

Swim Team Booster Club
October 29, 2008
Minutes of General Meeting
7 pm

Introductions

Megan Nielsen, President welcomed the parents to the first general meeting for the 2008-09 Swim Booster Club. She introduced the officers: Vice President – Leanne Diefenbach, Treasurer –Patty Ciszek, Secretary – Susan Sereni, and Coaches Jen Thomann and Jacque Nami. And Georgia Balog

Treasurer's Report

Patty Ciszek gave the report as of 10/29/08:

Beginning Balance	\$1,884.02
Interest Income	\$ 1.60
Expenses	\$ 415.00 (Aztec Graphics) car decals
Ending Balance	\$1,470.62

Team Apparel

Reviewed items that were offered for sale – all orders were due by end of the meeting. It was noted that waterproof bags will be offered shortly. Offered for sale at the meeting were practice suits, goggles and car decals.

Fundraisers

The goal is to have sufficient funds to supplement equipment supplies, to provide senior gifts and fund the banquet for the swimmers. A long term goal is to raise funds for touch pads which would cost approx. \$2000 per lane with an extra set, totaling \$14,000.

Fundraisers planned:

1. Coffee Cake Sale – brochures went home with the students on 10/15 and are due back on the first day of practice by 11/17. Pick up will be after the meet on 12/18. A 40% profit from each sale will be realized.
2. Chick-fil-A Family Night – Wed. Dec. 3rd from 6 pm – 9 pm. 15% of each sale that is identified as a supporter of our swim team will be donated to us. All you have to do is mention the swim team when you go – no coupon is needed! Coaches will encourage a “team effort”!
3. Pretzel Sale – We are working on approval to sell on Monday/Wednesday right after school by the locker room. Pretzels will be sold for \$1 each right before practice. Volunteers needed for pick up and assisting coaches with sale. Shouldn't last much past 3 pm!
4. Car decals \$5.00 are available at practice
5. Other fundraisers may be added as needed.

Senior Day

Before the meet on 1/20/09 at 3:45, all seniors will be acknowledged with a small token. Pictures will be taken at that time and senior parents/families will have seating assigned reserved for them.

Contact Information

Swimmers and/or parents email contact information was were handed out for revisions if needed. If you are not getting emails, please let us know!

Website – www.ShsSwimTeam.com

Dave Sereni designed and is maintaining a website for parents and students. Calendars, notices from the staff, directions to meets and other pertinent information will be updated daily. Linked from the website is a link to www.highschoolsports.net. You can log onto the site and establish a free account that will automatically email or text you with updates to the schedule which is important with inclement weather in the winter. A printable calendar from the website can also be downloaded.

Coaches Report

1. Coaches stressed the importance of staying in touch – if there is a problem or concern to contact them first. The coaches' emails are on our website.
2. Location of two away meets are being confirmed – Robbinsville High and Ewing. When it is finalized they will be posted on our website.
3. The Notre Dame game has been changed to 1/23 at 7:45 pm. The departure time for the team will be posted.
4. Basic Swim Rules are posted on our website along with a follow along score sheet that can be downloaded and brought to games.
5. Encourage students to eat healthy before practices and meets. Fruit, crackers, pretzels ~~and a water bottle~~ are encouraged. **A water bottle during practice is a must!**
6. Practice times are all posted on the website. If a swimmer misses a practice the day before a meet they will not be eligible to swim. First practice is 11/17. The returning swimmers will practice first followed by new swimmers. This gives the new swimmers a chance to see what is entailed at a practice.
7. Due to the large turnout at the students meeting for girl swimmers there may be the need for ~~time trials~~ cuts, but we hope not. Only 30 swimmers can safely be in the pool at one time for practice and there ~~is~~ are tentatively ~~56~~ 42 signed up. ~~If time trials are needed it is scheduled for 11/27.~~
8. TIME TRIALS FOR ALL SWIMMERS WILL BE HELD ON 11/22.
9. A note must be provided if not riding the bus home after an away meet. **The note must be turned in prior to school ending for the day or the swimmer will have to ride the bus home. Notes will not be accepted at a meet!** The coaches stressed that the swimmers should ride the bus home as it is a good team building experience.

Sign Up Sheets

Sign up sheets were posted for helping with the banquet, pretzel sale, cake distribution and team video. If you can help with any of these, please let us know!!

Pasta Parties

Students can sign up, hopefully with parent's knowledge, for pasta parties for the whole team. They can take place either the Sunday before a meet or the day before. Two to three parents can do it together. Swimmers provide beverages, paper products and desserts and host supplies pasta and salad. Directions to the party are handed out a few days before by the student.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sereni, Secretary