

Fort Leavenworth Swim Team Parents' Association Board Meeting Minutes April 10th 2008

In attendance: Helen Lochow, Jeff Lochow, Hope Corizzo, Barbara Bormolini, Debbie Boll

Banquet/end-of-year awards

- Maybe just do trophies instead of gifts – to save money for bills and coaches' salaries
- Gifts around the Christmas holidays next year (purchased with fundraising money)
- There are trophies at Harney – can use those (need to count to make sure we have enough), but should get Division trophies as well. Hasty Awards can do them.
- No date confirmed for the banquet yet. FCC said they'd waive the facility fee since we're affiliated with MWR.
- Coaches' recognition gifts – small monetary contribution per swimmer for a gift certificate or other gift. Need parent volunteer to coordinate.

Fundraising

- Hope is accepting pretzel packets this week. She hopes to count the funds on Sunday and will confirm the count with another parent.
- 55 packets were handed out.

Oceans of Fun

- Swim team days during the summer
- Ask for a parent to organize/get volunteer hours
- E-mail notifications seem to work better than posters or bulletin board announcements
- "bring a friend" to expose them to the team

Finances

- Budget and coaching fees were based on a certain number of swimmers, and we've been at or below that number this year.
- We need to re-look at the numbers and budget accordingly, or raise monthly fees to pay bills and coaches.
- Should not use fundraising money to pay bills – fundraising should be for extras and "goodies" for the swimmers
- Look for private sponsorship – make this a board position
- Try to recruit volunteer coaches for the summer to help defray costs
- In order to cover the remaining part of the season and ensure that the summer season runs smoothly, the Board voted to raise monthly fees by \$10, effective June 1.

New Board

- Elections to be held at the banquet
- Fred Harper has said he will serve as President
- Folks who are vacating positions should prepare a summary of their position's responsibilities and bring it to the next Board meeting (to show those who might be interested in accepting a position)

Team manager software

- Set up a conference call before the next board meeting
- How much will the first installment be? Need to make sure we can cover the cost or wait until there's enough money in the bank.
- We can add \$1 per entry for meets to cover coaches' travel costs

Next meeting is May 7th.