OA Swim and Dive Boosters

2013-2014

Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Attendance: Lisa Branagan, Joan Sullivan, Scott Ewing, Karen Ewing, Kathy Ruggiero, Neal Freedman, Michelle Freedman, Linda Vogel, Bill Palmer, Teresa Moore.

Secretary’s Report:

* Meeting minutes of February 15, 2013 approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

* Budget for 2013-2014 was presented. Numbers may change as the season gets closer and we have the number of athletes, determine bus expenses, etc.

President’s Report:

* The tentative booster’s schedule was presented and is available on the website www.oaswim.com. The group discussed the possibility of the team holding a few pasta dinners before the season starts so the team can get to know one another.
* Coordinator’s responsibilities were reviewed.
* Apparel – Suits will be the same as last year. Discussed adding new items and either switching vendors or ensuring that printing is of a better quality than last year.
* Scholarships – given out in the spring to two seniors. Committee in place.
* Swim meet coordinators – parents will be able to sign up on www.oaswim.com to supply Gatorade, water, granola bars, and oranges for meets. Sign-up for timers for meets will also be online.
* Swim meet scorers – scorers were trained last season.
* Team partnership coordinators – Scott Ewing will begin contacting the sponsors from last year.
* Team photographers – we are in need of a few people willing to take pictures at meets and post them on the team website.
* Web administrator – Tom Aborn and Lisa Branagan will coordinate updates to the team website.
* Public relations – in order for the team to get more press, we would like a parent or student to take on the role of public relations director. This person can write articles to be sent to the Easton Journal about the team’s meet results. Linda Vogel will find out if OA has a journalism club.
* Fundraising – the ideas of a swim-a-thon and a raffle were discussed. For a swim-a-thon, the athletes would obtain pledges for a certain amount per lap or a lump sum and the swimming would be done in place of a practice. Kathy Ruggiero already did a lot of work towards the idea of a raffle. She will donate a week of her time share, she obtained a donation of dinner for two at Toscano, a Yankee Candle basket, and we could ask parents if they would be willing to donate sports tickets, gift cards, etc.

* Evolution training program – the program will start on Wednesday 9/18/13 and will run for 10 weeks.
* Captain’s practices – will begin soon and will most likely be held at the Easton YMCA on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. The fee is $5 per visit or a teen membership can be purchased for $17 per month.
* Thank you notes for scholarships awarded this past spring were passed around for the group to read. The recipients were very grateful.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next booster meeting is Tuesday October 1 at 7:00 p.m.