

NOVEMBER 2, 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
FOR THE SASKATOON AQUALENES

In attendance were: Michele Smith, Cindy Yelland, Patti Carmichael, Barb Millard, Susan Nimilowich, Darlene Melvin, Brenda Frick, Valerie Lukash, Warren Lindberg, Raylene Matlock, Lisa Zintel, Roxanne Pearson, Jan Osborne, Lisa Leaper, Karen Parsons, Linette Wiebe, Maureen Graham, Brent Burbridge, Wanda Burbridge, Dianne Janzen, Gail Genest, Joan Cochrane, Manon Guenther, and Laurie Wachs.

Wanda moved to adopt the agenda and Roxanne seconded. Brent moved to adopt the AGM minutes from last year and Wanda seconded.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

There is currently about \$10,000.00 in the chequing account. Another deposit has yet to be made, but there are still outstanding pool bills from HBAC.

BUDGET:

Highlights of the budget: estimated income is \$80,964.50, and estimated expenses are \$80,050.00. If all goes well, we should have a surplus of about \$900.00 at the end of the year. Raylene noted that Saskatoon has the highest pool costs in Canada (\$85.00/hr to rent the deep tank). Thus, our pool costs make up the majority of the expenses at \$47,500.00. The next big expense is salaries, and this is estimated to be \$28,000.00. Raylene also noted that the SAQ coaches are the lowest paid swimming coaches in the city.

Brent wondered if we should acknowledge groups that give our club grants i.e. Synchro Sask and the City of Saskatoon, on our website. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea.

Valerie moved to adopt the budget, and Maureen seconded.

BINGO REPORT:

The club has already met their maximum earning potential for this year. More bingos will be made available to us in March of next year. The maximum earnings are calculated based on the number of athletes in the club.

JUNIOR NATIONALS:

The Junior Nationals meet hosted by our club in June 2005 was a big success. Lisa Leaper did a great job as meet manager!!

#### AFFILIATION REPORT:

This year our club has 7 National Stream swimmers, 22 Provincial Tier 1-4 swimmers, 14 recreational swimmers, and 10 short term swimmers. There are 8 coaches (and a few subs), 3 Synchro Sask board members, 1 star examiner, 17 parents/volunteers, and 8 club board members. The total fees submitted to Synchro Sask were \$4019.00.

Dianne moved to adopt this report and Susan seconded.

#### AWARDS REPORT:

There was nothing to report.

#### FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Dianne Janzen is in charge of fundraising. The club had a successful cookie dough drive. We are now in the process of selling Safeway coupon books. There will be a coffee fundraiser coming out in the next 1-2 weeks. We will be working a few evenings at the Willows manning the coat check during the Christmas season.

Possible fundraisers for 2006: Pizza Hut coupon books, Clodhoppers, meat fundraiser, bottle drives, and possibly a steak night held the evening of the awards?

Raylene has the fundraising book and club members can look at their fundraising numbers when requested. Dianne suggests that members keep good record themselves, to compare with the book numbers.

#### TRAVEL REPORT:

Jan has organized the travel arrangements for the upcoming Weyburn meet. A bus has been rented and will most likely leave early Saturday morning and arrive back home late Sunday night. The team will be staying at the Weyburn Inn (842-6543). The rooms are \$65.00/night. The coaches are responsible for room assignments for swimmers.

We are still not sure which teams will be going to Tier 6/7 Provincials in Regina.

#### WARDROBE:

Used wind suits are on sale for \$5.00 per suit. They are optional. The T-shirts are in for the Tier 1s. Manon has bathing suits, caps and nose clips for sale if anyone is interested.

#### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:

The club will be hosting 2 meets this year: one in January, and one in April. Val will send out sign up sheets closer to the time. She will be looking for timers for the routines, people to look after music, referees, scorekeepers, and runners.

#### HEAD COACH'S REPORT:

Laurie requested that the Christmas water show be cancelled this year. She feels that the main priority right now for the club is to get the Tier 1s read to pass their Star Level 3, and working on routines will distract from this goal. Perhaps the coaches could invite parents to a practice to watch what the swimmers have been working on. In lieu of the water show, it was suggested that perhaps the club could have a potluck supper sometime in December.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

There is still a board position to be filled; we need a parent liaison coordinator. There were no takers at this meeting.

The year end party/award night was discussed. It was suggested that it would be nice to have a dinner again; last year the awards were handed out at the spring water show. The awards banquet could maybe take the form of a steak night (a final fundraiser for the year).