

Select Swim Team Leadership Board Meeting

Minutes, August 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. In attendance were: Karen Syzdek, Yvonne Devaney, Ross and Kristin Patterson, John Stevens, Rachael Steyaert and Michelle Reinhardt.

1. Santa Rita will host a kick-off event on Sunday, August 22 at 3:00 p.m. The adult menu will be \$12.95 and the kid menu will be separate. So far, 99 people have RSVP'd for the kick-off event. A holiday party will be held at The County Line on Sunday, December 12. The board discussed other low-cost options for team social events.

2. Fundraising:

A pancake breakfast will be held September 11 from 8-10 a.m. at Applebee's. Tickets to the pancake breakfast will be sold for \$7 and the team will profit \$5 from each ticket. Jenn Hunt is helping organize the breakfast. Yvonne suggests that each team member will be strongly encouraged to sell five tickets. A ticket table can be set up inside Applebee's the week prior to the event. A deadline will have to be set to turn in money prior to the event.

A swim-a-thon will be held the morning of Sunday, October 10. Each swimmer will secure pledges for swimming a certain amount of distance or time. Prizes will be awarded to the boy and girl who raise the most money. A raffle will be held at the same time as the swim-a-thon, with tickets sold for a variety of prizes. The board discussed doing tiered prizes for all participants of the swim-a-thon.

The team has received two verbal commitments for two platinum sponsorships worth \$1,000 and two bronze sponsorships for \$150. Other possible sponsorships are on the horizon.

Thank you notes and sponsorship plaques were discussed to thank the team sponsors.

3. The board discussed how to allocate the current swim team balance, which is approximately \$1700. Dave has submitted a prioritized list of equipment for the board to consider. The board recommended that the coach be allowed to purchase a digital clock for the team, which is approximately \$800. Future equipment needs were also discussed.
4. The board discussed swim suits and t-shirts, which are awaiting finalized sponsorships. The team is now downplaying the serpent part of the logo and emphasizing the Circle C (Ranch) Select logo. We are sticking with colors black and white. Caps will be silver with the black logo. The coach places a high priority on members of the swim team wearing the team suit at each meet.
5. The board considered selling novelty items at the swim center including: goggle ties, flags, car decals, magnets, tattoos. The board discussed the design and logo for a car decal that parents

could order for team members. The cost would be \$10 per sticker. Order forms will be distributed soon.

6. The board approved amending the by-laws pertaining to the ages of eligible swimmers, with eligibility starting at age 6 and being in accordance with USA eligibility requirements. The board added a sentence clarifying fees for swim meets. The board clarified membership on the leadership board to one vote per family, instead of one adult member. A general membership meeting will be held at the kick-off dinner this Sunday. Another board meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m.
7. Kristin mentioned that USA swim forms were slow to come in – she’s concerned about the number of swimmers actually registered. Forms are due August 17. She will issue a reminder to members of the yahoo swim group.
8. The need for additional volunteers was discussed, specifically trained safety volunteers who can assist the safety coordinator at various meets.
9. The board discussed Circle C Select becoming a business entity where checks would be written directly to Circle C Select. Because there is no clear need at this time, the board decided to pass on that action item.
10. Team photos were proposed – and the board decided to schedule a team photo sometime between the first and second swim meets. Individual photos would be offered to those who might be interested.
11. Buying and distributing treats to the team was discussed. The board agreed to purchase popsicles for the team to be distributed every Friday through September. Volunteers will be organized to hand out the popsicles after each Friday practice.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.