

Circle C Select Leadership Board Meeting

October 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. In attendance were: Karen Syzdek, Yvonne Devany, Ross and Kristin Patterson, John Stevens, Rachael Steyaert, Michelle Reinhardt, Dave Kalange and Brandon Ducote.

1. The minutes from the September 13, 2010 leadership board meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. The board discussed how much was being charged for coaches' fees for each swim meet and how those funds were being used. More information is needed from the swim center regarding the amount of funds collected and spent. Dave reported that so far, he has not submitted for reimbursement for any meet, but would incur expenses during out-of-town meets.
3. The need for a budget to present to the team parents was discussed. John will prepare a general plan for how the fundraising money might be used, pending general membership approval. The plan will be developed with input from the board and Dave. The budget will be complete for the General Membership meeting on October 29.
4. A digital pacing clock has been purchased and has been shipped. This was one of the equipment priorities that Coach Dave identified. The clock, which cost approximately \$1200, has been paid for by team fundraising dollars.
5. Swim-a-thon prizes were discussed. The board decided that in addition to the prize structure outlined for the swimmers, everyone who raised \$99 or more would have a chance to win a prize. The swim-a-thon raised \$3,100 for the team.
6. Brandon and Dave discussed several equipment needs for the team including: a display case for notices and awards, portable equipment storage units that would house equipment and remain on the deck, TRX suspension kits, an underwater video camera, and swim videos for a library. The board discussed pricing a display case and equipment storage units now and adding those to the budget that will be presented to the parents.
7. Michelle raised a question about long-term equipment needs, specifically the equipment needed to host meets, such as touch pads, computer timing system, score board and other hardware. Brandon offered to price these items so the board may consider future team growth. Forming a long-range planning committee for the swim team was discussed and board members agreed to reach out to parents who may be interested in serving on such a committee. The committee would also be charged with pursuing USA Swimming Club Recognition Awards. Dave said that these club awards give a team prestige and standing among USA Swimming. He encouraged the board to seriously consider pursuing these awards.
8. Yvonne reported that the car decals will be delivered next week, ahead of schedule. She is researching tattoos for the swim meet in Georgetown, but has found they are very expensive. The board agreed to continue to look for better prices of these items.
9. Dave presented more information about an agreement with Speedo. It is a four year option, where the team can purchase swim gear at a 20% discount. The official team gear – suit, etc, must be Speedo. However, any suit or gear can be used at practice. Plus, coaches receive some

items free of charge. Dave reported that it is a standard agreement in terms of discounts and benefits. If one of the team members were to qualify for Olympic trials, they would be required to wear and use Speedo items. The board voted to accept the agreement.

10. Coaches' expenses for Junior Nationals Meet in Atlanta were discussed. Dave offered that South Texas swimming will reimburse the team for up to a certain dollar amount for travel, for both coaches and swimmers. It is a one-time, annual benefit. Dave reported that one senior swimmer has already qualified for the meet.
11. Other important dates coming up:
 - a. Hallo"weenie" roast in conjunction with a parent meeting on Friday, October 29 after practice ends at 7pm.
 - b. The team will attend the Corpus Christi meet, December 11-12. Shortest race is 50 yards. Dave suggested it is a meet for silver level swimmers and up.
 - c. Team photos will be taken. Dates were discussed and a final date will have to be confirmed with the photographer before a notice is sent to the parents.
 - d. Friday treats will move from popsicles to candy.
 - e. Volunteers will be needed for the next 3 meets. Sign-up links will be sent out to parents this week.
12. The next leadership board meeting will be held November 15 at 7:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.