

Tidal Waves Parent Meeting Summary 5/27/2014

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.

2014 Board Member Introduction – please contact one of us with any questions. Our contact information is on the website at www.TidalWavesSwim.com

David Boyd, President
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Please take note of our sponsors (16) 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.

Our fun meet this Thurs May 29th. Warmups start at 5:30. Meet starts at 6:00.

OSC is hosting a pizza night this Fri May 30 from 4-7. \$2.50 per person. \$10 max for family. All family members are invited. Fun swimming games and relays for the team. **RSVP your number attending to tidalwavesswimassoc@gmail.com please.**

We will be having a fundraiser pancake breakfast at Beef O Brady's on Sat, June 21 8:30-10:30. More details to come, but please plan on joining us. The Tidal Waves get half of the price paid.

Our new Head Coach in her second season on the Tidal Waves staff is *Eryn Farrow*. Please see her bio on our website along with assistant head coach *Logan Meacham*, in his 3rd season with the Tidal Waves. We are utilizing more coaches as our numbers require.

The 2014 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.

Your first swim meet can be an intimidating experience. Please find one of the board members, 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.

Please visit the pool and take note of the Volunteer/Absence Board. 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. *You also need to write your swimmer's name under any meets for which he or she will be absent. 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 ½ meets, because the timetable of each meet is different.*

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.

For concessions, we plan to use an outside vendor -- Sea Dog -- for all home meets including the fun meet. They will have drinks and hot food like hot dogs, nachos, and chili. This year they are adding an Arctic Ice product. Please come support the team by buying concessions. *We get a cut from the revenue generated.*

Please plan on going to City Meet this year – July 11 (Fri) and July 12 (Sat). It will be at Warner Park City Pool. 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 my opinion), and your registration has already paid the fees -- no extra cost.

We will be offering scholarships to senior swimmers that have three consecutive seasons with the Tidal Waves to finish out their high school career. More details will be provided by Mikal Thurman who is chairing our scholarship committee.

The Banquet Date is set for Tues July 22 at Ooltewah United Methodist at 6:30pm. More details to come on that, but please plan on joining us.

If you still want a t-shirt and have not had a chance to order, please go online ASAP and add it to your registration. **Deadline 6pm tonight Wed, 5/28.**

If you still need a Tidal Waves swim suit (not required), you can visit the registration page on our website for details about buying them online from Swim & Tri.

Team caps (provided with fees) are now available. Please pick up at Fun Meet Thurs night. We will make them available again during an evening practice if you cannot make that meet. You will be asked to initial that you received this. 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.*

After each dual meet, the team will be going out to a restaurant local to that night's pool. In Ooltewah, we will rotate between our restaurant sponsors – Zaxby's, Beef O Brady's, and El Matador. At away meets, we will make an announcement of the location the day of the meet.

If you have not paid, please get your payments in ASAP.

We look forward to a great Tidal Waves season!