

**Hamden Heronettes**  
**Parent's Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**  
**Hamden High School – room C107**

In Attendance: Cassie Sherry, Donna Chervenak, Stephanie O'Keefe, Joanne Hiscocks, David Delancy, Sue Delancy, Rachel Allison, Janet Ray, Patty Simell, Nancy Restivo, Margot Diamond, Aurea Rivera

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**I. Call to order**

Parents' Association President Janet Ray called the meeting to order at 10: 12

**II. Welcome**

Going around the room everyone introducing him or herself. The mailbox/accordion file that is usually on the table in the hallway behind the diving boards was brought to the meeting to show everyone what it looks like. This is where all paperwork that needs to be distributed to swimmers and families will be placed. Swimmers should check their own folder every week. There is also a folder in the front labeled PAYMENTS that you can leave your payment checks for the treasurer.

**III. Report from Team Manager**

**No report from Head Coach as she is at Convention**

Team Manager Patty Simell emphasized the importance of the girls being on time for all practices.

All the music has been chosen for all the routines.

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> routines and teams will be announced.

Melissa Bruhn has been promoted to assistant head coach.

Patty handed out a tentative meet schedule. If you were not at the meeting it will be in your folder in the mailbox.

Training to pass the new grade level assessments has begun and will be ongoing.

New Canaan's pool is temporarily closed so they will be hosting meets at our pool.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

Secretary Mia VonBeeden is in the process of updating the mailbox with new folders. This will be completed by the end of next week.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer David Delany presented the 2015 – 2016 budget.

It includes a new line item for choreography.

David Delany made the motion to accept this budget. It was seconded by Aurea Rivera. Approved 10-0-1

**VI. Presentation of Proposed By-laws Amendments (attached to agenda)**

By-laws Amendment IV. Section 1a. 11)

A motion was made by Cassie Sherry to approve this amendment. It was seconded by David Delancy. Approved 11-0-1.

By-laws Amendment VIII. Section 1 f.

A motion was made by Donna Chervenak to approve this amendment. It was seconded by Margot Diamond.

After much discussion it was not passed 0-6-5

**VII. Report from First Vice President of Travel**

No report because we need a new VP of travel. Please see Janet if you are interested.

**VIII. Report from Second Vice President of Fundraising**

The VP of Fundraising Margot Diamond welcomed Melissa Parnoff; she is the Pampered Chef and Thirty-One hostess that is kindly donating all of her profits to the Heronettes. She gave us a quick overview of these products.

Margot handed out a packet of all the fundraisers, both individual and team. (Check mailbox folder if you did not receive them)

Lyman Orchard Pie orders are due 10/17.

Donna Chervenak is taking over Scrip. Please see website

<http://hhctest.weebly.com/fund-raising.html> or Donna for more information.

Donna Chervenak reported that we made just over \$200 from the last clothing drive pick-up.

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Mia VonBeeden, Secretary

**Hamden Heronettes**  
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**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**Hamden High School – room C107**

In Attendance: Cassie Sherry, Joanne Hiscocks, Rachel Allison, Janet Ray, Patty Simell, Nancy Restivo, Margot Diamond, Seema Cha, AnnaMaria Maus, Michele Wojenski

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**I. Call to order**

Parents' Association President Janet Ray called the meeting to order at 10: 20

**II. Approval of minutes of the meeting from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

Rachel Allison made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Joanne Hiscocks. All approved.

**III. Report from Team Manager**

- Team Manager Patty Simell emphasized the importance of the girls being on time for all practices.
- Patty handed out a final meet schedule. Please see website for all new updates.
- November 21 – 22 we have a clinic run by Barb Nesbit from California. Saturday all swimmers are invited from 9:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday is to work on choreography with the 16/19 team.
- December 12 – 13 = Grade level Assessments
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – Figure Meet & Holiday Party
- Food Drive – there is a large cardboard box in the hallway behind the diving boards for donations of canned and boxed foods and non-perishables.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

Secretary Mia VonBeeden is in the process of creating a swimmer's list that includes all contact information. This document will be emailed to everyone with the minutes of this meeting. (Please check for accuracy)

**V. Treasurer's Report**

- The Treasurer's report was given by Janet Ray.
- As of October 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 the checkbook was reconciled at \$26,301.55
- Cassie Sherry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report.  
The motion was seconded by Margot Diamond. All approved.

