

Monday, September 15, 2009
Muskegon Family YMCA

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: Frankie Boxer, Margie Collison, Robert Council, Michaelanne Hendrixon, R'na Komarek, Lori McCarthy, Darlene Miller, Julie Resterhouse, Mike Resterhouse, Jean Seward, Ray Shetterly, Susan Strobel.

Minutes: Minutes of August 12, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$7300.00. We earned \$971.72 from last year's Conference meet at Grand Haven.

Parent Equipment/Training Committee (PET)

Michaelanne Hendrixon reported that she and Coach Margie have developed a dynamic warm up and cool down routine for the swimmers to use at practice. It will be implemented immediately. Other strength exercises will also be done as part of the dry land training.

In addition, there will also be an in season/off season training packet for swimmers that is optional. This packet will be ready soon, and the instructions allow swimmers to do these exercises at home or at the Y gym facility. Directions will be modified to suit basic or advanced training.

We are getting ready to replace old, damaged fins for our swimmers. We will purchase approximately 40 pairs at an approximate cost of \$15 per pair.

Team Banner:

We are still investigating prices and styles of banners to purchase. We will probably go with a vinyl or parachute type material. We are waiting for a report from Gary Oxendale on this.

Ordering Team Suits:

D & J Sports has an online program so individuals can order their suits from home. We want to use the same suits as last year, with the team logo screen printed on them. D & J may not do that for individual orders. Susan Strobel will investigate this and if not, we will order the suits in bulk as we have in the past, or go with a non-customized suit and use the online system.

Lori McCarthy reports that we have three leftover suits from last year that parents could purchase. Two are boys; size 26 each, and one girls suit, also size 26. If anyone is interested in purchasing these, they are immediately-please contact Susan Strobel .

USA Swimming Team Formation Update

This year we will decide if our Y team will also formally become a USA team. Mike and Margie talked to a couple of Y/USA teams on the east side of the state and said that they do not require every swimmer to pay USA membership if they do not swim USA. They say the USA organization never asks them to verify this.

Margie has all the training necessary to be an official USA coach. We would need to pay \$150 per year in team fees and come up with a business plan to show we have adequate pool time and funds to run a USA club. The immediate benefits for our team would be the ability for swimmers to do relays (cannot do if unattached), added insurance for USA swimmers, and team name

recognition at USA meets. Mike will be giving a Power Point presentation on this topic at the next meeting.

Splash Bash:

We had 107 reservations for the Splash Bash, and 90 of those guests came. This was a great turn out, and we even had 10 families that were new and interested in the swim team. Activities included pizza, cake, raffles, games, watching taped Olympic races, and swimming in the pool.

Special thanks to Frankie Boxer and Ray Shetterly for manning the food area all night!

We Made \$83 on the raffles and the total cost of the event was \$470, with a net expense of \$387.

Advertisement in Chronicle:

There was discussion about the possibility of taking out an ad in the paper to attract new members. It was decided that the cost was too high. Instead, Vicki will put flyer advertisement at all the schools in the area, at no cost to the team.

Swim Meet Schedule:

Margie also remarked that this year due to increasing fuel costs, many Y teams are traveling less for away meets and it has become somewhat more difficult to find teams willing to come to our home meets. We have already heard that Flint and Birmingham will not be coming to our Pentathlon. Members of our conference are RAYS, Grand Haven, Niles, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Sturgis, and Ionia.

Online Meet Sign Up:

A demonstration of the online registration for swim meets will occur at our next parent meeting.

Silicone caps and t-shirts:

Both caps and t-shirts have been ordered by Vicki and are provided to all team members after their payment to the Y.

Pentathlon:

The organizational meeting to plan this year's Pentathlon is Monday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the Y. All interested parents are invited to attend.

We need to remind everyone that because several of our swimmers are severely allergic to peanuts, we will run "nut free" swim meets.

Old t-shirts and MYST window clings on sale:

We will have some past MYST t-shirts on sale at the Pentathlon for the reduced price of \$2 each. After that they will be donated to the Rescue Mission.

Also, we are still selling our MYST car window clings for \$3 each. See Mike or Julie Resterhouse.

Medal Inventory:

We have taken inventory of all medals and ribbons and will be restocking our supply for the year. We are also looking into getting "personal best" ribbons for the kids, which timers will give out at meets immediately after a heat, if that swimmer has bested

his/her time. Margie suggested the Trophy Center for this, since they sell in bulk.

Fundraising:

Gary Oxendale will be getting information to everyone about fundraising for the team.

Wesco buckets are available to sell now and you can start to use the 2009 buckets NOW!

Old Scoreboard:

The scoreboard is still up-we need to call Mr. Leatherman to see if he can assist with the take down and removal. Mike will be calling him.

Next Parent Meeting:

The next parent meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 13 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Y. Thereafter, we will continue with meetings on the second Monday of each month.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:07.

Susan M. Strobel