

## JH Stingrays Board of Directors

January 9, 2024 6:00pm Rec Center lobby

1. Roll call: Dessa Reimer, Molly Frobouck, Julie Scharnhorst, Heather Burcham, Jen Baxter, Ashton Tattersall, Saggi Leoni, Ricardo Villanueva Ordonez, Britt Baker, Connor McGinnis and Tracy Haling were present.
2. Minutes from the November 2023 board meeting were approved.
3. Officer reports: Molly reported she received the Top 5 names list from Wyoming Swimming. We had 33 swimmers on the list with 20 girls and 13 boys. The team will recognize the Top 5 swimmers at the annual team awards banquet held in March. Julie reported that through her efforts to identify those with failed credit card payments, amounting in roughly \$5600 for the team, that roughly half has been received. Tracy reported that the bag tags with the qualifying times have been passed out except for a few last remaining tags.
4. Old business:
  - a. AZ FAST Winter Lights: Connor reported that 12 swimmers attended for the prelims/finals travel meet and had fast swims and good team times. He commented that going forward this meet may not be necessary because of kids missing school, the travel and timing of the meet with the Thanksgiving holiday break.
  - b. Polar Bear Plunge: Dessa reported that it was a fun one day meet with 37 swimmers in attendance.
  - c. Below Zero: Tracy said she is proud of the parents who stepped in to help with timing and the support the team parents gave KSC with the technical difficulties. We had 20 swimmers in total attend with 3 swimmers at their first meet.
5. New business:
  - a. Treasurer transition update
    - i. Update on QB app for logging coach hours: Julie and Heather did a training session on using a QB app for coaches to log hours. Julie is planning on rolling it out February 1<sup>st</sup> and will include hours coached at meets.
    - ii. Ideas for clean start to QB for 2024: With the transition to QB online in 2023, and data in two places, pulling together the P&L from 2023 is taking some extra time and effort. The board will discuss the P&L at their next board meeting. Julie and Heather will meet with Bonnie Kovacs/out going treasurer to reconcile the books from 2023.
  - b. Upcoming swim meets:
    - i. Shiver in the River: January 26-27
    - ii. Western Wyoming District Championships: February 9-11
    - iii. WYSI Winter State: February 23-25.
  - c. Upper Level meet approval for spring 2023.

- i. Connor reported that the two Stingrays, Maren Tattersall and Amaya Olivieri, who have attained sectionals qualifying times will be attending the Phoenix meet March 21-24. Saghi Leoni reported he will be traveling with his daughter, Dalia Leoni, to SWAGR, March 22-25. The board approved funding for Connor to attend the sectionals meet as coach and following the budget meeting, the board will be able to vote on a contribution to the Kemmerer Swim Club coach, Roy Runnion, who has agreed to help with Dalia at the Clovis, CA meet. It was decided that going forward, coaches will bring a proposal for upper level spring meets they wish to attend to the December board meeting for approval.
  - ii. Tracy made comments about wanting a greater presence of the level 5 swimmers at district meets as the leaders of the team and wanting consistent messaging from coaches to swimmers about the importance of district meet attendance. While she recognized that mandating attendance at a set number of district meets is unrealistic, in order for the board to support financial backing of upper level meets, she hopes for change in the coming year and to see both high school boys and girls at season meets. The meeting attendees had a dialogue around leadership and team integration with all agreeing that while we are doing some things right, we could do more to foster a team environment where swimmers from all levels can interact and support each other. Discussion and brainstorming around this topic will continue.
- d. Winter swim session:
- i. Report on morning program: Connor reported that the morning program continues to have good attendance although the afternoons have not been as well attended as was planned. Dessa confirmed we have morning lanes for March, and Connor will continue to offer the program. A review of the financials around the morning program will be conducted after state, but we expect to continue to have it in spring.
  - ii. Finalize swim lane plan for February: It was requested by coaches that the state bound team practice together the two weeks before state. All level 3-4-5 swimmers not attending the state meet will take that time off from practice. Levels 1 and 2 will practice until the state meet.
  - iii. Dessa discussed the JHMS girls program begins February 5<sup>th</sup> and that week the Rec Center has been gracious to give us the full 8 lanes for practice from 6-8pm, however starting January 12<sup>th</sup>, there are 2 lanes to be open for the public from 6-7pm and becomes a spacing issue for all levels. There were several ideas presented as a workaround, including morning practices and potentially using the WWDC as a capstone meet with some swimmers beginning their break afterwards. No decision was made with more discussion and planning needed.
  - iv. March add-on month for returning spring swimmers: Dessa will email all families and inquire about their intent to continue into the spring. The

March add on month will only be available to those swimmers who plan on swimming and competing in the spring.

- e. Spring Session planning:
    - i. Polling returning swimmers: Dessa will email current families and determine their intent to swim in the spring session, then extend invitations to those who paused their enrollment for the winter, then open any remaining spots to waitlisted kids.
    - ii. Available lanes and scheduling of Levels 1-5: Dessa presented a calendar with the scheduling for the spring session. We will be sharing the pool with kayakers every Wednesday until the end of school and in addition to 3 Mondays. During this high traffic use time, it will be necessary to divide practice groups or offer limited signups for those practice spots. Dessa presented the idea of getting on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners to request the two lanes required by the Rec Center to be left open for the public during the high school girl season, be waived.
    - iii. Spring swim meets:
      1. Bozeman Spring Chicken April 19-21
      2. Bozeman May Classic May 17-19
      3. Missoula Firecracker June 20-23
      4. WYSI Summer State Championships July 19-21
  - f. Morning practice and middle school participation:
    - i. The question was raised whether a middle school swimmer could participate in both the morning supplemental program as well as middle school. There was discussion about needing Coach Jim Jenkin's support as well as Stingray coach approval, if this increases the risk of injury, and what precedence this might set for the high school girls and participation in a Stingray morning practice program and the school sport. No decision was made to allow for information gathering.
  - g. Gear order: Molly will work with Snake River Embroidery to get team gear with the new logo.
6. Next meeting February 12, 2024 at 5:15 pm