**VI. Report from First Vice President of Travel**

- Welcome to Cassie Sherry as our new First VP.
- Cassie's first report is about Silver Clinic travel. (This included having discussion about having a team food mom vs. each child bringing own food that will continue at a later date)

#### **VII. Report from Second Vice President of Fundraising**

- The VP of Fundraising Margot Diamond announced that \$526 profit was made from Lyman Orchard Pies and cookie dough.
- The pies will be delivered on Saturday; November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pick them up at 1:00.
- We sold \$2200 in Pampered Chef items and earned \$400 in free merchandise to raffle off at the Watershow.
- We sold \$1000 in 31 items.
- Yankee Candle orders are due Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> is the Swim-a-Thon. Margot needs 6 parents to count laps.
- Upcoming fundraiser – December – Poinsettias.
- Detailed Scrip instructions were handed out. As was a map detailing exactly where the closet is to drop off used clothing, linens, towels, etc...

#### **VIII. Report from Standing Committee Chairpersons**

- **Website** – Still not live as waiting on East Zone decisions
- **Apparel** – all girls will need a black one-piece swimsuit for January 9<sup>th</sup> Figure Meet and for the Watershow
- **Swim Suit** – 240 suits are in a new closet storage in Hamden Ridge (many of these suits are old and the lost the elasticity, so purging will be done this year.  
A new designer was found who charges reasonable rates.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Mia VonBeeden, Secretary

**Hamden Heronettes  
Parent's Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Hamden High School – room C107**

In Attendance: Joanne Hiscocks, Janet Ray, Patty Simell, Nancy Restivo, Margot Diamond, Aurea Rivera, Dave DeLancy, Mia VonBeeden

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**I. Call to order**

Parents' Association President Janet Ray called the meeting to order at 10:18

**II. Approval of minutes of the meeting from November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Margot Diamond made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave DeLancy. All approved.

**III. Report from Team Manager – Patty Simell**

- December's calendar has make up dates for 13/15 & 16/19 teams
- Sports Nutritionist coming to speak December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm whole team including parents is invited.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> is the figures meet and Holiday Party. The meet begins at noon and the party is at 1:30 – 3:30.
- In January the Heronettes are hosting 3 Try Synchro Sessions. The first two, on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> are open to the public. The last one on the 20<sup>th</sup> is for girl scouts.
- A new novice clinic begins January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The Watershow is currently scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, if there are no snow days Hamden graduation will conflict and the Watershow would be canceled, so April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> were put on hold as a backup.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

No report

**V. Treasurer's Report – Dave DeLancy**

- The reconciliation statement as of 11/30/15 is \$25,157.
- Updated statements will be sent out in December.
- Margot Diamond made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Joanne Hiscocks. All approved.

**VI. Report from First Vice President of Travel**

No report

**VII. Report from Second Vice President of Fundraising**

Poinsettias will be available for pick up on 12/12 between 1:00 – 2:00pm at Patty Simell's home.

**VIII. Report from Standing Committee Chairpersons**

- **Website** – Still not live as waiting on East Zone decisions
- **Apparel** – No report
- **Swim Suit** – should have sample suits by the end of following week for sizing tests. Still working on digitizing closet.

**IX. New Business**

Scherad Kuras is the new coordinator of hosted meets.

Level Meet December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – timing and videoing needed for every test.

