

## **SAQ BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 10, 2008**

Present at the meeting were Brent Burbridge, Michele Smith, Cindy Yelland, Ken Melvin, Greg Willie, Wanda Burbridge, Barb Millard, Dianne Janzen, Patti Carmichael and Lisa Leaper.

The previous minutes were approved by Cindy Yelland and seconded by Michele Smith.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The balance of the bank account is low at \$7700.00. The March pool bill has not been received from HBAC. The bill from the YWCA for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season has not been received. There will be money coming in from Westerns but also money to be paid out for Westerns.

The club received \$500.00 from the Petro Care Community Partnership. We may need to look at getting a not for profit number, we are currently under the Rotary Club.

### **REGISTAR:**

Lisa is collecting the trophies back from last year's recipients in order to have them ready for this year's banquet.

### **TRAVEL COORDINATOR:**

Patti has the bus booked for MASY and rooms booked at the Travelodge. Jill's team is not coming to MASY.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

Glenn Thiessen is looking after the hockey draft and it is due this weekend. We did two months of the CNIB ticket sales at the malls. There will not be any other fundraising coming up for this season.

### **MEET MANAGER:**

Ken reported that not enough pool time was booked for Provincials. There will be a total of 87 swimmers at the Provincials. The pool is not available before noon on the Saturday. The duets will be Saturday evening and the solos on Sunday morning. Warm up will be at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and we have to out of the pool by 2 p.m. on

Sunday. Judges will not need a meal for Saturday noon but supper on Saturday and lunch on Sunday will have to be provided.

Synchro Sask is doing a table for merchandise.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Funding for Coaches for Westerns, Nationals, MASY:**

Coaches' rooms, travel and meals are usually paid by the club for Westerns, MASY, Nationals and ESPOIR. Laurie's cost is ½ covered by Synchro Sask.

It was decided that the club will pay up to \$500 for the coach's travel and hotel for MASY and \$750.00 per year to cover Laurie's expenses for different meets.

For next year we will have to look at which meets we are attending and how many swimmers will be attending and look at what is the best way to travel to the meets. This should be discussed at the AGM in the fall.

It was discussed a vote on travel options could be done by ballot at the year end banquet giving each family an opportunity to vote on their travel preference (ex. Bus versus private vehicle).

#### **Head Coaches Report:**

Laurie was able to get pool time at the YMCA for Saturday, April 12. Laurie apologized for the late notice re: cancellation on April 12<sup>th</sup>. She did not get the notice until late.

Laurie discussed some of the issues regarding coaches that are also swimming this season. There have been some complaints. This is the first year that coaches have also been swimmers. Some coaches perhaps took on more than they could handle. Laurie said communication needs to be improved for next year. More pool time is also needed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **User Group Meeting:**

HBAC will be closed July 28 to August 17, 2008. The Shaw Centre is scheduled to open Fall 2009. The first meet is booked there for early 2010. HBAC will remain open as per City Council. There is no time frame as to how long it will remain open and all operations will remain the same. The lifeguard's wages went up significantly (\$2-\$3 hour) in April so the pool bill will be higher.

If there are issues with lifeguards, the recreation director on duty should be notified as per Bruce.

There continues to be problems with thefts. Adding security cameras has been discussed. Please do not bring valuables to the pool.

**Request from Guenther family:**

The club received an email from Manon regarding the considerable expense involved with the process to be selected for the National team. As this process is under review with Synchro Canada the board decided to wait until we hear what the charges will be before we deal with this request.

**Dakota Dunes:**

The Dakota Dunes casino will give money to clubs for community development. There are a lot of clubs requesting funding. The criteria states that the recipients must be not for profit. Cindy will do a search to see if the club is incorporated or not.

**COSSC Boutique:**

This is the merchandise available for Nationals. Clothing can be ordered ahead of time; Laurie has sent the order form to Tier 6-7 families.

**Catherine Garceau – Olympic Medalist Speaker:**

Catherine is a retired Olympic athlete. She swam with the National A Synchro team. She is doing a motivational speaking tour. She is working on a campaign to have chlorine taken out of the pools and is developing a flexibility program. She will be touring Western Canada at the end of April or beginning of May. The cost would be approximately \$50 per athlete. We would need a guaranteed amount of approximately \$250-\$300.

**New Zealand National Synchro Championship:**

This competition will start October 2, 2008. Laurie will meet with the older athlete's parents regarding this competition.

**Other Business:**

A meeting needs to be held regarding the Summer Games team, it is likely that there will not be try outs.

The coaches will get together at the end of the month to select award recipients for the year end banquet.

Laurie sent in a complaint to HBAC regarding a maintenance worker.

**Banquet:**

The year end banquet will be held on June 12, 2008 at the Riverside Golf and Country Club. The souvlaki buffet meal was the cheapest item available. The price will likely work out to be around \$22 for adults and \$15 for children. For an extra \$100 endless pop will be available. Tickets will be printed up before the recreational swimming program is over.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Burbridge residence.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

April 26-27, 2008 Tier 1-5 Provincials, Saskatoon

May 7-11, 2008 Canadian Open Synchro Championships, Tier 7 – Sherbrooke, Quebec

May 29-June 1, 2008 – MASYS – Regina

June 4-8, 2008 – ESPOIR – Tier 6 Championships – Edmonton

August 3-6, 2008 – Saskatchewan Summer Games - Lloydminster