

Ms. Seckinger,

I appreciate your effort to ensure that this weekend's State Meet is not marred by the actions of the Peak parents. My coaches advised me that you were unaware of the repeated attacks by Peak/Woodmoor parents against my children. I understand that you wanted to respond quickly and I assume it was an oversight that you didn't approach the Falfins coaches and my family to determine what occurred at the University of Denver. This was clearly a police matter and as such it surprises me that Peak Swim Team Coach Ross Hedrick or his parent group chose to involve Colorado Swimming.

On Friday, February 24th I was aggressively approached and confronted by Sue Hippe, Amy Panoncillo, and George Panoncillo at the Ritchie Center on the University of Denver Campus. These individuals made a false and malicious claim that my wife had cornered and verbally abused their children. They made no attempt to approach my wife or to inform law enforcement personnel. Despite my wife sitting visibly within 100' of these individuals, they sought me out in another part of the building. The Peak Swim Team parents made no attempt to substantiate or provide a rational basis for their false claim. My wife was in my presence or accompanied by other Falfins parents throughout the meet. She made no approach or comments to any Woodmoor/Peak children or adults. The false statement regarding my wife's behavior and all other Woodmoor/Peak parent actions are part of a pattern of retaliation dating back to early November 2010. My wife and I have made no contact with and have actively avoided the parents of Woodmoor and Peak since December 2010. Their continued attempts to harm my family or damage our reputation have been completely unprovoked.

The incident at the Ritchie Center occurred in a public common area and did not involve any meet or swim team personnel. It did not impact or interfere with meet operations. Though irrational and ill-advised, the actions of these Peak parents did not fall under or violate any USA Swimming Rules. The University of Denver Police and Chancellor were informed that an incident had occurred and satisfactorily provided assurances that they would be available if the Peak parents repeated their threatening approach. No charges have been filed but the incident was immediately and widely documented for future reference.

The Peak parents (then Woodmoor parents) became hostile following my mandatory report to USA Swimming of sexually oriented and profane material posted on Woodmoor Waves Coach Sean Coffey's public social media page. My children were kicked off the Woodmoor Waves within 48 hours of this report with no notice or attempt at due process. This action was an obvious violation of USA Swimming's "No Retaliation" rule (306.2).

In the conversation at the University of Denver, Ms. Hippe claimed that "We kicked you off, we didn't kick your children off", a clear indication that her action was in response to our report to USA Swimming. Sue Hippe's statement contradicts the November 2010 email announcing my children's removal from the Woodmoor Waves. That email claimed our ban was to somehow answer our questions about liability stemming from Sean Coffey's hiring. The Woodmoor Waves Board of Directors never responded to our requests for information or justification of their decision.

During the current incident Ms. Hippe also referenced information from a media report currently awaiting publication. This information was known only to me, USA Swimming, and the journalist involved. With no communication between the Waves and my family after 2010 and no valid reason for USA Swimming to contact the Waves after April 2011, any sharing of this privileged information with Woodmoor/Peak is a violation of USA Swimming's review processes and excludes USA Swimming (or any subsidiary) from future direct involvement in this case. It is possible that the approach by Sue Hippe and the Panoncillo's was a response to USA Swimming's improper contact with them and in anticipation of this media attention.

When a prominent Waves family departed in reaction to our treatment, the Waves Board fabricated and spread a claim that my children's dismissal happened due to a threat of criminal charges made by my wife. This unfounded claim, not reported to law enforcement, was used by Waves/Peak parent Kevin Griffith in an email to our current team requesting disciplinary action against us. The incident at the Ritchie Center is not the first time Waves/Peak parents have made a false claim through other than proper legal channels.

Our final direct communication with Waves parents was a December 2010 offer of disclosure regarding Sean Coffey's social media page and the actions of the Waves BoD. Included was a request that any parent not knowledgeable with the complete situation refrain from spreading false and unfounded rumors. The Waves parents replied with a barrage of uninformed, abusive, and hateful email. Later, Waves Head Coach Steve Fair informed one of our new coaches that Woodmoor would not attend any of our new team's meets as long as we were allowed to remain members. This was a retaliatory attempt to inflict economic harm on another team.

On Tuesday, February 28th, you sent your email without making a full attempt to ascertain what occurred at the Ritchie Center. As I made clear in my report to DU Police, no child was addressed by my wife at any time. The claim from the Peak parents was a product of their imagination. There is no risk of a repeat incident at this week's State Championship Meet unless the Peak/Woodmoor parents plan a further assault on a family that has not communicated with them during the entire 2011 calendar year.

Due to errors by USA Swimming and Colorado Swimming (in the wake of our children's dismissal and the continuing retaliation by the Woodmoor/Peak parents), my wife and I choose to deal only with law enforcement personnel in the reporting and handling of this and any related matter. Potential allegations of slander, defamation, extortion and retaliation are beyond either Colorado Swimming or USA Swimming's jurisdiction. In USA Swimming Safe Sport Director Susan Woessner's recent interview with Swimming World Magazine, she declared that USA Swimming will never interfere with an ongoing legal matter. I expect this standard to be upheld.

My wife and I have not and will not approach any Waves or Peak parents following our final communication in December 2010. We have never approached or spoken to children regarding or as a result of these attacks. This will not change in the future.

To avoid further incident, any approach to my family by parents from the Woodmoor and Peak teams will result in a call to the Fort Collins Police or other relevant law enforcement personnel. Any violations

of USA Swimming Rules will be properly reported to USA Swimming and Colorado Swimming through the coaching staff of our current team. Future conversations or incidents with any party regarding this matter (outside our coaches and legal counsel) will be made available in MP3 audio format.

The actions of the Peak/Woodmoor parents over the past fifteen months have been shameful and most unfortunate. Every incident has been of their choosing. Any future incidents will continue to be without provocation on our part, but not without proper law enforcement involvement.

If your warning to the involved parties and our police report are heeded, there should be every reason for these Peak parents to discontinue their inexplicable behavior. The focus of the Peak/Woodmoor coaches, parents, and your organization needs to remain on or return to creating an opportunity for all children to enjoy their swimming experience. If the behavior of other parents impacts that goal or if addressing the legal issues of this case requires your participation, my wife and I will ensure that you are properly involved. We look forward to an enjoyable and uneventful weekend.

Respectfully,

Jeff Renwick