

Mako Parent Support Committee Meeting Notes

10/12/2011

Attending: Ned Chamberlain, Ben Van Dyk, Mark Ells, Cathy Chamberlain, Terry Walsh, Bob Walsh, Paul Richards, Irene Bent, Angela Hurwitz

Ned: Introduction of Angela Hurwitz a new committee member in charge of registration.

Ben: Discussed novice swimmers and how to improve their program. Considering working in small groups with stroke lessons similar to the Shark swim program at the Y. He thinks it would provide a little bit more individual attention and accelerate the learning curve and improve stroke technique understanding. He is exploring more with aquatics director Jeff Falk.

Ned: Asked about pool air quality. There have been a couple minor complaints. No news from the Y on engineering analysis.

All: Blue and White meet scheduled for this Saturday. Timing system check set for tonight after the meeting. Spinning room needs cleared out for bullpen Ben and or Ned will check with Jeff Faulk. Christina Ells will be contacted to see about snack bar plans for this meet and going forward. Meet officials were discussed and Scott Doney was announced as meet starter. New swimmers will get new swim caps. A new cap is being designed and everyone will get one of these when they are available. We need a mat to reduce slippage by the viewing area door for safety.

Ned: Reported that Willow Bend Country Club is available to the Makos for the banquet date of May 6th. Contract will be signed after the first of the year.

Cathy: Cathy discussed the USA swimming Team Recognition Program. There are a few things to get in order, ie. mission statement, vision statement, etc. Cathy would like all of us to explore some links with examples (sent by Ned). One of the links is the South Shore YMCA which uses the Team Recognition Program and could be a model for us. The program will be explored more.

Ben: Gave a quick talk regarding information to parents about YMCA swimming/USA swimming and the benefits to swimmers and when it is appropriate for a swimmer to consider joining USA swimming.

Cathy and Paul: The Team Unify program was discussed again. The software program tracks attendance, swimmer times, has a web development package and generally helps easily manage a team's data and web presence. Paul will continue to research and learn more. Ben commented that the price is high and maybe we should put it on hold. Ned felt that the benefits may outweigh the cost and recommended that we keep exploring it. Cost: \$99.95 monthly \$295.00 set up fee. Full year up front payment would be \$1,099 with an ipod touch included. Paul Ben and Ned will research more.

All: The Car Wash brought in \$401.00 and was deemed a success by all. All thought it would be a good idea to do it again next year.

All: Spaghetti dinner set for Friday. Signup sheet indicates that it will be well attended.

Ned: Brought up that there is wording in the parent committee sections of the parent handbook that relate to counseling parents, swimmers, and coaches as well as outlining procedures for dealing with complaints and conflict. Mark indicated that the Y discourages parent committee involvement in these activities. Ned agreed to go through the document and modify it to reflect the change in philosophy.

Mark: Brought up the possibility of Jeff Falk attending a Parent Support Committee meeting on a semi regular basis. He felt it would be good for him to be involved in what the committee discusses and is concerned about. Jeff will be asked if he will consider this.

Ned: Brought up the idea of a financial tracking person for the committee. This person would keep track of money raised and the money the Y has in the Mako budget. Ben suggested that this person could be the lead for fundraising as well.

Mark: Suggested that he and Ned meet with Stacie to discuss the overall view of the Y and the parent committee. He suggested that this would be a good idea to make sure our ideas are not a waste of time and effort. Mark and Ned will meet with Stacie and present some recent ideas.

Cathy: Suggested there should be an email sent out to promote level 1 training for officials. We need new officials to ensure continuity as older swimmers age out of the program. Cathy will get the details and Ben will send out an email.

All: Meeting adjourned at 7:25. Test of timing systems commenced and was successful.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2011 @ 6:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Walsh