

Stingrays Swim Team
Parents' Meeting
May 26, 2004

A dozen parents and one infant braved the elements and attended the MMXVII meeting of the Stingray parents. One swimmer actually had two parents attend the meeting. This undoubtedly had something to do with the attending-parent-per-Stingray-swimmer ratio shooting up to a new high of 0.008. All of this occurred despite scheduling the meeting for the same day as C.I.F. City Section Swim Finals. Note: next time we'll pass out a sign-in sheet so attendees can get the honor they so richly deserve.

The minutes from the March 31 minutes were presented and accepted by Robert's Rule of Order #4 ("Silence implies consent").

Meet Results:

The results of the April 17-18, Cerritos "ABC" Long Course swim meet were discussed. A bunch of Stingray records were broken, between 10 and 20, but none present had seen them posted on the Stingray website yet.

Website:

Charlie Lotte mentioned that the new USA Swimming website will come into being in June. It promises a page where each swimmer can check their times and also a page for each club. Or something like that. This brought us around to a lively discussion of the Stingray website. The ads - top, bottom, on the left side, and the pop-ups - have passed from annoying to intolerable. Lauren Case said she'd talked with Jared and they'd agreed to make a change, including the possibility of switching hosting services (suggestions are welcomed). She mentioned one ad-free hosting service with plenty of space for \$6.95 per month plus an initial domain-name fee. We agreed to wait until the USA Swimming site is up before switching so we can see what's there.

Monthly Dues:

Chooch spoke to the group about the necessity of paying the monthly \$65 Stingray tuition on time. He said that even though the month is almost over, he's still owed \$800. One or two families are as much as 3 months in arrears. Everyone understands the occasional oversight or the occasional difficulty in making ends meet, but \$800 behind this late in the month with no explanation is way out of line.

Team Swimwear:

Bonnie Germain has arranged for Barbara (of Conejo Swimworks) to be at the Pierce Pool on Tuesday, June 8, at 5 P.M. to take Stingray swimsuit orders. She'll have suits available so folks can make sure they're ordering the right size. Bonnie also mentioned that if any parents want to order other items (stopwatches, goggles, fins,

pull-buoys, rubber duckies) they can call Barbara up before June 8 and she'll bring the items ordered to the pool. Bonnie pointed out that we do not, however, get the Stingray sweatshirts through Conejo Swimworks. She said that Andrea Weintraub's mom has in the past indicated a willingness to take on the task of handling sweatshirt orders. Bonnie will contact her to work out the details.

Team Picture:

One reason for getting Conejo Swimworks to the pool is that Stingray Picture Day is coming. Jackie Keene reported (via a minuscule yellow stickie) that the photographer(s) will be taking pictures of the team, as a group and individually, on Tuesday, June 29, at 5 P.M. Because this is a team picture Stingray swimsuits are required. Bonnie has verified that if swimsuits are ordered by June 8, they will arrive before June 29th.

Beach Party:

Lauren Case volunteered to make arrangements for the summer beach party. The vote was unanimous to schedule the party for a Saturday in August, if possible. The location will probably be Zuma Beach or Leo Carillo State Beach, but this is TBD.

Meet Registration:

It was pointed out that the next meet is at Simi this coming weekend. Chooch said that seven Stingray swimmers had their entries returned because the meet filled up. Getting the entry form in before the deadline does not guarantee entry into a meet. There is another condition stated on all meet forms - "Entries will be limited to meet the 4-hour rule" - which means that if the directors feel they cannot finish an AM or a PM session within 4 hours they will start rejecting entries regardless of the deadline. The bottom line: get meet entry forms in as soon as possible.

Team Roster:

An updated Stingray Team Roster was passed out to the attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 6 P.M., approximately ½ hour after it had begun, and the attendees retired to the equipment room, where they enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and gossip about the non-attendees.

That's all, folks!

Charlie Lotte
President