DSA Board Post Season Meeting - September 18

Meeting Purpose

Post-season board meeting to discuss finances, champs, board positions, and planning for next season.

Key Takeaways

- DSA made ~$5,250 profit this season, with ~$21,300 in the bank after scholarships clear
- Board will host champs again next year if no team bids; RFP to be resent with financial incentives
- Several board positions opening; need to recruit new members, especially coaches
- Schedule for next season to be drafted based on last year's, with team requests considered

Topics

Financial Update

- Season profit: ~$5,250
- Bank balance: ~$21,300 (after scholarships clear)
- Insurance quote for next year: $8,650 (slight increase)
- Vendor reimbursements: ~$2,400 (t-shirt guy $1,500, Joe Lynn $869)
- Agreed to maintain $10,000 minimum bank balance

Champs Review and Planning

- Board-hosted champs was successful; considering repeating for next year
- Revenue streams: concessions (~$1,800), vendors (~$2,400), splash fees (~$3,400)
- Potential to increase entry fees to cover higher facility costs
- Concerns about growing size of event (800+ swimmers); may need to consider format changes
- RFP to be resent with financial incentives and clearer explanation of responsibilities

Board Positions and Recruitment

- Open positions: Strum (resigned), Jana (likely stepping down), Erika (term ending)
- Linda and Kelly may step down if Mapledale team dissolves
- Need to recruit new members, especially coaches, for diverse perspectives

Next Season's Schedule

- Chris and Luke to draft based on last year's schedule
- Will consider team requests submitted via spreadsheet
- Aim to balance division-based matchups with geographical considerations
- Tentative schedule to be distributed, with changes accepted until ~January 1st

Scholarship Process Review

- Discussed potential changes to scoring system (e.g., allowing half-points)
- Considered focusing more on essays and less on recommendations
- Agreed to maintain current system with clarification on using decimal points for scoring