



Aquatomics

Los Alamos Swim Team

Established 1963

Non-Profit Organization

November 2011: Message from your Los Alamos Aquatomics Board

Your LAA Board has been working hard these past few months and wishes to inform you all, of what we have been doing. While we face some real challenges, we are looking to them as true opportunities to make Aquatomics an even better swim club than it already is.

First let me introduce myself. My name is Lisa Jaegers, I am the new President of the LAA Board. Both of my sons swim with LAA; our eldest joining the team in 2006. I am very appreciative of everything Aquatomics has given to our boys and am very pleased for the opportunity to serve on the board and give back to the team.

Here are just a few things your board is currently addressing:

Communication: We strongly believe good communication is key to the successful running of Aquatomics. We are investigating new and improved ways to communicate effectively: Coach to Swimmers/Parents, Swimmer/Parents to Coach, Board to Staff, Board to Membership, and of course Membership/Staff to Board. This letter is just the beginning. We have plans to improve our website, *Aquatomics.com*; spruce up our bulletin board at the pool; and coach Rusty and coach Maribeth, have established pool office hours. If you ever wish to submit a question or concern to the LAA Board, please visit the "Board of Directors" link on the team website.

Budget: Unfortunately, LAA is not immune to the current state of the economy. Furthermore, the start up of an Albuquerque swim team in town has resulted in the loss of income. The board is taking a hard look at the team's budget and faces some very difficult decisions. We are committed to LAA being fiscally sound and strong for years to come. We greatly appreciate all those that participated in the recent USA Swim-a-thon, and encourage all swimmers to compete in our home meets. The successful hosting of swimming meets is just one way we supplement dues income to meet our expenses.

By-laws: It has been 14 years since our by-laws were last revised. While not the most glamorous of jobs, we are in the process of reviewing our by-laws, updating areas that are no longer applicable and making sure we are in compliance with USA Swimming's by-law recommendations. We hope to present the necessary by-law changes to the membership for vote within the next few months.

USA Swimming Club Recognition Program: The board is embarking on this web based recognition program. It is basically a working blueprint for developing strong, stable, financially sound and athletically productive swim club organizations.

Finally, "Thank You," for entrusting your young swimmers to Aquatomics. LAA's coaches place continual emphasis on the individual swimmer's self-improvement and wish to instill in each swimmer a life-long passion for the sport. Your coaches greatly enjoy working with each and every one of your swimmers!