

Meeting Minutes
MSA Parents Meeting
APMSA

September 22, 2009

Paul Hornsleth, director of MSA welcomes all of the new and returning parents. It is the 34th year in the Mid Atlantic Region. It should be a very exciting year.

In regards to swimmer registration, we are down by 10%. We have a little more than 150 swimmers. There are a few levels that are not totally filled but most of them are filled. Due to the economy, we are happy with the number of swimmers.

All of the coaches were sitting on the stage with their TEAMMITMENT shirts on. The coaches and I work as a team and as a team we have responsibilities. You as parents have responsibilities to teach your child what it is to be a team member. We are a triangle, swimmer on top, one side coaches and the other side is the parent. Without the support of both sides we don't have a triangle. That commitment and support, even when your child wants to skip practice, will ensure your child will have a good year.

As parents it is important to get involved. There are many opportunities to get involved with all of the different activities. We have any opportunities and they will be posted on the bulletin board and emailed.

Communication is very important in any organization and MSA is no different. An email will go out every Friday from Roe with what is coming up and what meet entries are due. Also to get more information about meets and what is due please go the MSA website www.malvernswimming.com. Ken Fuller has spent a lot of time on this website and updates it regularly to make sure that all of the information is current.

There are not many meets this year so we are going to be strict about the due dates and not wait for the stragglers. We have been shut out of meets, so we really need to get the entries in early. Please put your entries in the meet box. Do not put them on Roes desk or give them to the coaches. We may not get

them. Again all entry information will be on the bulletin boards and on the website.

Please let me introduce Roe Molley, she handles all of the Administration.

Roe Molley

Welcome –

I am in charge of the **Registrations of the swimmers for USA swimming**. If you have been registered with another team, I need to you fill out a transfer form so we can transfer your information to MSA. I am also in charge of **Monthly Payment and billing fees**. If you are having trouble paying on time, please let me know. This way we can work something out and I won't have to hound you. I will send out the Friday emails. If you have any questions please call me and I will be happy to answer any questions. If you have questions pertaining to your swimmer, I won't know the answer so please contact your level coach.

APMSA – Marcy – President

Marcy welcomes all of the parents and speaks about how she is in her 8th year at MSA. She has a daughter, who is swimmer at Penn State but swam at MSA since she was 12. Marcy also has a son Christopher and he is entering his 3rd year.

She introduced:

Colleen Fruwirth, her Co-president. Colleen has 4 kids all swimming in all levels at MSA. This will be their 4th year at MSA. She was a former college swimmer herself.

Cathy Garvey is this year's treasurer. Cathy has been with MSA for 13 years and has held all position on the board. Cathy has 3 daughters that swam at MSA. One is swimming at Tufts and the other 2 are in level 1.

Julie Umberger is our secretary, apparel coordinator and team gift coordinator this year. She has 2 children swimming this year in level 2 and 4. This will be their 5th year.

Our level Representatives this year for level 1 is Tammy Salvadore (last year's president), Lisa Trudel for level 2(Lisa was secretary last year), Lauren May for level 3 and Colleen Fruwirth for level 4. The level rep will introduce themselves following the breakout sessions.

We would like to welcome you to personally to APMSA. APMSA stands for Aquatic Parents of Malvern Swimming. Because you have a swimmer it automatically makes you a part of APMSA.

Please get involved, we have a number of social events that we are planning for this season. I apologize for kick off BBQ being canceled but each level rep will organize a kickoff event for their level. Please keeping for email for more information

Coming up in the next couple of weeks –

Red, white and blue intersquad meet on October 9th. There will be pizza following the meet.

Morning of October 31st is the Run/Swim Competition. There will be a breakfast following the competition.

In April we plan a dinner buffet banquet to honor the swimmer and distribute the team gifts and hand out special awards.

In June, we organize the jump start mini meet. This is a big fund raiser for us. There are many jobs that we need help with, so when the time comes please sign up.

In July, we host a long course breakfast for the summer MSA swimmer at Marsh creek pool to close out the summer session.

All of these sign up sheets are out on the table. We also have a car pool sign up out there as well.

Please make sure you pick up your directories and for new families their blue books. For all returning families, the updated MSA handbook can be found on the website.

Introduced Julie Umberger to speak about the On-line Store.

I wanted to let all of the new and returning MSA Families that you can order the MSA suits and spiritwear on-line this year! No paper! Over the summer we worked with Nancy Tuttle from Tuttle Marketing and put together an on-line store. This store is now open and will be open until September 30th. October 1st the store will be closed and all orders will be placed, bagged and delivered to Malvern with your name on it. The orders should be in about 2 weeks.

I have samples of all of the sweatshirts, sweat pants, PJ pants, and shorts. They are not the correct colors but you can check them out for correct sizing. Roe has some of the samples in her office. I do not have samples of the suits, bags, or coat.

We know that September can be tough with ordering a lot of spiritwear for your child. So we will reopen the store on November 1 and close it on November 15th. They will be in before Christmas. The suits and caps will not be available in November - they need to be ordered in September.

The website for the store is:

www.tuttlemarketing.com

Click on the School/company store

Click on On-line store

Under online store – click “to Login”

We are under **Schools**

Scroll down to **Malvern Swimming**

Password is **MSA**

The Malvern store should pop up and from there just follow the prompts.

If you have any questions, please email me or call me

Paul Hornsleth then introduces Pete Lee

Pete Lee is the head coach at MSA

He talks a little about the program. The coaches want a positive environment, teaching of good stroke technique and helping the children get better.

He introduces the coaches for the 2009/2010 years

Pete Lee

Chris Fender

Kerry Meyers

Abby Sigoda

Ken Fuller

Frank Wills

Bevan Sullivan

Lindsey Hornsleth

Russ Makos

Laura Boyle

Kailey Pelton

Jay Schiller

We are now going to break out into our level groups.

Next week all of the level coaches will be meeting with your swimmers to go over all of the goals and expectations of them and the coaches. Information on the time and date for this should be coming out in the Friday email. If you did not get the information, please ask your Level Representative.

Thank you.