



County Blue Dolphins Swim Team Parents Meeting Minutes Monday, December 7, 2009

- All in attendance signed in and the Allison Marendt started the meeting at 6:05pm.
- No Agenda was available.
- **Jim McEldowney, Executive Director, County YMCA**, was present for an update on swim team items and questions and answers.
 1. An updated swim team balance sheet was passed out.
 2. Renting the Union City Pool was slightly more than the EUP pool while the EUP pool was undergoing maintenance.
 3. The question of reimbursing parents for the time that practice could not be held at McComb was discussed at the County YMCA board meeting however, the difference was so small, the board decided it would not be cost effective writing and mailing out checks to families. Instead, the board will pay for the storage locker that is needed at McComb and also for the first 10 pairs of swim fins the team needs for practice.
 4. Numerous Fundraising suggestions were brought up.
 5. One item that was suggested to be purchased with fundraising money is a sweat suit for each swimmer and they would receive patches for their accomplishments (districts, states, etc) which could be sewn on.
 6. The question of a County YMCA Pool was discussed:
 - There are no immediate plans to build a pool.
 - 2013 is when the Y will pay off its current loan obligation and then a pool could possibly be looked at.
 - The current estimate for a pool is \$2.1million.
 - The County YMCA Board would like 100% of the money raised prior to building a pool.
 - The main obstacle to building a pool is the lack of membership at the County YMCA. The Y needs 1250 “units” to cover current costs and presently has 951 “units”. There would need to be 2700 “units” to support a pool.
 - The Y has checked on local population trends and enrollment at General McLane School District has dropped every year the County YMCA has been open. Enrollment at Northwestern and Cambridge Springs School Districts has also fallen.
 - The fundraising plan used to raise money for the artificial turf at GM was brought up and discussed as a possible way to raise money for the pool.
 - Parent volunteers are needed to meet with local high schools to discuss the possibility of them committing to renting the pool for swim teams, etc. Also, any parent with Grant application

experience would be useful in possibly obtaining Grant money for use towards the pool.

- The County YMCA does have a Pool fund which currently stands at \$25,000.
- Erie coupon books are available for you to pick up at the County Y desk. The books contain coupons for Erie and surrounding areas for restaurants, entertainment, and other businesses. The books sell for \$20 and the swim team gets \$8 for every book sold. You can sign out up to 5 books and deliver the money after they are sold. Each family is asked to buy/sell at least one book.
- We will have a swim-a-thon in January to raise money also. Dates and more info will follow soon. We would like to see each child raise a minimum of \$25.
- A family/community pool party is also being planned. Swim team friends and family will be able to come to an open swim for \$2 per person. Date to be announced.
- **Blue Dolphins will be hosting championships next winter. Feb. 19th 2011 is the tentative date. Calls are being made to find a facility. Volunteers are needed for the numerous Championship committees.**
- This year's championships are being held in Clarion, Pa. on Feb. 13th 2010. Older swimmers have to arrive by 6:00 am. If you wish to spend the night, make hotel reservations soon, as they fill up quickly.
- Helpers are needed for the Swim Meets at Oil City, Corry, and Jamestown. Contact Allison or the Coach if you can volunteer.
- Tammy Waldo put together a letter and petition that we can have people sign and then forward to the YMCA of Greater Erie, Pa. showing the community support for a County YMCA pool and asking that money be spent on our pool before building a new YMCA in Millcreek.
- Allison Marendt can put together an order for R & S Sports if anyone wants Tee's, Sweats, etc. See her.
- **Team Photo is Thursday December 10th, wear your team swimsuit.**