**Swim booster meeting 10/7/14**

Attendees: Lauren Gray (coach), Lisa Branagan (president), Joan Sullivan (vice president), Maureen Benton (secretary), Beth Galer, Joanne Nikla, Mim Lombardo, Teresa Moore, Kathy Ruggiero. Tom Aborn (treasurer) was not in attendance.

February 2014 minutes approved

**Swim Information**

* Currently, 34 students have expressed interest in swimming. Any student who is interested in joining should contact boosters@oaswim.com or one of the captains and attend the Meet the Coach night October 28th 7:15-9pm in OA William Simmons Lecture Hall.
* Captains are: Parker Brooks, Sarah Szeto, Shannon Tarpey, Nick Watson.
* Swim schedule and on-line registration will be available mid-November. There are 12 regular season meets. Championships begin 1/31/15.
* Current Captains practices are: Swim sessions - Mondays 2:15-3:30 and Wednesdays 7-8pm at Easton YMCA, Elm Street. Dryland conditioning - Thursdays 2:05-3:00 on OA fields- meet in atrium lobby after school.

**Parent Volunteer opportunities**

* + Pasta Dinner coordinator – there is 1 pasta dinner per week. A parent volunteer is needed to coordinate parents to volunteer to host at their homes or at the high school or a restaurant.
	+ Swim meet coordinator - for each meet, the parents supply cases of water, Gatorades, granola bars, and orange slices. We also need timers for all the home meets. The boosters will send out an email asking parents to look on the team website and choose swim meet dates and refreshment item(s) to supply and/or volunteer to be a timer. When we get volunteers, the website will be updated. The boosters will send an email to the swim meet coordinator when a parent signs up. Your job would be to send out an email to the parents a few days in advance of the meet to remind them to bring their items and/or tell them what time they are needed at the pool. Refreshment items (except for the oranges) can be sent on the bus to practice ahead of time as the team has storage as Massasoit. **Joanne Nikla has volunteered to help with this.**
	+ Swim meet scorers - we need two people at every meet to keep score. In the past this has been a manual effort, but there is a chance that it will be semi-automated this year. The referees determine the order of finish for each race then the scorers keep track of the number of points each team earned per event.
	+ Need PR person (possibly put articles in Easton Journal, schedule commentator for home meets and ECAT filming)

**Fundraising**

* Fundraising: Each team member must raise $125 each in addition to the $180 booster fee and $150 activity fee that each player pays. The two primary fundraisers will be (1) sell calendars for $10 where there is a prize drawn each day and (2) a swim-a-thon in early December. In addition, OA hats will be on sale at the Saturday morning rec soccer games and there may be a canning date at Roche Brothers. The swim team also sells sponsorships for a banner that hangs at each swim/dive meet and at community activities. All money raised will go towards bus expense of over $200/day, cap/suits.
* Merchandise (sweatshirts, sweatpants) will be available to be ordered.

**Upcoming events**

* Meet the Coach night for students and parents – October 28th 7:15-9pm in OA William Simmons Lecture Hall
* Community Volunteer possible opportunities for the team –DJ Henry Run Oct 18, Hugs Walk Oct 25. Mim will look into whether there are any volunteer opportunities at the OAXC Turkey Trot.

**How to follow OA Swim and Dive team:**

Coach Gray on Twitter - @oaswimcoach

Facebook – OA Swim & Dive

[www.oaswim.com](http://www.oaswim.com)

* Contact Coach Gray at coachgray@oaswim.com
* Contact the Boosters at boosters@oaswim.com

Next meeting – tentatively Monday November 3, 2014, AD Conference room, 7-8:30pm D207. Go to [www.oaswim.com](http://www.oaswim.com) for meeting schedule.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm