

**Breakers Swim Team Parent Organization Board Meeting
Minutes from meeting of April 21, 2009**

In Attendance: Bud Rimbault, Kathi Meding, Kevin Cortright, Mary Dooman, Martha March, Sue Marsella, and Sue Mathus

Absent: Monica Hong

1. Meeting called to order by Kevin at 7:35pm.
2. Minutes from March 17 meeting were distributed, and read by all in attendance. No comments or changes made. Minutes were accepted.

3. **Coach's Report:**

Bud gave a summary of how the Breakers did at Y Nationals in Ft. Lauderdale. The trip went well with all our swimmers swimming well and performing well under pressure. Peter Ko broke two Breakers records in the 15/18 yr. old group: the 100 backstroke and the 200 IM. Bud also talked about trying to get the older swimmers to be leaders to the younger swimmers in the future.

A pilot program was presented and discussed. Beginning during the LC season, on some Sundays during the 12 – 1 pm time slot swimmers will be given the opportunity to be filmed and evaluated and on other Sundays the coaches will give a series of “private” or “focused” lessons within the current team structure. Requests for these opportunities will be made through the head coach’s office and preference will be given to swimmers with the best practice attendance. The details will be worked out with the coaches over the next 5 – 6 weeks with the goal of having the program in place for the short course season in September.

The final point discussed in the Coach’s Report was the need to build team spirit and motivate the older swimmers to mentor the younger ones. Bud asked the board members to think of ways to accomplish this. For now a discussion was held concerning the introduction of a team cheer at meets. It will begin with the 12 & under meet during LC season with one cheer and all swimmers participating to get the idea out there. This will be expanded upon over time. The first meet for the cheer will be “Heat Madness” on May 30th.

4. **Board Member Reports:**

Fundraising (M. Hong): Not present

Communications (S. Marsella): It was reported that a communication went out via email to all group liaisons as a reminder to begin collecting for end-of-season coach’s gifts. Liaisons were reminded that this is not mandatory, merely customary, and that the amount collected was up to each practice group. As of this meeting the only group that was not heard from was AGII. ****POST MEETING NOTE**** AGII liaison responded the day after the meeting that a collection will be made. All groups have now responded.

Operations (M. Dooman & S. Mathus): No new items to report except that the ad journal is being worked on.

Publicity (M. March): It was reported that the first article about the Breakers appeared in the *Ridgewood Times* and was a success as a first article. Bud will give

additional info concerning season results and this will be submitted to other local publications in the future.

5. **Old Business:**

Banquet: As of today there are 310 people attending the banquet and 17 “trophy onlys” so far. Martha March will get the trophy count from Nancy Citti and submit to trophy store. The dvd committee plans to have the team dvd completed by April 28 at which time it will be given to S. Marsella to have copies made for those who pre-ordered. Sue will get the count and names from Nancy Citti and will speak to her about setting up a separate station at the banquet for distribution of the dvd. Every effort will be made to have the dvd’s ready to distribute that night. We will also take additional orders that night with an up front fee of \$5.00 per dvd.

Ad Journal: Mary Dooman reported that all ads and photos have been collected for the journal and it is being assembled. A total of \$1,025.00 was sold this year which was about half of last year’s amount. Given the current economic situation all agreed this was a very good amount. A meeting will be held Thursday at 1pm for a final look at the draft before printing.

Swim-a-thon: An email announcing the upcoming event on May 3 is almost complete. So far the board has received positive feedback on the idea. Kevin asked for help with the logistics on that day. The event will take place during regular practice hours for each age group. Mr. Mathus will purchase the snacks for the swimmers to have at the end of each session. Snacks to be offered will be a piece of fruit, snack bags and bottled water. Total number of swimmers to attend should be around 130. Senior swimmers will be asked to attend the last session. The pledge form was reviewed and it was decided to add a line stating that the forms and money must be returned by May 10. After the meet these forms will be returned to Bud Rimbault who will give them to Kathi Meding for counting. Each swimmer who participates will have their name entered in a drawing to win prizes which will be determined at a later date.

STPO Board Positions: The following was discussed and agreed upon: Kevin Cortright will remain in the position of President, Sue Marsella will move into the Secretary position, Mary Dooman will move into the Communications position, and Sue Mathus will remain in the Operations position for invitational meets. Mary Dooman informed the board that Margaret Boos is willing to fill the Operations position for dual meets. The board discussed several possibilities for the position of Fundraising. Kevin agreed to speak to Katy Devine about filling that position as a co-chair. One or two other parents will be asked to co-chair this position after Mrs. Devine is asked.

Potential Rutgers Meet: As of now the board was informed by Bud that the date of this meet is up in the air. The current available date of July 22 is too late in the season and therefore unacceptable. A better date would be the Wednesday before July 4 and Bud will update the board on any further progress.

6. **New Business:**

Roster Revision for Long Course: The roster is still in the fluid stage because swimmers are still registering. This will continue until around May 15. As of now there are only 5 changes in the age group assignments for long course. Bud will provide the new roster to Mary Dooman sometime in mid-May.

Additional Notes: Kevin will compose an email concerning the board elections.
Evaluation forms are still coming in and need to be tabulated.
We have been shut out of 2 meets already for long course.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009

7. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.