

Orcas International Swim Team  
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**Distribution:**

Orcas Parents, Coaches and Volunteers  
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**Subject:** General Membership Meeting, 24 March 09

The General Membership meeting for the Orcas International Swim Team met on 24 March 09 at Canada Place on JFC Brunssum, NL from 1845 to 1940 hours. The following personnel were present:

Rick Ojeda, President	Michaela Schneider
Susan Houston, Vice President	Michael Cloutier
Yutona Siikavaara, Meet Director	Marion Ojeda
Catherine Pierre, Treasurer	Debra Morello
Charlotte Reges, Secretary	Sophia de Boda
Kris Chodakowski, Head Coach	Chris Talsness
Greg Houston, Statistician	Rebecca Schafers
Bruce Shaw, Starter	Chris Ballard
Rex Reges	Yordan Vasev
Leona Ruth	Tsvetelina Dermendzhieva Vasev

**Head Coach Introduction:**

The Head Coach, Kris Chodakowski, was introduced. Kris spoke about the Spring Season and how the focus would be on technique. There will be no regular competitions this season. However, there will be two fun meets – one at home and one away in Brussels. Spring season prepares for the competitive season in the fall.

There is a possibility of a summer camp this year. No details yet. The members are asked to think about dates. An e-mail will be sent to the membership to find out interest and what dates families would be available. It might be best to do it between mid June and the beginning of July.

**The Executive Committee was introduced along with a brief description of their duties.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rick answered questions about the Spring Budget regarding Head Coach expense in June (less because he only works half a month), travel and per diem (for meetings that

the President and others must attend to prepare for the Fall season). The team came very close to breaking even this year, which is always our goal. We also plan to have a fundraiser this spring.

### **Elections in June:**

The next General Membership meeting will be on 2 June 2009. We will be electing new Executive Committee members.

### **Spring Meets:**

There will be a meet on 13 June at home with 4 or 5 teams. There is also an away meet in Brussels tentatively scheduled for 9 May. These are “fun” meets. The scores don’t count for statistics. The kids just have the opportunity to see how a meet is run. The President asked that the more experienced members take care of the newer members by offering to car pool to the away meet or offering to let them follow to the meet.

### **Spring Fundraiser:**

Yutona spoke about the need for fundraising. The team has not had any fundraisers in the spring for several years. We may be auctioning off 2 or 3 baskets on 4 July. The team needs to raise 3.000-5.000 Euro through fundraising for the fall. We will do the Basket Affair again this fall. Parents are asked to approach their delegations for money. Let the Secretary know the address to send fundraising letters to. There is an immediate need for a Fundraising Coordinator.

### **Volunteering:**

Susan spoke about the need for Volunteers. There were 2.230 volunteer hours reported last season although the actual number is probably closer to 3.000. The Fall Forms have been e-mail to all of the members. Members are asked to review the forms and give feedback. The Gold team will train 4 nights per week (Tue-Fri) and the Silver team will train 3 nights (Tue-Thu) per week. Gold and Silver simply refer to how many nights the child swims per week. There will not be two different teams within the main Orca team. We may also consider a different fee for children who swim at both the early and late sessions. There is a special need for a Concessions Coordinator at this time.

Yutona would like to have a Stroke and Turn training clinic before 10 May. She will contact Huub Gulpers. Or the clinic may be held in September. One of the members volunteered to take part in the class. Rick will make copies of the S&T DVD for anyone who is interested. It was also mentioned that Deb Morello has volunteered to be the new Equipment Manager.

### **Fall Trip to Tunisia:**

Interested families need to send in a deposit by 30 March to get the early registration discount.

**Board Meeting Schedule:**

The regular Executive Committee meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 1900 at the pool. These meetings are open to all interested parties. If you have an issue that you would like to discuss, let us know in advance so we can put it on the Agenda. The Board may also have additional meetings as necessary.

**Spring Roster:**

Let the Secretary know if the information in the Spring Roster (previously e-mailed to all families) is correct. A corrected spring roster will be sent out soon and will be updated as necessary.

Meeting Adjourned

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