them to have the medication. Coach Alice asked for the names of the 6 swimmers who have not submitted the required paperwork. Mrs. Coile named the following: Mark Madison-Lewis, Shahana Nawaz, Christopher Pipkin, Sahana Raju, Hope Wamble and Michael Oates.

Swim Suits & Other Gifts

Mrs. Methvin reported that this is not applicable at this time and we are going to table it until the January 2009 symposium.

YMCA Water Rental Charges Report

Coach Alice submitted the Water Rental Report to everyone present. We still carry a bad debt of \$34.61 from Timothy Montgomery and Dr. Nawaz has a credit of 0.39 at this time. As of December 18, 2008 Swim Team has paid \$1,320.00 in water charges.

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Winter Training Swim Camp

Winter Training Swim Camp will be conducted in 10 sessions over 2 weeks this year. We will begin on December 22, 2008 and end on January 5, 2009. We have 10 swimmers participating in Winter Training Swim Camp this year and they are: Madelyn Methvin (10 Sessions), Nathaniel Methvin (10 Sessions), Noah Methvin (10 Sessions), Christian Oates (10 Sessions), Dexter Oates (10 Sessions), Justin Oates (10 Sessions), Rudolph Oates, Jr. (5 Sessions), Jillian Otto (5 Sessions), Megan Ouhl (5 Sessions) and Morgan Ribaldo (5 Sessions). The deadline to sign-up for Winter Training Swim Camp was December 12, 2009.

Swim Team Christmas Party

Christmas Party and Secret Santa Gift are at 5:45 pm this Sunday after our Swim and Dive Clinic. If there is a problem due to inclement weather please utilize the Team phone tree. If you are not going to be at the Christmas Party bring your gift to the Awards Banquet and give to Mrs. Methvin. Party is \$15.50 per person which includes buffet, drink and \$10 game card regardless of age and we will pay on one Team bill and post the charge to the individual family swim team bill. Headcount is 27 as of today. 7 for the Oates, 3 for the Coile's, 2 for the Reiter's, 4+ for the Ouhls, 7 for the Methvin's, 2 for the Ribaldo's and 2 for the Skidmore's, 4 for the Skaggs family, 1 for Otto. Mrs. Coile wanted to know if they do not participate or eat do they have to pay and Mrs. Methvin said no (Heather and Katie have been approved not to pay because they are not eating – they will need a wrist band). We can add to this number.

Annual Outreach Fundraiser Report

Mrs. Methvin has collected \$50 in donations to date for the Awards Banquet Fundraiser. Coach Alice gave a \$250.00 check from Bank Star of the Leadbelt to Mrs. Methvin.

9th Annual Awards Banquet Report

Mrs. Methvin passed out the dinner menu and we will have plenty of food (no open flames, no roaster pans unless unplugged, no cooking devices). Mrs. Methvin would like to push dinner time closer to 5:30 p.m. to keep the food for getting cold. Bring the food hot so we can eat quickly. You can plug in a crock pot. The Awards Banquet Program Flier to be passed out is done. Mrs. Methvin gave Coach Alice her RSVP list. Sometime this up-coming year she would like to do a carry-in dinner to the people at the Y who help us to show Christ, love and appreciation. Mrs. Methvin says we do not have a photographer yet. Andrew said they will bring their camera and take pictures.

Annual Awards Banquet Guest Speaker

Mrs. Methvin said that our Guest Speaker is going to be Alex Schwent a Senior at Rice University and he will speak on Athletics, Leadership and Jesus. Mrs. Methvin has requested a Bio from Mr. Schwent.

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Job Assignment Report for Awards Banquet

Job descriptions were emailed by Mrs. Methvin to Coach Alice and they look pretty good. Coach Alice recommended that Mrs. Shirley Coile be Sergeant of Arms. Mrs. Methvin said this is what she had down originally to help maintain a good flow, telling people where to go, and maintain order especially at the Registration Table and the Raffle for Door Prizes. Coach Alice said Mrs. Coile would not have to work the awards table and so that she could do the Sergeant of Arms. Mrs. Methvin would like a floater if she needs someone to help and asked Mrs. Roth to help her. Mrs. Ouhl is doing Silent Auction.

Annual Awards Program Ads

Mrs. Methvin has 3 Program Ads totaling \$175 and gave it to Coach Alice. Mrs. Methvin said the Methvins have purchased 2 full-page Ads and the Otto's have sold ¼ Page Ad. Coach Alice told Mrs. Methvin that the Oates have purchased a full-page Ad for the Yearbook.

Annual Awards RSVP's

Mrs. Methvin gave Coach Alice her RSVP list. Mrs. Methvin has 62 RSVP's for the Awards Banquet and will give out additional invitations to the YMCA Staff tomorrow.

Annual Awards Banquet Music & Dance

No Report. However, Mrs. Methvin had informed Coach Alice earlier that Mrs. Gina Otto is going to coordinate the Banquet Music and DJ for the Dance☺

Annual Awards Yearbook Swimmer Pictures & Bio's

Mrs. Methvin said that swimmer picture and bios for the program was not communicated very well. She feels that our swim families just did not understand the importance of the souvenir yearbook. Mrs. Methvin gave pictures and bios for the Yearbook from Reiters, Roth, Coile, Otto, Ribaud, Ouhl and Methvins. Coach Alice said she had the bios and pictures of the Oates Boys for the Yearbook.

Fundraising

Fundraising is very important for a swim team especially as the swimmers become more skilled because their training time, education, apparel, gear and equipment, cost including travel trips and expenses really increase. Fundraising helps to offset these costs.

