**JHS Swimming and Diving Booster Club**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 11, 2020  |  7:00 p.m.  |  JHS Lecture Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Karen Zimmermann with 16  in attendance.

**Introductions**

Karen Zimmermann introduced herself, the officers and Coach Doug; each said a few words about themselves. Karen invited all in attendance to introduce themselves and how they are related to Jackson Swimming and Diving.

**Board Election**

Ballots were distributed to all in attendance. Karen explained that officers are elected yearly and that after a nomination period in July the current officers were the only ones on the ballot. Thirteen ballots were returned. Coach Doug tallied the results and the incumbent officers were reelected unanimously for another year.

**Minutes**

A copy of the March minutes was handed out for review. No questions or changes were made. Karen asked for a motion to approve which was made by Katie Batdorff and seconded by Matt Thayer.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Sonya Ashbaugh was not in attendance. Robyn Ricciuti-Culp reviewed the current income and expenses for the club. Most notable was the recent car wash which raised just over $1000. Robyn then reviewed the budget for the coming year, explaining that it was based on the actual numbers from the previous year. Estimating that this year’s team will be larger than the 40 athletes of last year changes will be made as necessary throughout the year. Karen asked for a motion to approve the budget; it was made by Christine Ferrante and seconded by Katrena Herring.

Starting Balance:   $9,727.57

New Income: +$1,297.53   (Car Wash)

New Expenses - $4,034.97   (Scholarships, Catering, GCAA Ad)

Current Balance   $6,990.13   (O/S scholarship)

**Committee Review**

Robyn Ricciuti-Culp currently oversees club committees. She gave a quick overview of the committees and stated that we have several being chaired by senior parents so there will be openings. Co-chairs are welcome. Pina Weinland stated that as a senior parent this is her last year for the apparel and would be happy to walk a new chair through the process. Also, if anyone is creative and interested in helping with apparel design that would be welcome too.  Rob Weinland, who has been the volunteer team photographer said he will help out anyone interested in being the next photographer. He also stated that he is planning to cut back on the number of photos he takes at each meet in order to better enjoy his son’s final year of swimming. If an athlete  or family has a specific request for photos he asks that they let him know ahead of time and he will accommodate them. Robyn then stated that a full list of the committees will be sent out prior to the September meeting for anyone who is interested.

**Coach’s Report**

Coach Doug handed out a letter drafted by himself and Athletic Director Dan Michel that gives an overview of a couple of season scenarios. As of the meeting date, it was unknown what type of season the team would have (with another team or virtual). The letter also gave an overview of practices and how this might be affected by current Covid-19 practices in place by the David YMCA (where the team practices). Doug reiterated that the situation is fluid and the hope is for as regular a season as can be had with pandemic. He is hoping to have an informational meeting closer to the season start to go over any updates or changes as the situation progresses.

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**Coach’s Report, continued**

Questions from attendees:

     Pina Weinland: Will there be preseason workouts?

Doug: Tentatively, yes. The YMCA is now requiring all swim team members to also be members at the YMCA. As far as timing, the YMCA Phantoms season is scheduled to begin September 15.

Christine Ferrante: Regarding YMCA programming, is morning practice expected to be scheduled (last year morning swim Monday-Wednesday-Friday, and strength training Tuesday-Thursday) during the season? Will the YMCA rule of 18 swimmers in the pool still stand for the swim team.

Doug: Yes, hoping to have morning practices same as last year and yes, the team will have to follow all YMCA protocols in place.

Doug also stated that the new executive director at the YMCA is Brandon Bussey, formerly of the Ridgewood YMCA. He is very pro-swimming!

Lori Sides asked for confirmation of start dates for the season.

Doug stated September 15 for YMCA Phantoms, October 30 for high school team. He is hoping to have an interim conditioning available for high school students who are not in an outside program. This will depend on pool availability.

Doug also stated that if there should be a change in Covid numbers and the school/district/state has to make changes to the season, Thanksgiving would be the delayed start date. He also stated that “#wewantaseason” is trending on social media from athletes and parents wanting a regular sports season.

Katie Batdorff: Is the ventilation system at the YMCA currently working properly?

Doug: yes, it is currently working the way it should.

On a side note, Doug had asked Shady Hollow if they would allow morning swim to continue through the beginning of the school year. They declined.

Doug also mentioned that in speaking with other coaches, some of the booster clubs have moved Senior Night to the beginning of the season in case there is another school closure.

At this date, there will be no timers at the meets. Times will be solely by touch pad.

Staci Thayer: if there will be no, or few spectators allow, is livestreaming an option?

Doug: not sure. Would be best to talk to both the school (possibly theater department) and YMCA for availability.

**Next Meeting**

A list of future meetings was handed out at the start of the meeting and is on the calendar on the team website. The next monthly meeting will be ***Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00pm, JHS Room A101.***

**Adjournment**

With no other old or new business to discuss a motion was made to adjourn by Matt Thayer at 7:47pm.. It was seconded by Christine Ferrante. Meeting adjourned.