

Blueback Swim Club
Executive Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023
7:30pm
Via Zoom

In attendance: Tracey Braam, Kelly Swain, Karen McMurray, Chris Street, Trish Goldsworthy, Nola Sambo, Karen Bergstreiser, Sarah Meijer, Angie Coolin, Crystal Thomas, Lisette Calkins, Dave Acal, Amanda Acal

Regrets: Cheyenne Bishopp

Recording Secretary: Sarah Grielens

Agenda Item

1. Call to order

- Call to order 7:32pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

- Angie C moves, Kelly S. seconds. Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from May

- Tabled to October 2023 Meeting

4. Reports

4.1 Registrar Report- Sarah Meijer

- Increased interest in the swim club during the summer. The parade generated a lot of assessment requests and was well received by the community.
- 5 Masters currently registered with several more interested.
- Question about purchasing a 10- pack pass using only e transfer without a cc on file for one Master swimmer. Approved.
- Currently 77 swimmers registered with one assessment left to complete
- 23 on the waitlist some of which have been assessed. Next assessment date is Sept. 23rd. Chris advises the club should be able to accommodate these waitlists with current lane rental availability over the next month. Parents should expect October start dates.

- Possibility of opening a third lane for Green swimmers.
- Sarah has been at the pool during practise times this week distributing swim caps and ensuring parents have registered with Swim Canada and have signed all waivers to be compliant for swimmers to be on pool deck. This has been a successful initiative.
- Sarah will continue to distribute CRC links to volunteers and coaches will receive their CRC links directly from Swim Canada when they have successfully registered.

4.2 Fundraising Report – Angie Coolin

- Poll to parents went out over Facebook for fundraising preferences: Purdy's 24% Ascent Coffee 24% Pub Night 20%
- These are in addition to our regular budgeted fundraisers.
- Popcorn sales last year were strong. Explore the potential of selling at our home meets with the pool's permission.
- Raffle tickets are printed and awaiting delivery for October.
- Gaming licence is approved.

4.3 Coach end of season report -Chris Street

- As presented.

4.4 Motion to accept Registrar, Fundraising and Coach end of Season Report

Dave A moves. Nola S. seconds. Carried.

5. New Business

5.1 Banking Changes Northern Savings

- Chair, Vice-Chair, Registrar and Treasurer all have user and viewer access of the club's bank accounts at Northern Savings.

Motion:

"To update the banking information with Northern Savings Credit Union for General , Gaming and Fundraising accounts to add Treasurer, Kelly Swain as a user. To remove Karen Bergstreiser, former Treasurer from having the user privileges but keep her as a viewer of the said accounts so she can perform her duties as bookkeeper."

Angie Coolin moves. Amanda A. seconds. Carried.

5.2 Executive Meeting Schedule

- Third week of the month on Thursdays at 7:30pm
- In person meetings should be held in person before each home meet- this would mean meeting in person in December/January and again in April.

- Motion to hold TBSC executive meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 via zoom. December meeting will be cancelled in favour of an in person meeting in January before home swim meet date and time TBD. April meeting will also be held in person.
Tracey B. moves, Angie C. seconds. Carried

5.3 Executive working committees

Fundraising

- Angie Coolin to chair and requests 3-4 additional members that could be dedicated towards a specific fundraiser each. Noted that fundraising is a good way to have parent volunteer participation in the club. Coach Crystal intends to host a parent night on October 20 before the mini meet and parent volunteer expectations will be discussed. Angie to attend and speak to fundraising.
- Trish G, Amanda A and Karen B to join committee as well.

Meet Management

- Amanda Acal to chair. Amanda will speak to meet management and identify where volunteer roles need to be filled ahead of the October 20 parent night.

Corporate Sponsorship

- Karen McMurray to chair. Kelly S, Coach Crystal, Angie Coolin to join.
- Looking specifically for Gold Sponsors for our two home meets and for follow ups to sponsorship requests that went out last season.

Tech Support

- Karen McMurray is seeking one or two partners to address our current shared document management system. Tech Soup grant options need to be evaluated. Requires a detail orientated person and a tech savy person to join. Should be a brief commitment and just requires set up.
- Nola S, Dave A and possibly Keith Goldsworthy to join.

5.4 Swim fit / senior swimmers options

- The historical TBSC handbook identifies a swim fit/senior swimmer program with requirement of ages 15 and up with a min. of two years experience. This program was offered at the same fee schedule as Masters.
- Coach Crystal would like to find a solution and incentive for some of our older swimmers who no longer can commit to competitive and full practise schedule but would still benefit from being in the water and practising with team mates.
- Propose a ten time drop in pass.

- Coach Chris cautions against creating a program that gives an “easy” way out for these older teen swimmers instead of encouraging them to make a commitment to be at the pool on certain days and stay in the water.
- Space issues with current lane availability is an issue also and agreed upon practise days for these swimmers is preferable to manage capacity in the water.
- TBSC executive should explore options on a as needed basis for individual swimmers that would benefit upon the discretion of the coaches. A set fee schedule should be determined ahead of time for these instances.
- **Action Item:** Kelly S, Karen M, and Sarah M to discuss the fee structure

5.5 Sub committee for Prince George Meet in April

- Coach Crystal would like to start planning to send as many swimmers as possible to this meet in April. Coach Crystal to work with Travel Coordinator Tracey B. on this.

5.6 Swag

- Coach Crystal would like to be able to offer swag as an incentive to swimmers to attend every dryland training session between now and December. Coach Crystal to work with Clothing Coordinator Lisette C on this.

5.7 Coaching Conference

- Coach Chris in conjunction with Via Sport organized a coaching conference week of Sept. 11th. Well attended and lots of on deck and club level ideas and initiatives were discussed. Thank you to Coach Chris to organizing, as it was very valuable.

6. Adjourn Motion to adjourn Sarah M. moves, Kelly S. seconds. Adjourned 8:38pm

Next meeting October 19 7:30pm via Zoom