

Minutes, SEEEYA Parents' Meeting January 6, 2009, 6pm

Parent Attendance: Scott Anderson, Barb Blankenship, Beth Burns, Joanne Campbell, Gary dePaauw, Francis Dixon, Jennifer Fisher, Skip Fry, Julie Hiner, Christine Howell, Lesley Jones, Al Kluczynski, Vicky Mahan, Sarah Meyerrose, Christy Radanof, Marcia Roberts, Shari Kolibash, Kim Shull, Sherri Snyder, Dave Snyder, Emily Solon, Wendy Souzis, Tammy Tiedtke.

Garver YMCA/Coaching Representatives: Carmen Klatt, Jennifer Price

Coach Carmen opened the meeting and was very pleased with the tremendous turnout of parents and thanked the parents for coming.

BUDGETARY ITEMS:

- **New Scoreboard** - Carmen discussed acquiring a new scoreboard. She received two quotes – IST and Daktronics. The quote for a six-line scoreboard from IST would cost \$9,000. The cost estimate from Daktronics for the same scoreboard would cost \$13,000. If a Daktronics scoreboard was purchased, we would have to convert over to Colorado software, which would result in an additional cost.
 - The quote sheets for IST and Daktronics were circulated among the parents.
 - One parent noticed the Daktronics estimate didn't include a warranty, something to seriously consider having.
 - Al Kluczynski mentioned that an alphanumeric scoreboard that displays the swimmers' names would cost about \$13,000 from IST and provide us more capability.
 - Colorado soft is not compatible with IST.
 - Gary dePaauw stated that we don't have enough information, needing info on warranty, installation, maintenance costs, etc. to make a decision on what type of board to purchase.
 - Several parents stated that they would like to see their child's name on the board like some of the colleges, such as Kenyon, OSU, etc.
- **Sponsorship** - There was a discussion on obtaining sponsorships to defray the cost of purchasing a scoreboard. Corporate sponsorship (e.g. Pepsi) need to go to YMCA Central. If Pepsi became a sponsor, certain agreements would be made such as using Pepsi products exclusively throughout the Garver Y, e.g. vending machines.
 - Tammy Tiedtke mentioned getting doctors and others to donate and placing their banners in pool area.
 - Al Kluczynski volunteered to get with Elissa James to determine YMCA policy on sponsorship.

- **Laptop** - Carmen proposed the need for a new laptop for "Meet Manager" software since the current laptop is six years old and asked the parents present to approve the purchase.

- During discussion parents recommended that instead of new laptop right now to consider that we cleanup, reduce the size of stored data, and defrag the current one and it may work better.

- A suggestion was made to back up current files and different ways that could be accomplished. One parent stated that her laptop was 12 years old and worked fine if maintained.

- A suggestion was made to contact computer savvy Mark Green to look at the current laptop.

- **Expenditures** - Carmen circulated a summary of current expenses and anticipated costs for this swimming season based on last year's cost. Total costs from last year were \$4595, as follows:

Ribbons	\$ 200	
Award plaques		180
People Helping People Donation	500	
Scholarships, 2@\$500		1000
Team Party	1000	
End of season Banquet		300
Coaches Hotel Costs (Champs/Zones)		550
Champs T-Shirts	865	

-Carmen is going to update these costs for this year and provide at the next parents' meeting.

-Al Kluczynski mentioned the recent expenditure last month of \$1000 for the lane divider reel was not included on the expense balance sheet passed around. Adding this expense reduces our budget by that amount, leaving about \$13,000. If we reduce that by \$4595 in known expenses we anticipate this season, we have only \$8000 left in our budget. That amount would not be enough to purchase a new scoreboard without finding sponsors.

-Kim Shull mentioned that we need to add headsets into the budget for meet officials. Carmen said she would check on cost with Radio Shack.

-Carmen mentioned that every other year the parents pay for coaches hotel expenses for Champs and Zones. This year it is the parents' turn to pay.

-Christine Howell asked Carmen about event costs for A swimmers and then if they make AA finals.

SWIM PARTY: Joanne Campbell is heading the "Surf's Up" SEEEYA Party, to be held Sunday, January 18 from 6-9pm. There is a sign up sheet in the observation room which to plan for the number of swimmers and families. Siblings are welcomed. Kids can swim and there will be a DJ in the gym. Parents are asked to bring refreshments.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- Carmen stated that there are currently 123 swimmers on the team, some of whom are inactive.
- One parent asked about volunteering for the meet when the sheet is all signed up. Carmen said parents should sign up and then we can rotate more often. Parents who make brownies for the home meet can earn a credit. If you serve as timekeeper for the entire meet you get two credits, one for each half.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Carmen - present an update of miscellaneous annual costs and new costs for the next meeting ; check on the cost of headsets ; contact Mark Green regarding laptop maintenance.
2. Al Kluczynski - provide YMCA sponsorship policy and discuss at next meeting.

Submitted by:

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