

## **Tidal Waves Parent Meeting Summary 5/23/17**

We want to welcome you, parents, to the Tidal Waves -- especially new ones. You will meet many wonderful families. You are giving your child a gift by providing them the opportunity to learn a lifelong fitness skill. We look forward to seeing the progress of each and every swimmer.

2017 Board Members – please contact one of us with any questions. Our contact information is on the website at [www.TidalWavesSwim.com](http://www.TidalWavesSwim.com). There will be open board positions next year. If you are interested in being on the board please see one of us below.

Kelley Weathers – President  
Sue Isbell – Vice President  
Michelle Howell – Treasurer  
Megan Parr – Secretary  
David Boyd – Pool Representative

Please take note of our sponsors that help keep our fees lower and allow us to offer scholarships to senior swimmers. If you know of anyone that would like to sponsor the Tidal Waves, please let the board know. The advertisement exposure reaches a lot of people. We advertise our sponsors on our website, t-shirts, and banners around the pool deck.

Our fun meet is Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Warm-ups start at 5:30. Meet starts at 6:00. This is a great opportunity for the kids and parents to see how a meet is facilitated.

We will hold an ice cream social on Tuesday, June 20th for swimmers and families. That will also be our team picture night. Details TBA...

The Tidal Waves Head Coach is Todd Jones. Please see his bio on our website along with assistant coaches Mikal Thurman, Jack Marshall, Stacy Brock, and Jordan Crumpler.

The 2017 Parent Handbook is on the website. Please take time to read this. It has information regarding conduct, swim meets, attendance, what your swimmer needs to have, etc.

We will be utilizing the Rained out text alert system, so please use the information on the link's website to sign up for that.

There will be 4 home and 4 away meets, and the schedule is on the website.

Your first swim meet can be an intimidating experience. Please find one of the board members or seasoned swim parents, and we will help you figure it out. There are heat sheets to figure out and events to understand. We do not want anyone to feel frustrated, so please ask for help if you need it. Heat sheets will be emailed out the day of the meet for you to view or print. We will also have a few copies hanging at the pool. There will be a bullpen for all 10 & under swimmers. Two tents will be set up in the back of the pool by the kiddie pool. **\*Please instruct your child to not be in the kiddie pool during the meet. This can disqualify our team.** We will need volunteers to assist in monitoring this area and helping get relays ready. Please do not go behind the blocks unless you are scheduled to help in that area. Don't forget to bring a sharpie and write your child's first and last name along with age on their right shoulder blade. This helps those that are getting swimmers to the correct race learn all the

kids' names and the timers when recording time. You will also want to write your child's events, heat and lane on their arm. See any past swim parent and they can assist you with how to do this. Remember to bring chairs, towels, extra water, healthy snacks, sunscreen, suit, and goggles. All swimmers will swim at the meets.

**\*\*Please visit the website and take note of the Volunteer and Meet Attendance sections. Swim meets require much parental help. Please find a job you feel qualified to do and sign up. Ask someone for help on understanding the different jobs if necessary. Please do not feel intimidated if you are new to swim team. We are blessed with many "experienced" parents and volunteers that will be glad to assist you during the learning process. Volunteers are critical for the meets to start and go smoothly. If your swimmer is 10 or under, please plan to volunteer as a deck parent for at least one meet. Only those parents that purchased the volunteer opt-out are exempt from helping.**

***\*You must RSVP your swimmer for all swim meets (Yes to attend or Not attending). The coaches will only schedule positively RSVP'd swimmers into the meet. We do not want any swimmer left out. This must be done no later than NOON the DAY BEFORE the meet. Building a heat sheet is very time consuming, and the coach must be able to rely upon the attendance of the swimmers. "No shows" that do not alert us ahead of time hurt the team and may be subject to meet suspension. If you come to a meet, you must stay for all of your events. We cannot schedule a swimmer for 1/2 meets, because the timetable of each meet is different.***

Website login information for volunteer and attendance sign-ups:

User ID – your email provided during registration

Password - waves2017 unless you have set your own password in a previous season

Practice and meet schedules are also on the website.

Do not park in front of the RSA building. This is the first building on your left as you enter the main entrance to the complex. Also, do not park in the lane in front of the pool. This must be left open.

For concessions, we plan to use an outside vendor for all home meets including the fun meet. They will have drinks and hot food, as well as Italian Ice. Please support them and the team by buying concessions. *We get a cut from the revenue generated.*

Please plan on going to City Meet this year – July 14 (Fri) and July 15 (Sat). It will be at the Fort Oglethorpe pool at Gilbert-Stephenson Park. You may attend one or both days. Top 16 swimmers get special recognition in finals' ceremonies the evening of each day's events. It is the most fun swim meet of the year (in our opinion), and your registration has already paid the fees -- no extra cost.

We will be offering scholarships to senior swimmers that have swum three consecutive seasons with the Tidal Waves to finish out their high school career. Scholarships are chosen by the board and coaches and awarded to swimmers who show leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship and attend practice. Please talk to one of the Board members if you have any questions.

The Banquet Date is set for Tuesday, July 25 at Ooltewah United Methodist. We will communicate the actual start time at a later date. Please plan on joining us.

If you still need a Tidal Waves swim suit (not required), please call All-American Swim at 770-400-9870 to order one.

Team caps (provided with fees) are now available. If you have not already received a cap they will be available at some practices and at the Fun Meet on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Replacements for lost or torn caps will be \$10. *Only Tidal Waves team caps may be worn at dual swim meets. No other club or team caps are allowed. We want to look like a team.* We have previous season caps available for \$5 if anyone would like an extra practice cap.

If you ordered t-shirts or visors, those should be here at the fun meet.

After each dual meet, the team will be going out to a restaurant local to that night's pool. At home meets, we eat at one of the local sponsors. Away meets will be determined and emailed out the day of the meet along with the heat sheets. In place of a fundraiser pancake breakfast, we will sometimes be hosting spirit nights where restaurants will offer us a percentage of the sales.

If you have not registered and/or paid, please do this ASAP so that we have a better idea for the CASL registration.

We look forward to a great Tidal Waves season!