We now have an Advisory Board. They have a lot of responsibility. They have to have certain things and their costs have to be covered by the Swim Team (i.e. insurance, USA Swimming memberships, training, education, apparel and gear). USA Swimming is monitoring swim clubs closer to make sure that they are viable. Swim Teams have an obligation to fundraise to help meet and maintain the costs that are associated with Swim Team. The only difference between our Swim Team and other Swim Teams is that we do not have a payroll. Costs are not just for the members but for the Clubs too. Fundraising is a great way to provide opportunities for our swimmers. Coach Alice mentioned how we did fundraising for one of our travel trips to AAU Junior Olympics.

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Fundraising Continued

We do not have an office, we do most of our work from our home office and what we cannot do we contract out. We get help from our family, people in the community and our bankers. Bank Star of the Leadbelt has been very supportive of our Swim Team and their President; Mr. Poston attended the 2007 Show Me State Games to support our Team.

Swim Team Apparel Orders

Mrs. Coile reported that she will be putting in another order at the end of January 2009 for the swim team apparel. She currently has 3 orders that will be placed with the January order. Coach Alice said that Megan Ouhl and Morgan Ribaud warm-ups were in and that she will bring them in tomorrow. Coach Alice asked for an inventory of the 1st group of suits that was given to us and Mrs. Coile said she had a report and would give it to Coach Alice. Mrs. Coile also said she has the sizing suits and the Atlanta Olympic Suits. Mrs. Coile said she is missing female sizing suits size 24, 26 and a 38. Mrs. Coile believes Hope, Fabrizi and Sydney Meade has those suits and will check to get them returned. Mrs. Coile said the male sizing suits missing are sizes 30, 32 and 38 on the briefs. Mrs. Coile said she has all of the jammers except size 36 and Andrew has it and is returning it.

Are you a Winning Parent?

Coach Rudy describes our swimmers as jewels, that they are a very special treasure to their parents and loved ones. Patience from our parents and even our swimmers a lot of times is hard. Water is a dangerous environment that they they don't really understand because they are not yet really educated in the sport and sometimes their patience is generated by fear, lack of knowledge or lack of trust. This is one of the main reasons for our monthly Symposiums.

The purpose of our Symposiums is to help educate our parents in swimming. Coach Alice recommended that our parents utilize the USA Swimming website at www.loveswimming.org.

Mr. Poston, President, Bank Star of the Leadbelt, asked if we train children with special disabilities and illnesses – we do work with children and their families who have special needs. We have even had a family of children in the witness protection program.

Coach Rudy mentioned that we have been through a lot of turmoil throughout the years and no one really knows that we are in one place and when they find out we will more than likely have a waiting list. He said he will not turn away a child with a problem. He also said people with the Team before when they find out where we are they will be back.

Coach Alice mentioned that Mrs. Methvin, Mrs. Coile and Andrew Reiter were all doing a great job and requested that we all continue to support our new leaders in training. Coach Alice said that we must continue to work together so that we can become organized and grow because we have an excellent program!

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New Business

We have to constantly be vigilant and careful on how we are going to provide an opportunity to those who want an opportunity. We also have to have good moral conduct and standards not only within our own Team but with other Teams because respect and loyalty is important. We must always have regard for future swimmers. We must provide an opportunity to ALL of our swimmers. Coach Alice said she believes that there is a calling on our Team and on our Members to help ALL of our swimmers and recruit new swimmers. The reason we have formed a Team for this individual sport is because only a Team has the capacity to enable one to succeed in the difficult job of reaching their potential because competitive swimming is mental and requires more than talent, ability, strength and power.

Mrs. Methvin said a parent asked her, “if a parent misses a Symposium can they obtain a copy of the minutes afterwards”. Mrs. Methvin understood them to say; “how about you guys all make an effort to go have a meeting and I’ll just read the handout when it is all done”. The only way to communicate is to get together to do it. Everybody can’t be at all of the symposiums. We all do the best we can and no one wants to have to do all the work on the Team. Coach Alice said we can put the minutes on the website. Katie asked what if they just don’t want to come; they just want to know what’s going on? Coach Alice said this is why we have an Advisory Board. If in fact this is the reason, than there are other ways of dealing with this disregard for the welfare of the Team. However; we cannot hold onto the minutes because a parent chooses not to attend the Teams monthly Symposiums. Coach Alice said being a member in good standing is not a God given right. To be a member in Good standing there are rules you must follow. Mrs. Methvin mentioned that there are benefits and that each one of her children get 500 bonus points for the Swim Awards Store when she is at a Symposium. Mrs. Roth said she did not know about the points. Again, Mrs. Methvin said this is a great way to communicate. Everyone felt that putting the minutes on the Web is a good idea after they are approved. Typically the minutes are approved at the following month’s Symposium unless they need corrections.

Old Business

None.

Closing Remarks

Coach Rudy explained that it is important to work together because the more we all know about each other the better chance we have to survive. He told everyone that communicating with each other is a privilege and a responsibility. Coach Rudy feels our monthly Symposiums are very important. He wants all of our families to participate in these Symposiums for the sake of the Team. Coach Rudy discussed how our Team is continuous and consistent in vision and purpose. He discussed the stability of our Team. He explained that our Team is able to go beyond just swim coaching, it can provide additional challenges and opportunities for our swimmers. Coach Rudy explained they have been presented with the opportunity to better serve our swimmers by developing an Advisory Board that keeps the Coaches involved in every aspect of the program while allowing the Coaches to focus on Coaching. Coach Rudy said he is grateful for the volunteer support given by our Advisory Board. Coach Rudy closed by saying that the very foundation of our Team is Discipline, Loyalty, Commitment and Hard Work.

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