

Fort Leavenworth Swim Team Parents' Association Board Meeting Minutes August 7th 2008

In Attendance: Emily Johnson, Hope Corizzo, Helen Lochow, Jeff Lochow, Leandra Walker, Debbie Boll

The Board approved the minutes from the July meeting.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:

- PAIR Day – August 9. Coaches and several parents (Emily, Hope, Casey, Debbie) will be there to work the table. Wear Lancer t-shirts. Helen will bring scrapbooks and copies of brochures. Debbie can bring a red/white/blue tablecloth and a basket for candy. Also need Lancer bags as props for the table.
- Cookout – August 15. Coach Rachael will think of some fun water games for the kids. Leave one or two lanes open for anyone who may want to try out. MWR marketing request was submitted through Patrick in mid-July. Debbie will ask Cabrey's or Selby's for their grill; otherwise, we'll need charcoal for the on-site grill. Emily will bring 2 watermelons, Debbie will bring condiments, Hope will bring trashbags, and team assignments for food donations are as follows:
 - Platinum – drinks (individual water, juice or soda in cans). No glass containers.
 - Gold – hot dogs (one package per swimmer)
 - Silver – chips or cookies/brownies
 - Bronze – hot dog buns (one package per swimmer)
- Tryouts – September 3 at Harney. No practice for current team members that day. Swimmers should wear their Lancer shirts to school that day, if possible.
- Parent orientation – September 8. **Need to decide on location.** We can reserve Harrold Youth Center, but that may not be the best spot logistically. Helen will check on FCC, Fred – any connections that could get us a classroom or auditorium? Returning parents will meet from 5:45 – 6:15 and new parents at 6:30. If returning parents have questions besides checking contact information and registration, they may stay for the later session.
- Team suit try-on – Leandra will coordinate (thank you!). Date was scheduled with SwimQuik for September 15. Will invite them to set up a mini-concession booth, and ask if they can bring samples of suits and other items with the Lancer logo when they come. Parents need to pay as they order.
- Swim-a-thon – October 30. Emily will check with the Garrison about whether there are restrictions on fundraising during that time.
- Home swim meet – October 10-12.
 - **Need to appoint a meet director:** Ken has experience, but maybe someone new can work with him to learn the job. Suggested nominees for the position were Harper, Vogt and Cleland-Leighton. COOL Waves have already been working on getting the meet sanctioned.
 - **Need to provide officials:** Several families have expressed interest in the officials training in September. Helen will ask Joe Ogilvie about being the Head Official and supervising any new officials on deck. Get timers lined up before the meet!!!

- **Concessions/hospitality**: Need donations. Ken and Mike worked to get sponsors last year; they may still have the list of who helped out. Parent volunteer to coordinate?
- **Sponsors**: Local businesses (dentists, financial institutions, retailers) are an untapped resource. We give them lots of business, could they sponsor the meet or the team on an ongoing basis? They'd get lots of publicity (heat sheet, website, t-shirts, banners in gym on meet day) and return business as a result. Should have a separate group devoted to pursuing these opportunities.

Hope – Treasurer's Report

- There is about \$1200 in the account, but she just picked up a lot of checks. She needs to pay Helen and Megan.
- Jessup's will take over registration – for those families leaving in December, they only need to pay the team fee for the season, since the current USA Swimming registration takes them through the end of November.
- Coaches' contracts – begin review in September to make sure they're ready to be signed in December.

New Board Meeting time – to avoid pulling Helen from the deck during practice time, we'll attempt to meet on the third Saturday of the month at 9am at the Santa Fe Depot Diner. There will be in **interim meeting on Saturday August 30** to discuss the meet, and then the next **regular meeting is September 20**.