

SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 BOARD MEETING FOR THE SASKATOON AQUALENES

In attendance were: Dianne Janzen, Roxanne Pearson, Lisa Leaper, Raylene Matlock, Warren Lindberg, Wanda Burbridge, Brent Burbridge, Valerie Lukash, and Laurie Wachs.

Lisa approved the minutes of the previous board meeting and Wanda seconded.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Roxanne Pearson has taken over the duties of treasurer.

REGISTRATION:

There are 3 Tier 1 teams; Amy Smith will coach the youngest girls, Tara will coach the “middle” group of girls, and Carrie and Pam will coach the “senior” Tier 1 team. There is a rec team that will be coached by Lindsay Thompson (formerly from Killarney Synchro). There are 2 Aquagiggles 2 swimmers, and they will be coached by Chelsea. The Aquagiggles 1 team will be coached by Laurie and Amy. The Tier 3/4 will be coached by Laura, Amy, and Tara. The duet from Wynyard will be coached by Pam and Amy, and the Tier 6/7s will be coached by Laurie. There are several girls interested in duets and solos too.

Laurie feels that the club numbers are OK, but we could still do better. We brainstormed a bit about how to increase awareness/interest in the sport. Laurie would like to do some school promos, especially in our athletes’ schools. Once she has a list of schools that our girls attend she will try to contact them about doing a talk. Laurie also feels that the first coaching year is critical in retention of new athletes.

We will have “bring a friend days” on Sept 30/Oct 1 for rec swimmers, and on Sept 24 for Tier 1s.

BINGO:

Raylene has taken over looking after the bingos. She has the schedule of available bingos (and they are also posted on the website). We will have 3 bingo each month for Sept, Oct, and Nov, and 4 (and possibly 5) in Dec.

JUNIOR NATIONALS:

Lisa is still waiting on a cheque from the City of Saskatoon, but she anticipates that the total profit to the SAQ from this meet will be about \$8000.00.

BUDGET:

Highlights of the 2005/06 budget are: estimated income of 80,964.50 and expenses of 80,050.00. The advertising budget was increased slightly to 1,500.00. All coaches' salaries will be increased by 6%. This will bring the lower level coaches up to minimum wage.

Raylene has all the details re the budget. It will also be presented at the AGM. The board unanimously accepted the budget.

FUNDRAISING:

Masy teams will try to do a bottle drive early next spring.

We will be selling Safeway coupon books; we buy the books at \$12/book and sell them for \$20/book. Other possible fundraising ideas: hams &/or poinsettias for Christmas and Lift Off (a herbal product available through Herbalife). We also discussed doing a steak/pasta night; this could be combined with the awards dinner. Possible venues are Foxy's and the Willows.

For next year we need to make the fundraising requirements and buyouts equal. Val moved to make this change and Roxanne seconded.

CLOTHING:

Need to set a date for wardrobe night. It was felt that the Tier 1 teams probably do not need to get wind suits this year; perhaps they could all get club T-shirts and black stretch pants??

MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS:

We will donate \$10.00 to the downtown bingo for their "Championship Bingo".

The club received info re the Michelle Cameron Invitational meet in Calgary. It is a meet for Tier 1-7 and is hosted by the Calgary Aquabelles. The dates are Feb 3-5, 2006.

The SAQ was asked if they would like to put an ad in the program for The Sport Hall of Fame dinner where Leslie Wright will be inducted. The cost is \$100.00. The board declined this offer.

BOARD POSITIONS:

President: Raylene Matlock
Past President: Brenda Weselowski
Vice-President: Lisa Leaper
Head Coach: Laurie Wachs

Secretary: Wanda Burbridge
Treasurer: Roxanne Pearson
Fundraising: Dianne Janzen
Bingo: Raylene Matlock
Travel: Jan Wilfong
Registrar/Awards: Lisa Leaper
Wardrobe: Manon Guenther
Newsletter/Website: Brent Burbridge
Team Parent Coordinator: vacant
Social: Wanda Burbridge
Volunteer: Valerie Lukash
Equipment: Warren Lindberg
Meet/Meat Manager: Brent Burbridge

TEAM PARENTS:

Team parents need to be selected at the upcoming team meetings; their names should also be posted on the website.

WEBSITE:

Brent gave a very informative demo on how to add info to the web site.

BOARD CREDITS:

In the past, when the club has had extra money at the end of the year, credits have been applied to board members swimming accounts. Do we want to do this?? Some people felt that volunteers should not be paid, and that the money could be better spent elsewhere e.g. increasing coaches' salaries or giving Christmas bonuses to coaches, etc. Board members were asked to think about this and we will discuss it again at the next meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Halloween Party: Saturday, Oct. 29 from 3-4:30PM at the YWCA
Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, November 2 at 6:00PM at HBAC, meeting room?
Christmas Water Show: Sunday, Dec. 4

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS:

Monday, Oct. 17, 7:00PM at Raylene's
Monday, Nov. 14, 7:00PM at Raylene's