

Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 30 at 1pm

Place: GAFC Meeting Room

Invited: Meredith Passmore (Head Coach), Pam Green, Bob Groelsema, Sefa Mawuli, Marc Swisdak, Tony Vlahakis, Johanna Moore, Sharon Stafford, Starr Talley, Gillian Coppock, Vikansha Dwivedi

Welcome (Pam)

Registration Report (Starr?/Sefa)

Treasurer's Report (Gillian)

Account balance \$22,609.47

\$4,495 for Lane Rental

Several checks to be deposited.

Coach's Report (Meredith)

Great season. Meredith wants to ensure that muslim swimmers are exempt for PMSL guidelines about swimwear. She'll follow up with PMSL leadership.

Need 15-18 age. Not many. Also lacking 13-14 age group.

Safety training for coaches. Coaches to provide receipt for reimbursement.

Lifeguarding and CPR as training.

Meredith recommends: Foundations of coaching training course. \$15. USA Swimming. Ruth Development.

6 + 1 coaches. Devt. Ruth 8 and under Kristine, Joon; 9-10 Haley 11-12 Kevin 13-18 Meredith. To be completed by end of May.

SwimOutlet – The team is getting 8% on sales. All kinds of GMST gear available.

Reward System (Meredith to send details, product and cost info)– Examples: win an indiv event; two best times; 2 points per meet. 10 points= bag tag. 10-20 = Waterbottle; Swim caps; Kickboard 50-60...

PMSL Business

- Still waiting for home and away team info
- Staffing
 - Christine Nickel interested in data manager position;
 - Ref: Lee Nickel back
 - Ref starter: Otis Hopson
 - Stroke and turn: Tony Vlahakis
 - Marc to send announcements about job opportunities

- Divisionals bid (discuss the “pitch”)
 - Discuss cost of hosting with GAFC (how much do we pay for meets vs. Divisionals?)
 - GAFC to charge for staffing because of the amount of people this involves. Need to know ASAP so we can make arrangements for extra trash/recycling containers. Marc to find out/follow up.
 - Pitch: Have hosted divisionals before. Lots of parking etc.
- Handbook Update (Marc)

Discussed changes for Johanna to make to Handbook. Johanna is league rep and alternate.

- Handbook Order –Take the free 30 and Marc will distribute.

City of Greenbelt Business (Sharon)

- Application for funding, upcoming meeting: May 10 10am.
- GMST scored 80 out of the 100. Factors: Longevity, GFAC memberships. Concerns were declining GB residents, limited partnerships with other organizations. Sharon to send communication for City of GB. Amount: \$8,500
- Need a team strategy that includes: partnerships with organizations, community service, increased City of Greenbelt visibility (e.g. labor day parade, festival)

Summer Planning

- Dates and Important Events (Registration, Open House, Potluck, Parent Meeting, Swimsuit orders & pickup)

Online registration opens: First week of May (we will send an announcement when it is open)
 Open House and Swimsuit Sizing: Tuesday, May 23. For those who need help with registration and for swimsuit sizing. This will be the last day to order personalized caps with the swimmer’s last name on them. (Waiting for confirmation from vendor)

GMST Summer "Regular Season" Dates: May 30 - July 15 (swimmers who qualify for Divisionals or All-Stars will have 1-2 weeks more of practice and meets)

GMST Summer Afternoon Practices Start: May 30 (for everyone except Development swimmers)

Parent meeting: Thursday, June 1 at 5pm (GAFC)

Summer Morning Practices Start: June 12 (Developmental Swimmers start when morning practices begin)

Summer Potluck Picnic (and swimsuit pickup): Friday, June 16

Summer Meet Schedule (PMSL, the league we are in, will provide home vs. away details shortly)

Meet 1- June 17

Meet 2- June 24

Meet 3- July 1

Meet 4- July 8

Meet 5- July 15
Divisionals: July 22
All-Stars: July 29

SWIM-A-THON: Wednesday, June 28
End of Season Banquet: July 23rd (evening of Divisionals meet) Sharon to follow up at American Legion.

Field trip: July 14?
Picture Day: TBA July 17 (After regular season; the Monday of divisionals practice week)

Summer NOTES

The summer dates will be determined partly by the PMSL schedule which gets set in the spring, and PGCPs schedule which may change due to inclement weather adjustments

A reminder that GMST will be making a bid for hosting the divisionals at the Spring PMSL meeting

Meet Manager (Marc) will add B meets and other special meets to the calendar as the information becomes available

Social Committee + Coaches should pick days for team-building events (e.g. tie-dye, breakfast etc.)

- **Registration Fees**

If this looks good to the Board (and is approved by GAFC), fees will be based on previous sessions and working with our new treasurers.

- Recruiting and retention (recruitment, team building)
 - Put flyers in school(makes sure to add verbiage to match PGCPs requirements e.g. PGCPs does not endorse this team)–Meredith to follow up with Bob
 - Booth at Labor Day festival?
 - Car wash – Fundraising, and then donate proceeds?
- Age group leaders idea
- GMST gives back (community service project)

GMST President Role – Pam’s would like to the Board to decide on her replacement. She had previously stated that she would stay on as President while the team found a replacement.

Other Business:

Safety issues (Pam)

Parent Code of Conduct (Pam)