

**SAQ BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009**

Present at the meeting were: Gregg Willie, Kim Hargreaves, Michelle Knaus, Susan Nihilowich, Brent Burbridge, Cindy Yelland, Deb Kokott, Patti Carmichael, Ken Melvin, Glenn Thiessen, Laurie Wachs, Don Clifford and Barb Millard.

The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted by Ken Melvin and seconded by Susan Nihilowich.

The agenda was accepted by Barb Millard and seconded by Brent Burbridge.

HEAD COACHES REPORT:

The Excellence camp will be held in Saskatoon on November 7, 2009. The participants in the camp will be sharing the pool with our club. Cost sharing will be done with Synchro Sask. We will also be sharing the pool for the camp in January.

The 3-5 p.m. pool time on November 21, 2009 will be left for the recreational swimmers. There is a development camp in Regina on December 12-13. The last practice before Christmas will be December 21st. Practices will begin again on January 4, 2010.

Laurie will be attending the Fall Coaching Summit from October 29 – November 1, 2009. This is paid for by Synchro Sask. Laurie will also be attending the FINA Conference from November 28 – December 2, 2009. The cost is covered by a grant with Synchro Sask and Coaching Saskatchewan.

Laurie will ask the coaches to organize a Halloween party.

Laurie has met with the parents from Sam's team. She will find out if Chelsea is interested in coaching this team, if not, she will offer the position to Lindsay. There may have to be a change to their practice time.

A suggested rate for Lesley Wright to coach dryland would be \$20.00. The board could give Laurie a proposed dryland budget. She may want to switch or rotate dryland coaches on a frequent basis.

Ken Melvin made a motion that the club will provide a \$1,000.00 budget to cover the cost of dryland clinicians. This budget is to be used at Laurie's discretion. The cost of the room is to be covered in this budget. This motion was seconded by Cindy Yelland. All were in favour.

Cindy Yelland made a motion that the cost of the choreography camp being held on November 6, 2009 will be covered by the participating swimmers. Patti Carmichael seconded the motion. All were in favour.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance in the general account is \$30, 153.66 and the balance in the bingo account is \$11,452.45.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

This synchro season has had a rough start. All board members must remember that we are all here for the benefit of our children. Ken suggested that we try cleaning the slate and start working together.

The issue of swimmers staying in a room without chaperones has been raised. Brent suggested that hotel policies be checked and added that travel has always been an issue. Patti reported that the Room Keeper's Act says that you must be 18 with a credit card to rent a room. When she spoke to five different hotel chains General Managers followed the 18 with a credit card rule and wanted an adult in each room. When she spoke to anyone at a front desk some said they allow 16 year olds alone with an adult in a nearby room (however for all of the hotels that we've booked to date they will not guarantee that they can give us rooms side by side or even on the same floor). She clarified this with the Yorkton Days Inn and they said there must be an adult in each room. At the combo team parent's meeting those parents will decide what is best for their team and the discussion from this meeting must be reported back to the board.

In the future any serious travel concerns causing issues must be discussed as a board.

TRAVEL:

Patti will book a block of rooms for Westerns at the Days Inn in Edmonton.

MEET MANAGER:

Ken reported that not many people have stepped forward to volunteer to be on committees for MASY. The Travelodge has been confirmed as the host hotel. The first information package should go by mid-November. Synchro Sask is responsible for ordering the ribbons and medals.

Dianne Lemon is being invited to present the awards at the Diane Lemon Invitational in January 2010.

Sign up sheets for committee volunteers for MASY will be sent out.

TEAM PARENT:

Michelle was briefed on the team parent duties. She will need the names of the team parents.

REGISTRAR:

Cindy reported that she is still getting some registrations.

WARDROBE:

Wardrobe Day will be held on Saturday, October 17th. Team jackets will be ordered on October 20th. Laurie and Laura need to decide on competition suits.

NEW BUSINESS:

User Group Meeting: The pool temperature at the Shaw Centre takes three times as long to adjust as Harry Bailey. The parking lot will have new lines and light are being installed in the parking lot. Harry Bailey is being designated as a recreational pool. The City will provide training for the scoreboard. Any safety problems and issues must be reported to the City. The music system should be installed in three weeks.

Late registrations: If swimmers are late registering, fees will be pro-rated.

Display Cases: Our club has display cases at both pools. Teams can take turns decorating the cabinet according to a schedule (same as last year). The Harry Bailey display case can be used for advertising.

Website: Brent will continue as on our webmaster for the next year.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held either November 16 or November 23. Gregg will send out an email to confirm.

Cindy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Deb.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

High Performance Camp – November 7-8, 2009 – Saskatoon

SAQ Board Meeting – November 16, 2009 – 5:45 p.m., Tommy Douglas Meeting Room

Skills Competition/Synchro Sask Banquet – November 21-22, 2009 – Yorkton

High Performance Camp – December 12-13, 2009 – Regina

High Performance Camp – January 9-10, 2010 – Saskatoon

Diane Lemon Invitational Meet (formerly Sask Invite) – January 30-31, 2010 – Saskatoon

Tier 6/7 Provincials – February 27-28, 2010 – Regina

Westerns – March 25-28, 2010 – Edmonton

Synchro Sask AGM – April 16, 2010 – Regina

Tier 1-5 Provincials – April 17-18, 2010 – Regina

Canadian Open Synchro Swimming Championships–April 28-May 4, 2010–Location
TBA
MASY – May 27-30, 2010 – Saskatoon
Espoir Nationals – June 2-8, 2010 - Montreal