

Upper Moreland Swim Club Swimming and Diving Team

Meeting minutes- Tuesday, April 25 2017

Upper Moreland Free Public Library

A. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Attendees- Jim O'Malley, Nicole Lobbenberg, Tracy Gaal, Sandy Mottola, Kevin O'Connor, Phil Strybuc, Beth Cribb, Kim Faust
- b. Nice Gesture: Both Sunny Willow and Maple Manor swim clubs offered their services volunteering and equipment when they heard of the vandalism at our pool.

B. Review of Meeting Minutes from March 28,2017.

C. Treasure Report-

- a. Bernadette Klohoker the Team Treasurer is available for those who prefer not to pay on-line. You can still pay with a check and mail to Bernadette Klohoker, Gators Team Treasurer, 1920 Cathedral Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. Please make sure your child's name(s) are identified when mailing a check.

D. UMSC Committee Reports-

- a. **Communications** - Sandy Mottola will continue to send email updates and reminders about pending events. Jim also suggested the new team site may have a "remind" options for meet days or team may consider the Remind app to keep families up to date on reminders and changes.
- b. **Volunteers**- Kevin O'Connor and Jim reported that the team site clearly captures the volunteer options and availability. A reminder app may also be used to remind volunteers for when they are scheduled.
- c. **Gator Gear** - Kristen Hence (not present) Jim reported that team suits, caps and gear should be ready to order soon. He is unsure if the logo will be able to be on the suits this year. More information to come.
- d. **Snack Stand** - Lisa Focht (not present) With the recent vandalism to the snack stand, this may impact availability of food services during meets. Jim/Nicole will find out more at 4/27 UMSC Board Meeting.
- e. **Fundraising**- Anne Marie Yerkes/Megan Hartman (not present) will be hoping to finalize dates to begin fundraising opportunities. More details to come.
- f. **Team Gift** – Lisa Focht/Kristen Hence – no new updates
- g. **Banquet** - Beth Cribb/Kim Faust- Banquet dates to be added to Swim team on line calendar.

E. 2017 Registration-

- a. **On-Line Registration began April 19th-May 29th** via <http://umscgators.swim-team.us/>
- b. About 35 families have signed up already. Some families have chosen on-line payment vs check. Positive feedback has been given about the site.
- c. Jim will continue to monitor the site and feel free reach out via email with questions. As stated above if you prefer to pay by check, please see above for Treasurer contact info.

F. Gators Team Pictures:

- a. J.C. Campoli Photography will be taking team picture this year.
- b. Dates chosen to accommodate Upper Moreland, Hatboro Horsham, Abington and catholic and private school last days of school.
- c. Team Picture scheduled for Weds June 28th at 9:00 am at UMSC pool. Picture forms will be available at practice for two weeks prior. Raindate scheduled for July 14th 2017.

G. Indoor Practice at the UMMS Pool/Outdoor UMSC

- a. Swim Team has reserved the UMMS pool for use for the two weeks after Memorial Day on Tues, Weds, Thurs. These dates are **5/30, 5/31, 6/1, 6/6, 6/7, 6/8 from 4 pm-6 pm.**
- b. Outdoor practice at UMSC starts **6/12-6/16 Monday-Thursday from 4pm- 6 pm. TIME TRIALS WILL BE HELD FRIDAY 6/16 from 4-6 pm.**
- c. **June 19th** - traditional outdoor practice at UMSC for the morning hours will begin. More information to come on ages groups and times. Please check updates on the website for any additional schedule information.

H. Colonial Swim League Clinics

- a. Stroke and Turn Judge
 - i. Tuesday June 6th at William Tennent HS 7pm.
 - ii. Thursday June 8th Maple manor Swim Club 7 pm
- b. A total of 8 volunteer positions are needed this season for stroke and turn judges for our meets. If you signed up for this assignment, please plan on attending this clinic to be certified. We have 3 of the 8 slots filled. This is a key role and must be filled at our meets.
- c. Diving Clinic- TBD- no dates available yet.

I. 2017 Coaching Staff-

- a. Diving- Coach Sydney Szopo
- b. Swimming- Coach Stephanie Brady
- c. Assistance coaches (2) are still in the process of being hired. Jim will provide an update when plans are finalized.
- d. Stephanie is open to having parent volunteers with swimming/coaching experience help poolside during practices, under the coaches' direction. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Jim O'Malley who will compile a list for Stephanie.

J. Team Activities for 2017-

- a. We are still looking for parent volunteers to help with team activities during the season. These ideas promote team spirit/bonding, team pride, and team identity. **PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH SOMEONE TO HELP WITH ONE ACTIVITY OF YOUR CHOICE.** We are open to your ideas if something interests you. Some ideas are ice water/pretzel party during practice, Pasta Party, Tie Dye Party, Lap a thon .
- b. Personal best ribbons will be back this year thanks to offers from Peg Faust.
- c. Please contact Nicole Lobbenberg – nlobbenberg@gmail.com or 215 370-8122.

K. Next parent meeting – Tuesday June 13, 2017 @ 7 pm at Upper Moreland Swim Club.

- a. All are welcome. On the agenda will be last minute odds and ends to begin the season.