

Cat5 Aquatics Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 26, 2025

Swimmer Scholarship Program

The Board discussed developing a **Swimmer Scholarship Program** to provide financial assistance to families experiencing financial need.

A three-member Board committee will oversee the scholarship process.

The Board discussed creating a confidential application that parents or guardians can complete to request assistance. The application will be designed to provide the committee with enough information to evaluate requests consistently and fairly while protecting family privacy.

Under the proposed program, scholarship assistance may include:

- Monthly training dues
- Local meet fees

Additional guidelines, eligibility requirements, and the application process will be developed before implementation.

Fundraising

The Board discussed additional fundraising opportunities for Cat5 Aquatics.

Ideas included exploring the feasibility of hosting:

- A sprint triathlon
- A youth triathlon

Further research will be conducted to determine whether either event would be practical and beneficial for the organization.

Community and Facility Partnerships

The Board received an update following discussions with Panama City Beach leadership regarding the aquatic facility.

Discussion focused on the financial challenges associated with operating the pool and the importance of demonstrating the facility's value to local families, swimmers, and the broader community.

Cat5 Aquatics has joined the local Chamber of Commerce as part of its efforts to strengthen community relationships.

The team is also exploring ways to support the aquatic facility by helping connect interested young people with lifeguarding opportunities.

The Head Coach reported continued development of a positive working relationship with Frank Brown Aquatic Center staff. The team is also working with facility staff to create a pathway for swimmers who progress beyond swim lessons and are ready to continue developing through competitive swimming.

Swim-a-thon and Annual Meeting

The 2025 Swim-a-thon was scheduled for **August 16, 2025**, the first weekend after the start of school.

Planning for the event will continue over the coming weeks.

The Board also discussed coordinating the event with the official **Cat5 Aquatics brand reveal** and involving the Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce in the celebration.

The organization's **Annual Meeting** was also planned for August 16.

September Hosted Meet

The Board discussed plans for the September hosted swim meet, which will be titled:

Tropic Like It's Hot

Planning included:

- Working with area hotels to provide discounted rates for visiting teams and families
- Developing a more comprehensive meet information packet for participating teams
- Improving the overall experience for visiting swimmers, coaches, and families

Short Course Season Planning

The coaching staff continued work on the upcoming Short Course meet schedule.

The goal is to have the schedule identified and ready for review by the **July Board meeting**.