

**SAQ BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2008**

Present at the meeting were: Allan Genest, Brent Burbridge, Michele Smith, Dianne Janzen, Carole Sabourin, Barb Millard, Cindy Yelland, Wanda Burbridge, Lisa Leaper, Patti Carmichael, Raylene Matlock and Ken Melvin.

The previous minutes were approved by Dianne Janzen and seconded by Michele Smith.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The balance in the general account is \$19,000.00. All bills are paid up to date. The books are back from the accountants. Swimmers are to pay for their own star testing.

BINGO:

Raylene reported that the bingos have not been doing that well lately. She will report back when she hears more on this.

FUNDRAISING:

The club will be doing an Easter chocolate fundraiser through Lamontagne. The profit is 47.5%. These chocolates will be given out in mid February.

There was a suggestion to do a hockey pool for the playoffs.

Raylene is going to look into a perogy supper fundraiser for the club.

VICE-PRESENT:

There are no grants available at this time.

SAQ HANDBOOK:

The handbook has been updated and is on the website. One copy will be printed out for each team. That copy will be given to the team parent. One copy will also be kept in the lockbox at the pool.

TRAVEL:

Patti reported that it is difficult to get buses for out of town travel. The bus companies are busy due to hockey trips etc. There are 42 people booked on a 55 passenger bus for the trip to Sask Invite. The trip is going to be expensive. Tier 7's are not going on the bus. There will be no mileage paid to coaches for this meet. The club will cover \$1000 of the cost of this trip.

MEET MANAGER:

Ken has the preliminary package for the Tier 6/7 Provincials on Mar 1-2/08. There will be no merchandise or athlete hospitality.

For the Tier 1-5 Provincials in April, there will be double the number athletes of the March meet. The competition will go late on Saturday night. The older swimmers can swim later in the evening. We can start early on Sunday morning but must be done by Sunday at noon. HBAC is OK with these plans.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS:

The issue of criminal record checks for volunteers has been put on the agenda for the AGM for Synchro Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN SUMMER GAMES:

Saskatoon is a zone. There are possibly 13 swimmers in our club that may be interested in trying out. There are possibly 2 swimmers from the Orca club interested. Synchro Sask has a format for trying out. Only 9 swimmers will be chosen. If more than 9 are interested then we will have to have tryouts (trials). We need to find out exactly who is interested from the eligibility list. We need to have a meeting for all interested eligible swimmers. Parents will need to help out. Orca parents will be welcome too if they are interested. Laurie will set up a meeting with age eligible families.

HEAD COACHES REPORT:

Laurie would like the club to consider bringing in an acrobatics/gymnastic coach, Marta, to do land training with the club. Land training is essential for future development. Wednesday would work well as mats and pool space are available. The cost may be approximately \$50 per hour for coaching. This extra cost is covered the parents.

The extra pool times for February are:

Wednesday, February 20th – 10 a.m. – noon

Thursday, February 21st – 10 a.m. – noon

Friday, February 22nd – 8 a.m. – noon

The weekend of Sask Invite (Feb 2 and 3) pool time is cancelled at HBAC.

Laurie has four Tier 6 level swimmers coming from the U.S. on March 11-14/08. She is asking if they can swim during our regular swim times. The board agreed to this proposal. The swimmers are to be charged \$10 per hour per swimmer. The club will ask for billets for these swimmers. They will arrive on March 10, 2008.

SYNCHRO SASK BOARD MEETING:

Laurie and Brent both attended.

MASY:

Two clubs from B.C. have requested to attend MASY 2008. The board agreed to this and stated that we do not want to cap the number of clubs attending this meet.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 1-2, 2008 – Tier 6/7 Provincials – Saskatoon

April 3-6, 2008 – Westerns – Winnipeg

April 26, 2008 – Synchro Sask AGM

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 – MASY, Regina

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

Aug 3-6, 2008 – Saskatchewan Summer Games

The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.