

Wayne Waves,

As our summer lake season is coming to a close, we would like to thank the entire team and all our hardworking FOWST Board members for a wonderful season!

Below are some highlights of the many accomplishments from our 2019 FOWST Board:

- worked with the town to purchase a new Colorado timing system. Members of the FOWST committee were trained to use this new equipment so our timing for home meets is more accurate and current. town website was updated with current information about the team, bios on the coaches, and recent team photo, etc.
- created WW Venmo account to make payments to team more convenient and timely.
- developed in-depth "booklet" for new members to learn about lake swim team and how specifically WW functions. This booklet was handed out the new parents meeting and is also available on our website.
- successful Pig Out and end-of-season celebration party for all families to attend.
- developed new WW website for information sharing. Website remained current and many members used the website for consistent information.
- developed new private Facebook page for WW members. This page supplies current information and photos for our members.
- new team suits and swim caps were adopted for the team. This creates our new uniform look that is fun, yet professional.
- new apparel to purchase including t-shirts, hoodies, swim pants and 3/4 zips (some apparel still available if anyone interested).
- created scholarship fund for our graduating seniors. Thank you seniors, for swimming with us during high school and good luck in your future.
- team spirit building continued with turtle and duck night at Wednesday home meets (win your heat and get a prize; our new mascot, Waves, was introduced to the team. Coaches selected one swimmer who was most improved or team spirit to take care of Waves mascot until the next meet; WW volunteers had the opportunity to participate in raffles to win prizes as a thank you.
- snack stand continues to thrive with some new food options at our home meets
- WW photos were taken at each meet of our swimmers in action. These photos have been constantly uploaded to our WW Facebook page for families to review or save.

- new port a potty was rented by the town that was in better condition than previous years.(Next year we will have a real bathroom).

As the town continues to make progress on the lake move for new summer season, we will keep you posted during the off season. Our FOWST team will be hard at work this fall/winter to assist with the planning for the move. As we look ahead to next year, we plan to work towards these following goals:

- set up a Remind system to facilitate immediate notifications from the coaches in case to weather issues, rescheduling of meets etc.
- work with the town on the actual move to the new lake
- explore opportunity for a "contest" to possibly get ideas for a new logo for our team. New lake and new logo. We hope to get the entire town involved in this contest.
- Explore more opportunities for fundraising opportunities. Weather did not permit us for coordinating with the town on 6th grade parties at the lake. We hope to revisit this for next season as well as other opportunities.
- create detailed job descriptions and processes for future elected FOWST board to create an easy transition.

If anyone has further suggestions, comments, positive remarks, please send your comment directly to Laurie Matthews email is lknis@kean.edu

Have a wonderful rest of the summer and see you at the lake next year!