

## **SASKATOON AQUALENES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 1, 2008**

Present at the meeting were: Wanda Burbridge, Brent Burbridge, Dianne Janzen, Susan Nihilowich, Kim Hargreaves, Michelle Foster, Cindy Yelland, Michele Smith, Debra Kokott, Dave McGillivray, Gregg Willie, Debbie Anderson, Kelly Brophy, Darlene Melvin, Monica Thiessen, Merv Easton, Patti Carmichael, Megan Ernst, Ken Melvin, Mrs. Obayan, Laurie Wachs and Barb Millard.

Dianne Janzen adopted the agenda. Gregg Willie adopted the previous minutes and Wanda Burbridge seconded.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

None

### **TRAVEL COORDINATOR:**

Patti reported that she is working with four different bus companies and it is difficult to book as the bus companies are very busy. The coaches pick who will stay in which room for out of town competitions. The team parent will do a draw to decide who will chaperone for each competition. If there are any concerns regarding travel all members should contact Brent or Patti.

### **REGISTRAR:**

Cindy reports that all went well with registration.

### **WARDROBE:**

Cindy has black bathing suits for sale at a good price. Wardrobe night will likely be held on October 15. Team jackets are necessary. Jackets can be sized on wardrobe night if necessary.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

The steak nite being held on November 6 is a mandatory club fundraiser. Four tickets had to be purchased by each family at registration. There will be a 50/50 draw and silent auction. Donations of door prizes are needed. All prizes can be given to Dianne or Wanda.

There are other fundraisers for personal fundraising such as working at events at Credit Union Centre and TCU Place. If a swimmer raises over the required fundraising amount those funds can be spent on pool costs, travel and equipment.

### **MEET MANAGER:**

The only meet to be held in Saskatoon this year is the Tier 6/7 Provincials on February 28-March 1, 2009. The pool time has been booked. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

### **FINANCIAL:**

Michele received the books back from the accountant today. The current balance is \$12,000.00. There will be \$1500.00 owing to the accountant. Approximately \$5000.00 will go to individual accounts.

### **BUDGET:**

Brent noted that developing the 2008/2009 budget was a challenge and that we need to look at more activities and fundraising to fund the club. The two major costs are pool time and coaching costs. The budget will be monitored tightly by the board.

Ken Melvin made a motion to adopt the 2008/2009 budget, seconded by Susan Nimilowich.

### **ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

All vacancies were by acclamation.

Vice President – Gregg Willie  
Awards – Barb Millard  
Bingos – Dianne Janzen  
Social – Debra Kokott  
Registrar – Cindy Yelland  
Volunteer Coordinator – Susan Nimilowich  
Team Parent Rep – Wanda Burbridge

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The major meets and camps are listed on the website. There will be more travelling this year.

### **NATIONAL SPORTS TRUST FUND:**

This fund gives the club the opportunity to raise money. The club has applied to Sask Sport. Sask Sport issues a project number which is valid for five years. There will be an account that anybody can make donations to. People can donate money to the club through the Saskatoon Aqualenes Athlete Enhancement Fund. The funds donated are not

for personal use. The funds are to be used by the club for general funding. The form is located on the website.

### **SHOP & SUPPORT FUNDRAISER:**

Patti told the attendees more about the Shop&Support.ca fundraiser where gift cards from brand name businesses are purchased. Members of the club purchase these gift cards and a percentage goes back to the club. The percentages range from 3 to 20%. The split of the percentages going back to the club will be 25% to the swimmer's individual fundraising account and 75% to the club. The money part of this fundraiser will be controlled by Michele. This is a voluntary fundraiser funding both the club and the swimmer's individual fundraising account. Cards would be ordered once a month to start with. Recreational swimmers can also participate in this program and can use the funds towards their fees. Adults will have to sign for the cards. Patti will email information to the members. The club agreed to proceed with the fundraiser.

### **GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS:**

Brent is working on the Dakota Dunes grant. Gregg will be working on obtaining other grants and sponsorships. If anyone from the membership has ideas for grants or sponsorships they should contact Brent or Gregg.

### **FUTURE MEETS:**

Brent brought up the possibility of hosting of MASY in 2010. MASY is held in the spring, usually in May. The club often makes money by hosting a large meet. The new pool will be open in the fall of 2009. There is also the possibility of hosting ESPOIR or Westerns. The club has to apply to Synchron Canada to approve our club to host ESPOIR or Westerns in 2011. It was noted that provincial meets do not bring in any revenue. It was also noted that parents will need to volunteer to order for the club to host these large meets. Parents may have to take time off from work in order to volunteer. The membership agreed that the club will write to Synchron Canada about hosting Westerns in 2011.

### **HEAD COACHES REPORT:**

Laurie reported that there are many recreational swimmers at the YWCA. The recreational program is held at the YWCA and it is a better environment for the younger swimmers with the pool being warmer. There is a good coaching staff this year. Laurie noted that she works for the Aqualenes half time and for Synchron Sask half time. If the membership has any questions or concerns regarding the coaching or programming they should contact Laurie by phone or email.

Gregg Willie motioned for the meeting to be adjourned.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 22, 2008 - Board Meeting at the Burbridges at 7:30 p.m.

November 1 & 2, 2008 – Excellence and Development Camp - Regina

November 6, 2008 – SAQ Steak Nite - Odeon

November 29 & 30, 2008 - Fall Figure Competition and Development Camp - Estevan

December 13 & 14, 2008 – Excellence Camp – Saskatoon

January 10 & 11, 2009 – Excellence and Development Camp – Saskatoon

January 24 & 25, 2009 – Sask Invite – Regina

February 28 – March 1, 2009 – Tier 6/7 Provincials – Saskatoon

April 25 & 26, 2009 – Tier 1-5 Provincials – Regina

March 26-29, 2009 – Westerns – Nanaimo, BC

May 21-24, 2009 – MASY – Edmonton, Alberta

June 3-7, 2009 – ESPOIR – London, Ontario