

# LSL Swim Team April Board Meeting agenda

April , 2025 6:30pm

Invitees: Chelsea Renfro, Luis Diaz, Anna Alt, Leslie Pauley, Kerry Schindler, Tami Sanker, Dave Peterson, Amanda Norvell, Jen Deberge, Stephanie Diestelkamp, Keely Manne, Stacey Kratz, Shalom Shoaf

Unable to attend: luis, leslie, tami, keely, stacey and shalom

I. Call to Order

II. President remarks:

- New Suits- yes DOLPHIN selected and waiting on a sample to come in. Suits are IN. Need to pick-up.
- Registration--As of 4/4 we have 188 swimmers. 53 for lessons.
- Shalom- When can we set up the CPR class? After May 10?

So far I have a list of about 19 swimmer coach interested and middle school volunteers. Will work with Dagen and coaches to set up an interview time for all of them.

(LD: [how many swimmer coaches do we typically hire?](#))

Set dates for 2025 season

Meet Schedule:

6/16/2025 Home vs WSD

6/23/2025 Away vs TCTW

6/30/2025 Home vs OFT

7/14/2025 Away vs WSD

7/21/2025 Away vs LPD

7/28/2025 Home vs BB

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June/July 2025

Saturdays: 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, .

Mondays: 6/2, 6/9,

Wednesdays: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23.

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First practice New swimmers ONLY Wed May 28.

All swim Saturday May 31 Or Monday June 2 - Possibly pending snow days

Practices:

Weekday Morning Practice Schedule					
No practice July 3rd, 4th & 5th					
Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:55am	9-12	8 & Under	9-12	8 & Under	9-12
9:00-9:55am	13 & older	13 & older	13 & older	13 & older	13 & older
9:55-11:00am	8 & under	9-12	8 & under	9-12	8 & under

- Blue & Gold meet Tuesday June 10th, 8-11am serve donuts
- Parent Swim- Fun adult relay 6/30/25
- Senior night 7/28/25 at last home meet (who are our Seniors this year?)
- Awards ceremony Wednesday 7/30 5:00pm

Swim lessons dates- will update

Mon/Wed/Thurs AM

Wed eve

Fun things:

Welcome potluck and team pictures Wed 6/4 @ 4:45pm. Pictures 6pm dinner- STL Digital Confirmed.

- New ideas or thoughts on changing portions of what we have?
  - Christmas in July party Mon 7/7 @ 5pm \*\* Bubble Bus- Anna to explain
  - NO PRACTICE: No practice Jul 3, 4, 5
- *Dave and Stacy - here are the volunteer needs for events:*
  - *Blue and Gold - 1 person for donut handout*
  - *Welcome Party - 2 people to help set up and staff the event*
  - *Xmas in July - 2 people to help set up and staff the event*
  - *Senior night - none*
  - *End of Season Awards Banquet - 3 adults to help set up and serve food*

### III. Committee reports

Coach - Swimmer of the week again this year? What other new things or things that need changed/added? Swimmer coach training?

- Yes to swimmer of the week and spirit week-
- Spirit week themes: Tuesday-neon, Wednesday-Animal print/zoo, Thursday- crazy hats/wiggin out, Friday -blue & gold day. Spirit week should be the week before senior night
- We would like her to have swimmer coach training at the start of the season and training for lessons- date? After memorial day since the pool isn't open- [Maybe 28th at night?](#) The 28th works.

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- 1. I think we should definitely keep the "Swimmer of the Week" award. If we want, we could also add a "Swimmer-Coach of the Week" and give them something small, like a \$5 gift card or a bag of candy, to keep things fun and encourage the coaches.- [Like it- seeing if we can budget for it. Doing more fundraisers so hopefully this works. Nice idea:](#)

For training, I think last year's plan worked well. We met before the first practice, and I'd like to do the same this year. If we need more training later, I'm happy to provide it.

3. I also mentioned during my interview that we could add some fun activities, like a Rice Krispies contest or a silent auction, to our swim nights or team parties
4. I also wanted to bring up the possibility of getting new pool flags. The ones we have now are so old and broken.- [Looking into now.](#)

New

5. talked with the other coaches, and they want to bring back kayak races as a fun practice for the older kids.
6. Regarding the coaches' shirts, I was wondering if we could make them more professional, like a polo or a collared fishing shirt, instead of the pink T-shirt.
7. Swim awards: High point, Swimmer coach of the year, Rookie of the Year, Most Improved, Most Spirited, Heart of the Sea Lion, Mr. Sea Lion, Ms. Sea Lion.

Concessions--Anna-

[Ambassadors T shirts](#)

[Banner sponsorship](#)

[Anna: The Triumvirate of Lori, Mickey and Eric will perform at the pool on June 16<sup>th</sup>. 5:05-ish call. 5:25-ish show.](#)

For LSLCA Kickoff party Memorial weekend- LSL Swim team is planning to run a table for popcorn and nachos as a fundraiser. Anna is spearheading.

Anna plans to buy a popcorn machine for concessions. [Anna- can you please make sure popcorn machine works etc so it's debut isn't memorial friday?](#)

Logo

Swimmer's Clinics:

Brynn wanting to coach - [chelsea working with her to iron out details.](#)

Prices ?

