

WENATCHEE VALLEY SUMMER SWIM LEAGUE

Minutes of Meeting

April 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Teams represented: **Ephrata**-Huc Dilling, **Quincy**-Kathy Knodell, **WRAC**-Dave Wilson and Coach Brooklynn Dixon, **Cashmere**-Hailey Croci, and Rachel Madson, and **Leavenworth**, Jayson Ringel. **Waterville** was absent.

Officers were confirmed for the upcoming season: Huc will remain President, Annie Nelson Vice President, Jayson Ringel Treasurer, and Kathy Knodell Secretary. Both Huc and Jayson announced that this will likely be their last year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Jayson reported that we begin this season with a balance of \$1874.41. A motion was made to pay Ephrata \$500 as compensation for hosting Championships last year. It was approved unanimously.

LEAGUE FEES

After reviewing our fee structure from last year, a motion was made and approved to raise fees \$1 across the board to strengthen our finances. Tentatively, the new amounts are \$17 for teams needing a \$1 million insurance policy, and \$19 for teams needing a \$2 million policy. However, Jayson reported that K & K Insurance does not like issuing a two-tiered policy for our league, and we may all have to be insured for \$2 million. The current rate structure is \$6.87 per swimmer paid for the smaller policy, and \$8.63 per swimmer for the larger one.

Jayson will work with them to attempt to maintain the status quo and will report back next meeting. If he is unsuccessful, all teams may be paying \$19 per swimmer this season.

SCHEDULE

After a brief discussion, all teams agreed to begin the season Monday, June 15, with the first meet being Thursday, June 25. This requires that we have our final dual meet during Championship week, and we resolved to schedule it for Tuesday, July 21. This will provide extra time to gather and submit data for Championship entries. Host teams for that last week will confirm the availability of their pools and we will finalize the schedule at our next meeting.

After determining that the Wenatchee City Pool is available for our Championship Meet, we agreed to hold the meet there. Jayson submitted a check for \$600 and the reservation form to secure the pool.

RIBBONS AND AWARDS

All teams were asked to inventory leftover ribbons from last season and provide totals to Kathy, who agreed to handle the order this year. Everyone felt that last year's ribbons, ordered online instead of through Haglund's, were fine.

There was discussion about the need for ribbons, but the consensus was that they mean a lot to the swimmers and are therefore worth the expense.

TRAINING

We decided to utilize online training videos to prepare/refresh our Stroke & Turn Judges. Kathy will circulate the link to the site we consulted last year. It was recommended that we utilize experienced judges to mentor new ones. We also stressed the importance of following the official "chain of command" when lodging complaints or challenges to DQ decisions. Parents are not to speak directly to judges.

WEBSITE

Jayson reported that invoices from Tone Dog do not show a breakdown of charges, and we agreed that we don't actually know what services we are paying for. It was noted that www.wvssl.org is becoming dated, as well. Kathy agreed to contact Tone Dog and determine how his charges are determined.

QUESTION OF YEAR-'ROUND SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY

There was significant discussion about whether the summer league should/can allow year-'round swimmers to compete with us concurrently with their team. Our Policies and Procedures manual, revised in 2005 and published on the website, does not prohibit these swimmers from competing. It is evidently not reasonable to expect swimmers to suspend their participation in their year-'round team during our season, due to a contractual commitment that they must make. We learned from a parent that those who do both must choose which championship meet to enter, as both meets occur on the last weekend in July-hence those who compete at our Championships probably have not made "champs times" established by the year-'round league.

We tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Set for Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm at the WRAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.