

**SAQ BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2009**

Present at the meeting were: Deb Kokott, Susan Nimilowich, Ken Melvin, Brent Burbridge, Michele Smith, Barb Millard, Dianne Janzen, Patti Carmichael, Gregg Willie, Cindy Yelland and Laurie Wachs.

The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted by Dianne Janzen and seconded by Brent Burbridge.

The agenda was accepted by Barb Millard and seconded by Michele Smith.

TREASURER'S:

The balance in the general account is \$14,000.00 and the balance in the fundraising account is \$3900.00. The bingo account balance is zero. Michele is waiting for a copy of the pool bill for December before she can pay it. The January pool bill has been paid. The YWCA pool bill is paid.

PRESIDENT:

The City of Saskatoon will be hosting a grand opening for the Shaw Centre on either September 19 or September 26, 2009. Further notification on this will sent out at a later date. The turnover date will be some time in June 2009. The centre will be open for camps etc. in the summer to test out the facility.

Synchro Sask held a meeting regarding the future of synchronized swimming in the Saskatchewan summer games. It is felt that there is insufficient synchro participation. The number of athletes attending in synchro is 60% and there are other sports wanting to be able to attend the games. Most of the clubs felt that synchro should be part of the Winter Games. This may be a problem for the zones that Weyburn and Estevan belong to. It was agreed to keep the age range of 11-15. Synchro Sask will apply to have synchronized swimming transferred to the Winter games. It is felt that Synchro Sask must become more involved in promoting the sport for the games.

FUNDRAISING:

The Mom's Pantry orders went in today and the Lamontagne Easter Chocolates went out to club members today. We will do the April CNIB raffle.

Lamontagne is promoting a new program called MyParentrewards.com. It promotes online coupons from local and national merchants. Interested families must purchase a card for \$19.99 which will be activated online. Once activated, families can order coupons and the club will get \$7.00 for each activation. Dianne will proceed with activating the club and will email out information to the club members.

Fundraising Committee:

Discussion was held regarding the proposals made by Dianne and Michele. They will make some amendments to the proposals and will bring back to the board.

SHOP AND SUPPORT.CA:

Orders will be due on March 11 with pickup on March 18th.

TRAVEL:

The Wingate by Wyndham is booked for Tier 1-5 Provincials in April. The rate is \$149.00 which is \$20 more than in January 2009. There are no costs available for the Regina or Edmonton trips yet. For MASY the Coast Hotel is \$99 per night and breakfast is not included. The Days Inn South is \$130 per night with breakfast included and the rooms have microwaves and fridges. If we leave on the Thursday we will run over the 13 hour time limit if we need the driver for the banquet. It was decided that the bus should leave Saskatoon on the Wednesday. Laurie is available to go to Edmonton if the board agrees. Crystal will not be going to Edmonton. Crystal is attending Tier 1-5 Provincials in Regina and it must be clear which club she is going for in regards to costing. Brent will email her if both clubs should be sharing the costs.

MEET MANAGER:

Ken says everything is ready to go for Tier 6/7 Provincials this weekend. It was decided not to hold a referee's clinic prior to the meet as only four parents were interested in attending and two of the parents had attended before. Barb has the awards ready to go. We may need to look at some changes for music format for next year.

The City of Saskatoon hosting grant will be pursued by our club for May 2010. Our club will be hosting Sask Invite and MASY in 2010. The two date choices for Sask Invite are Jan 23/24 or Jan 30/31. It was agreed that Jan 30/31 would be the club's first choice. The dates for MASY are May 27, 28, 29 and 30th. Regina will host Tier 6/7 and Tier 1-5 Provincials in 2010.

If our club is not able to host a large meet it is possible to have Sask Sport Tourism take over the meet and organize it.

REGISTRAR:

Cindy is registering the club for upcoming competitions.

Carmen has given notice and will not make the suits for next year. Cindy suggested that maybe we could ask her to make only the suits for the solos. Laurie said there are other companies out there that make suits.

EXCELLENCE PROGRAM:

Brent is ready to submit the application for this year. He estimates with the point total for club that we may receive \$100-\$200. He indicated that the application process takes an extreme amount of time for the amount of money that we may receive. There are two goals for this program: 1) to make clubs more efficient, recruit coaches etc. 2) streamline to go on a national team.

It suggested that clubs need to purchase a \$750 registration program. Kathleen Reynolds with Synchro Sask will be looking into this.

HEAD COACHES REPORT:

The board is to discuss recommendations to all competitive parents regarding attendance. Teams must streamline their vacation time in the future.

The Tier 1-3 camp went well. Laurie gave recommendations from the camp to the coaches.

Laurie may not be able to attend Tier 1-5 Provincials as Nationals are the next week.

Laurie would like to form a committee with some parents to work on summer programming. Patti indicated that she is interested.

Laurie would like the club to purchase another video camera. We will wait to hear the results of the Synchro Sask grant first.

Laurie suggested that when we are in the new pool that a committee should be formed to look at ways to increase our membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carrie Demmans Epp has requested financial support from the club to support her in a training program. The board has agreed to pay the maximum of \$200.00 to support Carrie in her training with an expectation of a commitment to a higher level of coaching in the future.

Brittany Leaper has requested to attend Tier 1-5 Provincials for personal development. The club agreed to cover some of her costs.

The board has agreed that the coaches will be able to participate in fundraising activities such Shop and Support.ca The coaches will have individual fundraising accounts that can be used for development and training. This will be voluntary for the coaches and Brent will email the coaches to let them know about this option.

The year end banquet will be held on June 9, 2009.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brent.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Burbridge's.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 18, 2009 – Board Meeting at the Burbridge's at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

May 6-12, 2009 – COSSC/National Team Trials – Quebec City, Quebec

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

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