

Terrace Blueback Swim Club

Executive Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024 The Fairlie at the Via Rail Station

**In attendance:** Kelly Swain, Karen McMurray, Nola Sambo, Chris Street, Trish Goldsworthy, Crystal Thomas, Angie Coolin, Tracey Braam

**Regrets:** Karen Bergstreiser, Lisette Calkins, Dave Acal, Amanda Acal, Sarah Meijer,

**Guests:** Seth Downs

**Recording Secretary:** Sarah Grielens

1. **Call to Order** – 7:05pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda**- Kelly S. moves, Angie C. seconds. Carried.
3. **Old Business**
  - 3.1 **Approval of minutes from December 21, 2023**- Kelly S. moves, Angie C. seconds. Carried
4. **Reports**
  - 4.1 **Coach Report**- Chris Street and Crystal Thomas
    - Recent in- house Tri Meet had 67 swimmers participate
    - Electronics were a challenge but those issues are being addressed ahead of Regional Meet on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - The club needs to work on team spirit for each of the three colours.
    - Regional Meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> only has 31 Terrace swimmers declared at the moment. Some parents may not know that they have to declare their swimmers for this home meet. Reminder messaging to go out.
    - 5 confirmed swimmers attending Divisionals in Penticton with Coach Crystal
    - There are a few swimmers that could potentially qualify for this after the regional meet as well.
    - Gabe U. is confirmed to be attending the Man/Sask.
    - Arizona meet is not going to be planned.
    - Recent Christmas camp- the three Terrace swimmers did really well. They were easy to work with and responsive to Chris's coaching.
    - Spring Break Camp planned March 27-30 – this camp always runs the second week of Spring Break. Chris is working with the pool to get the lanes reserved. Billets and CRCs for billeting parents should be organized early.

- A few of our senior swimmers are dealing with injuries which has been challenging, but the dryland information has been good at supporting these. Kim will be away for a few sessions so it is proposed that Simone be approached to fill in.

#### **4.2 Chair Report – Karen McMurray**

- As presented in meeting package.
- All coaches are on track to be compliant and certified by March.
- Crystal is looking into getting her level 200
- Looking for assistance with communication review and edits.
- Recently attended a Northern Coaching conference which was very beneficial. One of the points that came out of this event was the need to explore tech options for pool deck. Currently coaches are using their phones for playback review for the swimmers. Ipad, or Go Pro budget proposal to be explored.
- Additional pool cubbies should be explored again. Previous quotes from the pool were very high \$6,000-\$11,000. With more bronze swimmers being encouraged to have their own training gear we need to build storage capacity. We also require a bulletin board. We have been told by the pool that once we deal with our current storage issue and clean up existing, they are agreeable to a bulletin board. Could our club build something and then have the pool install? Something with longevity and consistent with current pool style.
- The club also should explore purchasing backstroke wedges for the starter blocks. Available through team aquatic.

#### **4.3 Treasurer Report – Kelly Swain**

- Karen B. made up the income statement at the start of January. Purdy's fundraiser amount still not reflected as the cheque has not been deposited. \$1471.38 was the profit for the club with over \$5,600 sold.
- Gabby and Kaelyn have been added to the assistant coaching budget which is still healthy will more than enough to cover the remainder of the season even with these new additions.
- Reminder that the projections were adjusted at the start of the season. Originally passed at the AGM based on lower swimmer registrations and fundraising amounts.
- Corporate sponsorship amounts higher now as more funds have come in since December. The \$500.00 donation that our first prize raffle winner gave to the club is now moving to corporate sponsorship line item for West Point
- Rentals. Logo to go on flags.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 SC Safety Northwest Championships- Seth Downs**

- We need to send out a reminder for parents to declare for the Regional Meet as they may not know that they have to do this even for home meets.
- Tuesday 16th of January is the deadline for entries.
- Red and White official shirts have been ordered. Awards and medals are being made currently and ribbons have arrived.
- Starter system error at the mini meet has been fixed. It was a charging issue. Chris to bring Prince Rupert's system to the meet as a back up.
- 2 new parents currently signed up for Inspector of Turns hoping for more drop ins on Friday the 12th clinic. 9 new into to officiating parents attended last week.
- Still short on volunteers, another call out for volunteers needed.
- Tracey Braam confirmed as coordinator for both swimmers and volunteers food. Assistant still needed for this position.
- Ensure that Olgeird is present for intial electronics set up, but lots of pictures and videos of the tech set up were taken at the mini meet.
- Senior swimmers can be recruited to set up flags and false start rope and poles.
- Girard, the referee wants seperate stroke and turn judges if possible at this meet. This is challenging due to coach and tech set up on one side of the pool, as well as climbing wall location. Also we anticipate to be short on these volunteer positions. May have to combine the two.
- The pool has advised that they will not take down the climbing wall, even after mulitple coach complaints and swimmers injuries from diving. The pool has offered foam protection and removal of the grips as a compromise. Another lane rope could be purchased to give more of a barrier between lane 1 and the climbing wall.
- Heat Sheets to be printed Friday morning.
- Best time duck table to be run by Kelly S. and Karen M. , but this could be a good position for newer Red 2 parents.
- Action Item: Karen M to check printer cartridges.
- Need program and clothing sale volunteers as Lisette is not expected to attend.

## **5.2 SC Tech Budget Request – Karen McMurray**

- We have an active request to purchase a folding table that will fit on the balcony for the tech set up. This table will cost \$272
- Concerns that all cable lengths have not been measured to ensure they will reach from starting system up to the balcony.
- Concerns also that this meet is not the time to test a brand new location for the tech. We can work towards having it in place for June Regional meet.

- This extra long starting chord and table would fit into our existing meet supplies budgets and would not have to be brought forward as an additional approved budget expense.

6. **Adjournment** – Angie Coolin moves. 8:pm Adjournment.