Qualifications:

- LSL swim team member, ages 6-18
- LSL swimmer coach, 5+ years
- LSL assistant coach & lessons coordinator, 2+ years
- Year round swimmer, ages 9-17
- D1 college swimmer at Missouri State, 4 years

Scenarios

*Saturday and evening practices*

*1-2 stroke clinics per month (husband can join) or whatever you all think*

*(LD: [someone had asked about helpers for the clinics so the coach-to-swimmer ratio is manageable](#))- She said she could use a couple swimmer coaches-CR*

*I'm not sure I have the capacity to assist with meet lineups or working entire meets, but if either of those are a requirement, we could discuss!*

*I am flexible on what payment would look like and would just think being in alignment with other coaches (per time commitment since mine would be lower) would work for me!*

*Everyone was super excited about the possibility of you doing clinics! Tami said we would be lucky to have you because she was in the team when you were coaching.*

*We are going to talk to the head coach about Saturdays/Wednesday.*

*Budget has been set. I suggested it would be your volunteer requirement and possibly your family wouldn't pay for your swimmer (s) and then know next year would possibly be more.*

*Depending on how many we do, I was thinking one per stroke. Like one butterfly clinic, one backstroke clinic, etc. And then if we have one for starts & turns that could work! So maybe 5 total? We are flexible.*

*Or 5-31, 6-6, 6-13. We are thinking Fridays might be better because of swim lessons on Saturdays.*

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#### Volunteers--Dave & Stacey

- Buyout maximum and amount \_\_\_\_\$250\_\_\_\_ and how many? \_\_\_\_\_10?\_
- Please communicate with the “early arrivers” about what to do (concessions, parking attendant, etc.)
- 10 buyout spots. [Made 11](#)
- Registration to be \$150 per kid but \$175 after April 15 th.
- Order of who’s next for buyout spots from the waitlist:
  - Schaffer
  - Toebben
  - Dukowitz
  - Kimball
  - Turner
  - Corley
  - Burroughs
  - Heneghan
  - Willbanks

#### Web Masters--Kerry and Leslie

- Team Website: [www.lslswim.com](http://www.lslswim.com)
- New League Website: <https://sccswimleague.swimtopia.com/>
- Need to find out how families register when jobs are all taken/full
- Working to figure out how/why 4 families registered twice
- Wednesday night lessons are full - waitlist only
- Current registrations for lessons:
  - Session 1: 15
  - Session 2: 8
  - Session 3: 4
  - Sat AM: 7
  - Weds PM: 30 (Full)

#### Secretary--Luis /Announcer

- How many Seniors are we expecting this year? (LD: who are our Seniors, can we get the Senior Questionnaires to their families early?)
- Speakers were repositioned for last couple of meets and sound coverage improved.

(LD: wouldn't mind having some help getting audio equipment brought out of the closet on home meet days and set in place)

- New announcer headset piece worked great and ready for new season.  
(LD: do we have batteries in our closet?)
- Need to check PA system. At the last home meet, we run into an issue with unit not wanting to power on. I need to verify it isn't going out.
- At the end of last meet, I ended up with the BT speaker that coaches use during practices...I will make sure to bring in to team closet. Whose speaker is it?
- Awards: Handle awards? Or who can do this?

(LD: Awards will be Wed following the last home meet. Will we have the pool as a team? Has this been coordinated?) CR- Yes it has been reserved with the CA-we had it for lessons so we kept it.

- Need a volunteer to order Awards - Anna again? Same awards? Will check with coach - CR Coaches gave me their thoughts- see Coach Section.

#### Apparel--Stephanie

- Coaches shirts
- Board shirt sizes
- Web store open. And stay open through July - we had a few regrets mentioned by parents in July....
- Board, coaches & extra shirts will go in with bulk order in May - swimmers ready by blue & gold - Board & coaches ready earlier - working on timing.
  - Payment will be needed by...
- Ordering: Swim caps new this year for all swimmers.
  - Plus swimmer of the week
  - Will need payment for that later in April.

#### League Reps-- Kerry and Leslie

- Ribbons counted and order placed with league
- Next meeting is April 30th

(LD: are we good on DQ slips?) CR-Yes I'll bring them, Tami had them mailed to me.

#### Media/web correspondence/swimmer of the week/PR-

- Update Bulletin board

- Fb page member clean up (LD: there's a bunch of member requests on queue)- CR-I keep going thru as I do registrations- so just be patient on this one.
- Once registration is over, set up new members with assistant coaches or previous members.

Anyone needing a shadow that may not return for 2026?

- *2025 will be Jenn DeBerge's last season - Anna Kuhns to learn this year and take over next.*

Who is shadowing who with our additional board members?

Coaches Phone Policy: Only people on deck allowed to have phones during practice times should be HC and AC. Everyone else should leave phones in their bags. Also send message to parents to let them know we permit cell phone use on deck by our 2-3 main coaches to set the correct expectations.

Make the team more fun. This is Summer league, not year round swimming.

From Tami

- 1) Working with Kathy C on flags, can someone check them after the meeting and Imk what material they are? She thinks someone made the last set.
- 2) Opening new account with Chelsea next week to move \$ to it under new EIN
- 3) Socks- I got an email from a company and they sent me a sample. Do we think they would like them if we can get a good price?