

BCCCY/ SJAC Parent Meeting

2/7/12

The next parent meeting will be Tuesday March 6th 2012

1) Meeting Opening & Head Coach Update (PH)

- **Air quality issue** – it's not going to change. Pool & Air temperature is high to service both club and general Y members swimming needs. The system is one of the best that a pool can have.
- **State Meet Eligibility** – all championship meets are driven by qualifying times, not the swim group your kid is in. If your child has the appropriate time, your child will swim in Bronze. If your child has 4 or more qualifying times for Silvers, they are not allowed to go to the Bronze meet. If your child has 4 or more State times, your child can't swim in the Silver meet. All qualifying times are on the website. Under-8s are not eligible for bronze or silvers. An under-8 can qualify for state finals, but times are very challenging. If your child swims a qualifying time in the Bronze meet they can move into the Silver meet, same for Silver into States.
- **Y Championship eligibility** – everyone is eligible unless Pete has talked to you.
- **Practice Schedule** – everyone is allowed to swim until March 18th. There will then be a 2 week break. Spring training will recommence April 2nd and keep going until end of season. If you're part of team, you've paid for the spring season.
- **Summer training** will be offered from June 4th through to August 3rd. This will be long course, and at different sites. This information will be shared, as it is available. There will be 3 meets offered (end of May, June and end of July).
- **Best times:** you can now find your child's best times on the SJAC website – so please look here rather than emailing coaches. Go to "Team Information" and select "Best Times" drop down box.
- **Pool time for next year** – times & location hasn't yet been determined. PH doing research on options and nothing selected yet. Ideal would be to have our own pool – if anyone has the passion/connections to start thinking about this project, that would be great. Question – could it be worth following up with Virtua and see if they have any options to include a larger pool in their new facility. If anyone has any connections with Virtua and could make an approach, please contact Scott.
- **Dual Meets** – our team is too big to all attend dual meets. It wouldn't be fair to teams we swum against. Next year, looking at other clubs that are more our size e.g. Ocean County, home & home style meets e.g. under-12s would go and swim there, 13 and overs would swim here.
- **In kind donations;** significant donations will count towards hours (e.g. they represent the same value as the \$20 hour rate); smaller donations won't be eligible..
- **Email Options** – looking at opt out options to reduce overlapping communication for next year (please talk to Scott if you have the expertise to manage this project)
- **Emailing coaches;** please be sensitive to the fact they're working hard and all have other jobs. Do contact them if it's something very specific to your kid, but **PLEASE** check on the website for info before emailing them; or check in with your member at large as they may have info.
- **Different meet attendance;** some kids have been going to meets that weren't in the schedule. PH doesn't want this to happen from now on. Tell PH about any meets that are particularly important to you (e.g. Elite Meet), so we can plan these into the schedule next year in a way that:
 - o Avoids Middle Atlantic swimming database issues (incorrect entries)
 - o Avoids Burn out – going to meet after meet is too hard on the swimmers.
 - o Deliver to PH coaching vision; practice, learn, work hard, and create well-rounded swimmers. Don't want kids over swum, or just swimming same race over and over again. One or two meets a month is enough to keep them engaged and focused.

Questions:

- How do kids get a chance to swim different events and have a chance to qualify e.g. if only swim 500m once, difficult to get another swim and better time? Next year will look to structure meets to enable kids to do this (as Platinum have this year)
- How are kids going to be encouraged/managed if their goals are Elite & JO's – looking to do this next year through revised meet structure.
- How can high school times get captured? Hand signed meet sheet to PH; these times only count towards Y meets, not US meets.
- Why weren't we at League Championship meet? PH call – just too much given all the other calendar commitments..

2) Fundraising Update

- Wine tasting – made @ \$4200 - \$4800. Thanks to whole team for organizing such a great event, and to the Groody's for hosting. If anyone knows a good caterer for next year, please let us know, as the food was good but expensive.
- Fantasy football – lots of fun, made @ \$200.
- Superbowl block party – made @ \$1000.

3) Volunteer Co-Ordinator

- Statements went out today. Thanks to Rebecca & Chris for getting these out. Any issues with hours, please contact Mary Lou
- Lots of opportunities to fill your hours through next few weeks with Bronze, Silver & State meets, so look out for requests to volunteer.

4) Travel Update

- **URGENT For 13 and over states** – deadline for booking room is Wednesday 8th Feb 12 mid-night. Info on website. Kids will be swimming Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
- 12 & under states – don't need to get rooms...it's an option if you want to make a weekend of it.

5) Apparel Update

- Some silicon caps still available (Donna). No second wave of apparel ordered as wouldn't get bulk quantities required to get low pricing.

6) MEF Fund

- Invoices went out today if you're not up to date. Please make sure your account is in credit.

7) Banquet

- Banquet has moved to the 20th. Kids price is for ten and unders.
- Banquet cost doesn't include gift for coaches – this year leaving this up to individual family discretion.

8) Year Book & Photos

- Need more candid shots of Bronze & Gold. Please send them to Adam for slide show ASAP. Please send 1-2 good ones, not files with lots of shots!! March 2nd is drop dead date.

9) Sponsorship

- Sponsorship plan approved & flyers ready. Need a quick turn around for year book (March 2nd deadline). Sponsorship is going to last for 1.5 years.
- Please reach out to businesses/potential sponsors.

- National Team – 90% of \$ bought in by an individual will go back to that individual swimmer.
- John Schmidt (general) & Jeff Malone(national) contacts for sponsorship & payments.
- Will have an opportunity for individual swimmer support ads – info to follow.