

Cherry Hill Swim & Dive Team Boosters
February 18, 2009 Minutes



ATTENDANCE

The meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18th at Garzelli's in Edgewood, beginning at 7:20 pm. The following members were in attendance:

Board Members: Chris Michels, President; Karen Gardner, Vice President; Kris Staverman, Secretary; Sue Casey, Treasurer; Vicky Collins, NKSL Delegate; Jean Kimmich, Computer Operations

Booster Members: Marcie Dressman, Allyson Hurtt, Lara Koogler, Tonia Page, Shawn & Kim Patton, Valorie Richardson, Nancy Roether, Angie Ziegelmeyer

As always, Booster Meetings are open to all Booster parents (any parent who has a swimmer/diver is considered a "booster").

NKSL DELEGATE UPDATE

Vicky updated us on the latest in the NKSL and on our non-profit status. Although we applied for non-profit status in October, the application is still "in process" and could be for months to come. We can, however, indicate to potential sponsors that we have applied for non-profit and we do not anticipate any problem obtaining a non-profit status. Vicky will continue to check with our status and inform us as the process moves along.

In regard to the NKSL, the meet schedule is posted on the NKSL's website, www.swimnksl.com, and will also be posted on the Cherry Hill website. Vicky also stressed, that since we are hosting the All Star Dive Meet in July, a chairperson needs to be selected as soon as possible, as they will be an integral part in the success of our hosting this event for the NKSL.

Other topics at the last NKSL meeting included parent input on the degree of difficulty scored on a front jump. Those with divers/knowledge of the jump agreed that the degree of difficulty should be lowered and Vicky will relay that information to the NKSL. There was also discussion, once again, on allowing the the 9/10 age group to swim 25 m versus 50 m. The reasoning behind this is to give the swimmers that do not swim year-long the ability to be more competitive in a swim meet. If the 9/10 group is allowed to swim just 25 m, it may also help retain swimmers that only swim during the summer. Vicky also mentioned that the NKSL is looking for nominations to the NKSL Wall of Fame – an award that honors those actively involved in the NKSL and have strived to make the NKSL a great place to swim.

"Meet the Team" night will be held at Cherry Hill on May 19th at 6:30 pm. This will be an evening for all current and new swimmers to meet the coaches, order swim suits, and receive t-shirts. Information will also be given to parents regarding their involvement in the boosters, as well as participation in the Erlanger/Elsmere Memorial Day Parade, held on Memorial Day.

PRESIDENT UPDATES

Our next recycling date is set for Friday, February 27th. Bagged cans may be dropped over the fence at Cherry Hill for pick up.

Chris Michels, our Booster President, informed the group that over 70 letters have been mailed to businesses located in Erlanger for their support for our upcoming swim season. Incentives were given at various price increments. Garzelli's, where our meeting was held, has agreed to become one of our sponsors. In return, our future meetings will be held there, as well as one of the places we will eat at following our swim meets.

Chris also mentioned going as a team to a Florence Freedom game and it was overwhelming agreed that it would be a great team-bonding experience for both the swimmers and their families. The Florence Freedom will also donate some tickets, which could be used as door prizes at our luau held later in the summer. Chris will set up the date and let all members know when it is and how much it will cost each family.

The City of Erlanger has contacted the boosters regarding their "Amazing Race" that will be held on May 16 – an event similar to the CBS television show, "The Amazing Race." Several members expressed an interest in getting a team together for a night of fun.

Calls to Walmart/Sam's have not been successful in regard to having a car wash. They may not be willing to accommodate us, as we do not have our non-profit status. We will contact Pizza Hut in Edgewood as an alternative way to host a car wash to raise money and have fun with the team.

Roz Forshee is working on flyers to be sent home with local school children telling them about Cherry Hill Swim Club and she would like to include the date of our yard sale in the letter as well. The yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. We still need someone to chair this event!

Allyson Hurtt has agreed to head up the luau this year – Brian and Vicky Collins have turned over this event to the swim team, as a way for the team to earn money and promote not only the team, but the pool as well. We will be able to have raffles at this event, as it is less than \$100 to have a gambling license for small raffles. We will also try to have split-the-pot raffles at the home meets as well.

Team inventory: Chris Michels wants it noted the inventory of the swim team. As of this date, the team has coolers stored in her house; the swim team computer is at Cherry Hill, as is the grill with one tank of propane.

Marcie Dressman also expressed having the swim team practice at different times, with the older kids (11 and up) practicing first, followed by the younger children. That way, the coach could devote more attention to each swimmer. Times would be 8:30-9:30 for the older kids and 9:30-10:30 for the younger children, followed by dive practice from 10:30-11:30. The older kids would be encouraged/allowed to stay longer to help out with the younger kids, especially those needing service hours during the summer.

Swim team registration fees need to be discussed and decided upon by the next meeting. Sue Casey, treasurer, agreed to have the forms sent to her home address.

Senior Night: It was discussed at length by all present and it was decided that this would be a fun night for those ready to declare their senior year the following year could coordinate the night for those declaring their senior year. (For example, those declaring their senior year next summer (2010) would provide the fun, decorations, awards, etc., for those declaring their senior year this summer (2009).

SECRETARY UPDATES

Kris Staverman brought up the team suit that was chosen, the Prisma. Marcie Dressman has indicated that her daughter has worn the suit and the wide straps do rub. We will be in touch with Swimville USA in order to determine if a suit with thinner straps is available. If so, it will be chosen as the team suit. The representative from Swimville did indicate that any suit may not be comfortable for all swimmers and that it is just something we will have to deal with.

A letter was sent to Blue Grass Quality Meats, asking them to be our official "meat sponsor" for the swim season. In return for a donation of meat, we would include their logo on our team t-shirts, use their banner at our pool during home swim meets, and announce them as a sponsor. We will check back with them in a few weeks to see if they are willing to

help the team out. Letters will also be sent to local grocery stores asking for gift card donations to be used to purchase food items for the team and/or swim meets.

A swim fee of \$5/10 per swimmer was discussed and agreed upon by all present as a way to fund monies for food purchases needed for swim meets (buns, condiments, etc.). By collecting a fee upfront, the only thing parents would have to provide for swim meets would be items for the bake sale and they could sign up for one or two meets. Tonia Page also showed the group cookies that could feature Cherry Hill (round cookies with a swim cap on them featuring the color of our team, as well as the team we are swimming against) and our opponent as a cute way to raise money at the bake sale. Sue Casey and Tom Casey will chair our food operations at home meets. Letters requesting gift cards to be used to purchase food items for the meets will be composed and sent out in late February to local grocery stores.

Kris has also been in conversation with Idlebrook with regard to t-shirts, plastic cups, and can holders for the team. The idea behind the plastic cups is, if the pool sells Cherry Hill plastic cups for a minimal fee, the swim team would receive the cup money and the concession stand will provide ice all summer long. This plan is contingent upon the concession stand being able to acquire either an ice machine or a cooler to hold ice. Vicky Collins is working on this. If we order our t-shirts and cups through Idlebrook, they will give us various discounts. Members present also expressed an interest in foam can holders, which will be given to all those attending the luau. The team may sell those items as well, depending on price.

The meeting concluded at 9:15 pm. The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, March 19th at 7 pm at Garzelli's in Edgewood.

Respectively submitted,

Kris Staverman
Secretary
Cherry Hill Swim & Dive Boosters