

Minutes, SEEEYA Parents' Meeting February 3, 2009, 6pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 6pm

Agenda:

- Financial Review
- Equipment Update
- Champs A/AA Meets
- End-of-Season Banquet
- People Helping People Campaign
- Swim Meet Support – Officials Needed
- Sponsorship
- Action Items

YMCA Representatives in Attendance: Carmen Klatt, Jennifer

Financial Review

- Remaining expenditures associated with Champs meets: T-shirts for the swimmers and hotel costs for coaches. Price of T-shirts dependent upon number of colors on shirt. Jennifer currently obtaining price quotes from vendor. Color expected to be neon green.
- Other category of remaining costs is the end-of-season banquet.
- Suggestion from parent that we continue to look for ways to generate more substantial, consistent revenue over the next year, whether it is by sponsorship, partnering with local high school swim teams, etc.
- For next year's budget will need to factor in \$1000 scholarship, don't currently have any eligible seniors, so not needed for this year's expenditures.
- Recommendation was made and approved to allocate up to \$1700 for remaining operating expenses, excluding PHP campaign and end-of-year banquet (discussed further below).

Equipment Update

Discussion revolved around the following items to get us to the decision point of equipment repair and/or replacement: (1) Group of parents to test current equipment; (2) All parents to review vendor websites to collect questions and concerns; (3) Group of parents and Y reps to meet with vendor representatives to get answers to our questions; then (4) Bring information back to parents' meeting for decision making.

Recommended way forward:

- Group of parents familiar with our current equipment to take inventory (during Sunday when no practices being conducted), check it all out, find out problems, and come back to next meeting with findings as to what is working and not working. If we purchase a system we need to make sure what is working and not working, will we repair, how much will it cost, should we replace instead, etc. Need to look at the factors in total, rather than piecemeal, to decide the best course of action. Gary, Dave, and Don will email Christine dates (Feb 15 or Feb 22) and together they'll decide on a specific time for testing, and notify Jennifer so that she can let the Y staff know.

- Parents to take a look at the web sites for various equipment providers and send thoughts and questions regarding equipment purchase to Al Kluczynski at albert.kluczynski@dla.mil. See list of web sites at the end of these minutes (at "Action Items"). Al will prepare list of questions/concerns to take to vendor representatives.
- Need to get a couple of parents together with Elissa James to meet with vendor reps to get info and bring information back to the parents meeting. Recommendation to include as part of the parent representation at least one parent who has worked with our current equipment. Al Kluczynski volunteered to chair this group.

Champs, A/AA Meets

- All swimmers will get a shirt (if they sign up for one). Be sure to sign up on bulletin board and include size.
- Champ fees going up to \$7 flat fee per swimmer maximum fee, able to swim 3 individual events and 2 relays.
- If child swims in A meet, then qualifies for AA, only have to pay once.
- If any swimmer has three AA times, will not swim in A meet at all; if they have two AA meet, can go to the A meet for the event in which they don't have an AA time.
- AA meet likely to be quicker and smaller; Friday events eliminated. Sunday will be the 10 and under with a few of the older events; will give the older swimmers a break between their longer and shorter events.

End-of-Season Banquet

- Need to form committee to plan end-of-season banquet, planned for after Zones. Al Kluczynski will coordinate with Seton Parish to see if meeting facility is available.
- Plan is for an early afternoon on Saturday- 1st choice, March 28th; 2nd choice, April 4.
- Volunteer needed to chair banquet committee, with volunteers to help plan/organize.
- Discussion on whether to have pizza, dessert bar, etc. One idea discussed for food donations is to make assignments according to first letter of last name, for example, A-H, K-O, P-Z, or some similar breakdown that balances number of families.
- Decision was made to let committee make decision on food and arrangements.

People Helping People Campaign

- PHP campaign soliciting donations; last year swim team donated \$500.
- Among other items, PHP provides scholarships for swim team; this year over \$700 provided in swim team scholarships for current swim team members.
- Parents voted on how much to donate for the PHP – recommendation made that we donate the amount that was funded for scholarships this year.
- Parent vote – donate \$700.

Swim Meet Support – Officials Needed

- Discussion on number of officials for the team and fact that many of those currently trained will not be here during the summer, so team may be short of trained and experienced officials for the summer. Also, some of current officials have swimmers moving up to older age bracket. Highly likely that team will have a critical need for officials next year, especially to cover the younger age group.
- Consideration given to providing some type of incentive to attract individuals willing to be trained and serve as an official at meets and invitationals.

- An incentive idea is for team to pay the invitational fee for swimmers whose parents officiate.
- The parents suggested that we devise a process for the incentive to discuss and vote on at next meeting.
- Paula Kluczynski volunteered to prepare a draft and devise a plan for recruiting volunteers to officiate.

Sponsorship

- Discussed sponsorships and partnering with Pickerington North and Central. Per Elissa, the high schools are willing to pay \$250 a meet to use our equipment. Garver YMCA will allow high schools to use the pool for meets up to 3 times total a year (note, that's not 3 times for each school, but 3 times total). This item is temporarily tabled and will be considered after we decide on course of action for equipment replacement.
- One parent noted that partnering with local high schools has worked at other YMCAs and there should be no reason why it couldn't work with SEEEYA.

Decisions Made

- + Donate \$700 to PHP Campaign.
- + Set-aside up to \$1700 to cover remaining swim team costs for fall 2008-winter 2009 season, not to include end-of-season banquet.
- + Conduct end-of-season banquet at Seton Hall meeting building (if available): 1st option Mar 28, 2nd option Apr 4.

Action Items

- + Group of parents knowledgeable of current equipment to take inventory and test, and bring results back to next parents' meeting.
 - + Jennifer/Elissa to set up meeting with equipment providers and provide date at next parents' meeting.
 - + Looking for a volunteer to head end-of-season banquet and others to help plan and organize.
 - + Al Kluczynski to determine availability of Seton Parish meeting building for banquet.
 - + Paula Kluczynski to draft guidelines for officiating incentive.
 - + All parents – review the referenced web sites of scoreboard equipment providers and email thoughts and questions to Al Kluczynski (thanks to Mike Radanof for providing sites)
 - <http://www.istime.com/>
 - <http://www.daktronics.com/ProductsServices/Products/ScoreboardsTimingSystems>
 - <http://www.coloradotime.com/pdf/LED%20and%20LR%20Scoreboards.pdf> - These individual scoreboards can be stacked.
 - <http://www.coloradotime.com/pdf/The%20Ohio%20State%20University.pdf>
 - <http://www.lincolnaquatics.com/shop/catalog>
- Technical specification for a 'total package' from the Daktronic site:
http://www.daktronics.com/Documents/Sports-Apps/new_cd/docs/SL05251.pdf
 Technical specification for a 'total package' from the Colorado Time Systems site:
http://www.coloradotime.com/pdf/CTS_Architectural_Guideline.pdf

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