December 19<sup>th</sup> – Team bonding afternoon at the Whitney Center. After practice the girls are going for pizza then to the Center to sing Holiday songs.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35

Respectfully submitted,  
Mia VonBeeden, Secretary

Next Parent's Meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Hamden Heronettes**  
**Parent's Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**Hamden High School – room C107**

In Attendance: Joanne Hiscocks, Patty Simell, Margot Diamond, Dave DeLancy, Cassie Sherry, Michelle Wojenski, Vinny Lynch, Rachel Allison, Anna Montgomery, Donna Chervenak, Stephanie O'Keefe, Katie Copeland, Seema Cha, Mia VonBeeden

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**I. Call to order**

Parents' Association secretary Mia VonBeeden called the meeting to order at 10: 16

**II. Approval of minutes of the meeting from December 15, 2015**

Cassie Sherry made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 15th meeting. The motion was seconded by Rachel Allison. All approved.

**III. Report from Head Coach & Team Manager – Anna Montgomery & Patty Simell**

- The levels meet was a huge learning curve
- Would like to give gift to Nancy for all the time she volunteered.
- Next meet 1/24 – approx. 60 swimmers – a sign up genius will be sent out for volunteers
- Feb 13/14 is a 13/15 age group swim – hosted by NCA
- Need to establish who the team moms are.
- The Watershow is currently scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, if there are no snow days Hamden graduation will conflict and the Watershow would be canceled, so April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> were put on hold as a backup. The coaches are having a meeting about this year's theme.
- Three different Try Synchro nights in January – why are flyers not going home with Hamden school kids? How are we promoting?

**IV. Secretary's Report**

No report

**V. Treasurer's Report – Dave DeLancy**

- Next tuition installment coming up.
- As of 12/31/15 checkbook balance \$23,391.49
- Cassie Sherry made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Donna Chervenak. All approved.

**VI. Report from First Vice President of Travel**

Starting to put together travel plans for JO's.

**VII. Report from Second Vice President of Fundraising**

- Stella & Dot jewelry Fundraiser. Cassie Sherry is donating 100% of her commission.
- Upcoming fundraiser – Munson’s chocolates for Easter

**VIII. Report from Standing Committee Chairpersons**

- **Website** – Should be live by end of the month
- **Apparel** – Need to find new vendor. 2months behind. Will talk to Swim Outlet to create Heronettes own page
- **Swim Suit** – sample suits arrived and tried on. Should have all suits by 1/24 meet. Digitalization still a work in progress.
- **Refreshments** – sign up genius will be sent out for upcoming meet.

**IX. New Business**

Nothing to report

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20

Respectfully submitted,  
Mia VonBeeden, Secretary

Next Parent’s Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> , 2016



**Hamden Heronettes**  
**Parent's Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**Hamden High School – room C107**

In Attendance: Janet Ray, Joanne Hiscocks, Patty Simell, Margot Diamond, Dave DeLancy, Sue DeLancy, Nancy Restivo, Cassie Sherry, Michelle Wojenski, Rachel Allison, Donna Chervenak, Scherad Kuras, Paul Zhao, Mia VonBeeden

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**I. Call to order**

Parents' Association President Janet Ray called the meeting to order at 10: 20

**II. Approval of minutes of the meeting from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Cassie Sherry made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Rachel Allison. All approved.

**III. Report from Team Manager – Patty Simell**

- Anna Montgomery at New Canaan with 3 swimmers to try and pass levels 2 & 3 so they have the chance to swim at Nationals.
- 13/15 Championships February 13 & 14 – in Hamden, but NCA hosting.
- Check calendar for practice schedule changes for that weekend.
- Will send out email reminder to synchro sisters to make a card for the meet.
- Marissa is teaching the clinic – currently 5 swimmers in clinic.
- March 11 – 13 the 16/19 team will be traveling to Buffalo with Ray & Melissa.
- March 19 – 20, six swimmers (Intermediate team and Esther, Collette, Michaela) will travel to Norton, MA with Anna.
- We had our snow day the Watershow is set for June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and this year's theme is DIVAS. A Mom's number will be included this year.
- ALL SWIMMERS MUST WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING TO AWARDS ceremony, this includes green suit, white shirt and black flip-flops.
- Please brainstorm how to publicize the team to attract new swimmers.
  - Flyers
  - Demos
  - Banner across street
  - Swimmers hand out one or two free kids Watershow ticket
  - Joanne Hiscocks will take over social media

