

**SAQ BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2009**

Present at the meeting were Barb Millard, Patti Carmichael, Dianne Janzen, Ken Melvin, Gregg Willie, Brent Burbridge, Glenn Thiessen, Laurie Wachs, Michele Smith and Deb Kokott.

The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted by Ken Melvin seconded by Brent Burbridge.

The agenda was accepted by Gregg Willie and seconded by Patti Carmichael.

**TREASURER'S:**

The balance in the general account is \$14,600.00 and the balance in the fundraising account is \$3,800.00. The pool bill is paid until November 30, 2008. The balance in the Bingo account is \$1730.00. This amount will be used towards pool bills.

Michele to check with Raylene about stale dated Bingo cheques.

We have \$1400.00 in the National Sports Trust Fund. This amount is held for 90 days and then we can ask for the money. The club should send out letters of recognition to those who donated to the fund.

**PRESIDENT:**

Brent reported that the Shaw Centre is planning a gala event along with their grand opening to be held sometime in September 2009.

Brent had the minutes from the President's meeting in Estevan. He said nothing was really applicable to our club. Brent and Gregg will compile fundraising strategies from all clubs and send to Synchro Sask. The small clubs have lower pool costs and no coaching costs as coaches are all volunteers.

Brent stated that maybe it not worthwhile, cost wise, to send the President to this meeting in the future and perhaps maybe a delegate could attend.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Gregg has completed a couple of grant applications but has received nothing back yet. He will look into the GM Dreams grant.

**FUNDRAISING:**

Dianne is getting the Bingo license renewed.

Synchro Canada sent out information on a draw they are having. Tickets are being sold for \$20 with 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Las Vegas trip, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Ipod, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – swimsuit. The proceeds of tickets sales would be a 50/50 split between Synchro Canada and the selling club. The board decided not to proceed with the ticket sales.

The club will be selling tickets for the CNIB Car Raffle. We are selling tickets at the malls from January to March. The sign-up sheets are out. Mom's Pantry sales will start in February and we will sell Lamontagne chocolates for Easter. The club will work at a BBQ at the Canadian Tire at Preston Crossing about two weeks before MASY. Glenn Thiessen will organize a hockey draft for the play-offs.

In late summer we will participate in the Community Living raffle.

Dianne and Michele will continue to work on the wording of the fundraising strategies.

### **SHOP AND SUPPORT.CA:**

Patti reported that there have been a few issues with the first two orders. The delivery of the order to Patti will now be the responsibility of Purolator Courier. From the first two orders the club has made \$464.41 and the swimmers have made \$154.82. The next order will be done the first week of February.

### **TRAVEL:**

For the Regina meet on January 24-25 there will be 33 travelling on the bus. The cost for the bus will be \$72.73 per person. The cost for the bus for three days is \$2400.00. The club pays for the coaches' per diem and the swimmers pay for the chaperones per diem. The bus will leave at 7:15 p.m. from the Centre at Circle and 8<sup>th</sup>. Patti indicated that the club will likely stay at the Coast Hotel for MASY. The departure date will likely be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> hopefully after school.

### **MEET MANAGER:**

Ken is working on the schedule for the Tier 6/7 Provincials to be held on February 28 and March 1<sup>st</sup>. The meet will start at 10:30 a.m. on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Ken has booked lots of pool time. We will not need referee training. We will be using digital music and Gregg and Brent will run the music. The registration deadline is right after Sask Invite. We will have the pre-competition pizza night possibly on February 4 or 11<sup>th</sup>. This will give volunteers a chance to sign-up. We will have a 50/50 raffle at the competition and will sell tickets both days and the draw will be Sunday morning. Deb Kokott is looking after Hospitality for the judges.

### **REGISTRAR:**

There are four children who would like to take part in “Learn to Synchro”. Lindsay Geisler will coach this session.

**HEAD COACH:**

The spring water show will be held on Sunday, May 3 during the 5-7 p.m. swim time.

There is to be no visiting among the coaches during swimming. Laurie has talked to the coaches about this.

Synchro Sask is planning a spring camp in Yorkton. Our club will not be attending.

If swimmers are going to be away during the February break they need to let the coaches know.

Tina will be coming to Saskatoon on January 31<sup>st</sup> to work with the recreational swimmers.

Laurie mentioned that this is a difficult time of year for the swimmers and they need to remember to focus on what’s coming up next. At this time of year the swimmers are often tired and want to quit.

Laurie said she would like to get more clinicians such as sports psychologist to work with the swimmers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board is not in favour of offering a rebate to a Tier 1 family. Brent will address this in writing to the family. Laurie had emailed the family the option of Crystal doing a ½ hour duet practice with these swimmers while Brittany works with the rest of the Aquagiggles.

Synchro Canada is offering the Club Excellence program. It is an evaluation program which evaluates the club and then based on the points they are awarded; the club could receive more money from Synchro Canada.

Gregg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michele.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Burbridge’s.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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 – MASYS – Edmonton, Alberta  
June 3-7, 2009 – ESPOIR – London, Ontario