

## JHS Swimming and Diving Booster Club

### MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2019, 7:00pm | JHS Room A101

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Karen Zimmermann with 17 attendees.

After a brief introduction by all attending, minutes were provided from the August meeting for review. A motion was made by Dave Zablo to approve and was seconded by Chris Snyder.

**Coach's Update:** Coach Nist confirmed that first day of swim team practice will be October 25. He stated that he is also the coach for the David YMCA Phantoms team and that 13 high school swimmers are on the Phantoms team.

Regarding the hiring of assistant coaches, he confirmed Lauren Burrows will be returning, has one coach in discussions who has coached high school and YMCA teams (Cuyahoga Falls Tigersharks). He also is finalizing discussions for a strength coach.

A question was asked about "official sign-ups" for the swim/dive team. Coach Nist responded that anyone who shows up for the first day of practice will receive the online link through the school for Winter Sports registration. This link contains the "pay to play" information as well as other swimmer/diver contact, family and insurance data required by the school. Beginning last year, this form is completed online. This online form is different from the first day of school forms required by the school. The only paper form will be for the physical, which can be found on the school's website under the *Athletics* tabs and scrolling down to *Athletic Physical Form*.

Coach Nist will be holding an informational meeting on Monday, October 7 at 7:00pm in the JHS Commons for parents and athletes and those interested in the team.

**Treasurer's Update:** Karen Zimmermann reviewed the current working budget and asked for questions, comments.

Christine Ferrante asked about the costs for the Senior Banners. It was clarified that the pool banners are paid for by the Booster Club, the light post banners along Wales Avenue are paid for by parents. The Booster Club collects the money for the light post banners (showing income) before paying for any printing and installation fees. The costs for pool and light post banners will fluctuate based on the number of Seniors on the team. As this is a working budget, the Board used the previous year's costs as a starting point.

A question was asked regarding the pool rental fee. In years past the team practiced during the summer (most recently at Shady Hollow CC). This fee was included in the budget in the event this may happen in the future.

Christine Ferrante asked for a clarification on the wish list items for Coach Nist. These items were included as a separate line items as the goal of the Booster Club is to secure grant/outside funding to help pay for some or all of the costs.

A motion to approve the budget was made by Katie Batdorff and was seconded by Christine Ferrante.

**Secretary's Update:** Staci Thayer stated future meeting minutes will be send out via email with the next month's meeting notice. This will help to save paper. A few copies will be on hand at meetings.

**Open Board Position(s):** Karen Zimmermann explained that there was an open board position as Leslie Murphy had stepped down from President. There is no prior experience with an opening on the board after the start of the year and no precedence regarding next steps. With input from previous board members it was suggested that 1) a current board member could move into the role of president and then look for a person to fill the vacated position or 2) take nominations for a new president from the membership. Karen Zimmermann volunteered to move into president, gave a brief background of herself for the membership in attendance and information about the treasurer's position which she would be vacating. With no other volunteers presenting, Stephanie Zablo and Chris Snyder made and seconded a motion to nominate Karen Zimmermann to the position of president. The motion was agreed upon by members attending, and voting was unanimous to vote Karen as president. Coach Nist abstained from the vote.

Sonya Ashbaugh indicated that she was interested in possibly running for treasurer but would need time to consider it.

Voting for the position of treasurer is to be tabled until October.

**Committee Updates:**

Apparel: Pina Weinland stated that web store was ready to go. She stated that this year's vendor (Teeshopz) offered better pricing and the Booster Club would make more money. She also said that Teeshopz will work with families regarding additional personalization for any items offered. Buyers will have the option of picking up their order at Teeshopz or having it shipped to them. The dates for the apparel sale are: Sept 10 – Oct 11 and Oct 28 – Nov 8. Staci Thayer will distribute the link by email, Facebook, and a link on the swimming and diving web page.

There was a question raised by a parent regarding a second apparel order for the boys' team, for a specific shirt, that was distributed at a boys' team get together. Pina Weinland stated that this option was not approved by the committee to be included in the apparel sale in part due to cost. Concerns about the second order item was that it hadn't been distributed to the entire boys' team and that it was being handled by the swimmer, with money and checks being directed to the swimmer. Staci Thayer volunteered to contact the swimmer/family for clarification and further discussion.

Spirit Gear: Dave Zablo said he would be setting up a web store for car decals, yard signs, Big Face signs, etc. and would forward the link to the club when it is ready.

Media Guide: Dave Zablo will again be handling the swimmer/diver ad sales and printing of the guide. Price will be \$10. If the club is interested in having outside sponsors advertise, a chairperson is needed to handle this. Number of ads to be sold would need to be decided. The media guide will be available for the Purple and Gold meet on Nov 22.

This led to discussion about the Purple and Gold meet. There were questions about the timing of this year's event (it's usually the weekend of Thanksgiving so many alumni swimmers/divers can attend if they are home on holiday break). Coach Nist stated he would discuss the date, and if it might be possible to move it, with the athletic director.

Kick-off Breakfast: Staci Thayer stated that the date will be Oct 26, after the first Saturday practice. It will be held in the High School Commons. A sign-up genius will go out for attendance (club and YMCA swim are underway) as well as items to be donated for breakfast.

Committee Openings: A list of open committee volunteer opportunities was emailed to the current committee holders for review and confirmation. The list of opening will be emailed to the full membership a day or two after the September Booster Club meeting for anyone wishing to volunteer. Chris Snyder reviewed several of the open committees and provided a short description of what is needed to chair. Co-chairs for any open committees are welcome.

**New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

The next meeting will be October 8, 2019, 7:00pm in JHS Room A101.  
Please note: This meeting coincides with parent-teacher conferences.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00pm by Chris Snyder and seconded by Matt Thayer.