**IV. Secretary's Report**

No report

**V. Treasurer's Report – Dave DeLancy**

- Last tuition installment being sent out. Routine suits, travel estimates, and apparel will not be on this statement.
- Reconciliation Summary as of 1/31/16 - \$24,290.76

**VI. Report from First Vice President of Travel**

Has estimates for Buffalo, Norton

**VII. Report from Second Vice President of Fundraising**

- Stella & Dot jewelry Fundraiser. Cassie Sherry is donating 100% of her commission. Show closes 2/13
- Upcoming fundraisers – Munson’s chocolates for Easter, St. Patrick’s coin challenge, TGIF Fridays dinner, Mother/Daughter painting party.
- Will be ordering magnetic bumper stickers and posters to sell
- Clothing Drive – 2 pick ups in January. Jan 4 - \$46.44 & Jan 28 - \$192.36

**VIII. Report from Standing Committee Chairpersons**

- **Website** – East Zone in live, and HH by the end of the month. Will be sending out coach questionnaire for their bios.
- **Apparel** – Nothing to report
- **Swim Suit** – suits have arrived and just need a few touch ups. Digitalization still a work in progress.
- **Refreshments** - nothing to report
- **Watershow** – nothing to report

**IX. New Business**

Nothing to report

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Mia VonBeeden, Secretary

Next Parent’s Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Hamden Heronettes  
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Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Hamden High School – room C107**

In Attendance: Janet Ray, Joanne Hiscocks, Patty Simell, Margot Diamond, Nancy Restivo, Cassie Sherry, Donna Chervenak, Stephanie O'Keefe, Mia VonBeeden

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**I. Call to order**

Parents' Association President Janet Ray called the meeting to order at 10: 25

**II. Approval of minutes of the meeting from February 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Cassie Sherry made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Donna Chervenak. All approved.

**III. Report from Team Manager – Patty Simell**

- March 11 – 13 the 16/19 team will be traveling to Buffalo with Ray & Melissa.
- March 19 – 20, six swimmers (Intermediate team and Esther, Collette, Michaela) will travel to Norton, MA with Anna and maybe Marissa.
- We had our snow days, so the Watershow is set for June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and this year's theme is DIVAS. A Mom's number will be included this year.
- ALL SWIMMERS MUST WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING TO AWARDS ceremony, this includes green suit, white shirt and black flip-flops.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> is the last clinic before the Watershow clinic.
- [The New Canaan Aquianas](#) donated \$500 to HHC for our expertise and assistance at the February meet held at Hamden High School.
- April 16 – 17, Heronettes are hosting the CT Association Meet.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

No report

**V. Treasurer's Report – Dave DeLancy**

- Reconciliation Summary as of 2/29/16 - \$24,666.11
- Under budget on line items: tuition, clinic, fundraising.  
Donna Chervenak made a motion to accept the budget reports. The motion was seconded by Cassie Sherry. All approved.

**VI. Report from First Vice President of Travel**

- March 11 – 13 set for 16/19 to travel to Buffalo, NY
- March 18 -19 set for Intermediates to travel to Norton, MA

- Working on JO's on Long Island in June
- Revisiting the milage rate given to drivers going to meets.

**VII. Report from Second Vice President of Fundraising**

- We did well with Munson's Easter Chocolate
- Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – selling Munson's chocolate bars at Stop n Shop from 9 – 4.
- Magnetic bumper stickers (\$8) and posters (\$10) now available
- Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – TGIF Fundraiser
- March coin drive – competition between teams

**VIII. Report from Standing Committee Chairpersons**

- **Website** – East Zone in live, and HH by the end of the month. Will be sending out coach questionnaire for their bios.
- **Apparel** – Nothing to report
- **Swim Suit** –Digitalization still a work in progress. Head pieces hopefully on way.
- **Refreshments** - nothing to report
- **Watershow** – Donna Chervenak – Theme – DIVA  
Please volunteer to help.  
Considering selling Watershow t-shirts or tanks

**IX. New Business**

Joanne Hiscocks is creating a brochure to have available at all functions.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully submitted,  
Mia VonBeeden, Secretary

Next Parent's Meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2016