

# KWBY Sailfish Parent Meeting July 16, 2014

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## In Attendance:

Coach Diana Daly  
Y Aquatics Director: Phil Bruno  
Charlie Bauer  
Laurie Roth  
Catherine Estes  
Jen Wells  
Kris Miller  
Carie & Andre Boucher  
Melissa Ewen  
Mollie Brown  
Rena Peterson  
Kristie Boctor  
Mike Hulsizer

What: KWBY parent board meeting

When: 6:35pm-8:30+

Where: Webster Y basement youth room

Notes: Recorded by Charlie Bauer

1-Board Member/Attendee introductions were performed.

2-A discussion of 40+ page slide deck of "YMCA Sailfish Swimteam" spirit wear with Y "branding" & logo rules (primarily Phil presenting new Y rules for branding, logo, and color schemes for each individual Y) was held. There was a group discussion on possible designs, also shown in slide deck.

-A discussion on the team "name association" was held. Should the team be KWBY Sailfish or just Sailfish. General thought was leaning toward just Sailfish as had been discussed last year.

-Team color discussion with respect to new Y branding guidelines. General idea was to keep same color scheme but also offer new guideline-directed color to allow for transition to new color scheme. As well as an alternate of gray w/blue logo.

-Team members will purchase warm up attire (sweats, jackets, etc) on own. Swim caps are provided by the Y at the time of registration. Competition suits can be purchased from B&B Aquatics.

3-Practices, Locations & Ability / groups -Coach Diana presented the various tentative swim practice schedules, all of which are yet to be finalized. Diana to present finalized schedule later. She will do best she can, but it will be impossible to have all of the people happy with the final schedule.

-White - 2/week and choose location specific: Kirkwood, Webster, and Brentwood Ys, with a dedicated coach at each location.

-Black -3 day/week-Kirkwood & Webster

-Green, Gold, and Senior - 3+ Webster & Meramec Part of parent board member discussion was on the times, specifically that some families have swimmers of differing abilities/ groups and that it would be good to have some flexibility to be able to arrive late or leave early to accommodate the long schedules for older

swimmers and any siblings. Kids are still young and have early mornings, so need to keep that in mind.

4-Registration – Registration will be Aug 9 and Aug 15. The plan is for it to be under an hour. Swimmers will be assessed, followed by a presentation to the parents. Parents will be able to purchase swim suits from B&B Aquatics, turn in registration forms, order SpiritWear and sign up for volunteer opportunities. An "orientation/presentation" will be given by:

Aquatics Director: Overall information

Coach Diana: Coaching concerns

Parent Board President Therese: Parent information, Meet Information and volunteer information / opportunities.

The parent group discussion brought up many good ideas which will try to be incorporated as applicable, appropriate, and possible. Discussion items: webinar or video for those unable to attend; layout; timeline for returning v. new/potential team members; child care for potential team member and younger siblings; available slots (not a lot of openings); and Buzz book info and release forms.

A discussion was held on the need for team leadership to get a quick handle on the number of returning swimmers. Diana sent emails to current families to respond reply with intent ASAP so number of available slots, by ability group, is known before registration. Phil mentioned that there might not even need to be second meeting. A quick discussion was held on that not being fair, specifically if someone can't make first meeting. Ideas were to have a lottery for each available ability group, similar to how summer teams do it. Recommend talking to Webster or Kirkwood summer team to see best way forward. Our Y team does not have tryouts, but it needs to be fair, so what is best way with only a limited number of available slots.

5-Swim Meets – The full schedule has yet to be determined, but we will attend the Rend Lake meet Sept 26-28, 2014. Dara has reserved 25 rooms for our team. The home meet is set for Oct 18, 2014. The Edwardsville Halloween Meet is October 24-26, 2014. The TCAY Pentathlon is Nov 9, 2014.

6-USA Swimming – The recommendation is to sign up after 1 September because the membership is valid for 16 months. USA meets have yet to be determined.

7-Social activities: clinics (novice meet, scrimmage), bowling, rock climbing, fun, team building (Phil's expertise), picnic.

8-1st practice, Monday 8 September (but thought that at different time 9/2 was given, so date needs to be verified).

9-Team Events - A team picnic will be held Sept 6 to get the whole team together. The team picture and swim event will be either Sept 22 or Sept 23 at Meramec.