

**SAQ BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2007**

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

The previous minutes were approved by Cindy Yelland and approved by Michele Smith.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Michele is paying the pool bill from the Bingo account keeping the account balance close to zero. The general account has a \$13,000.00 balance. Minimum wage is going up in January 2008. Michele made a motion to increase the wages in January 2008 and May 2008 to match the minimum wage increase. Patti seconded the motion. All were in favour. The mileage paid by the club may have to be reviewed in January 2008. It was suggested to check with Sask Sport to see what they pay for mileage.

\$4,200.00 was paid to Synchro Sask for affiliation fees.

Michele and Brent will look after changing the signing authority with the bank.

VICE PRESIDENT:

The map grant cheque of \$2634.00 has been received.

Allan will look after the grants and will send an email with the actual grants and numbers to the board members.

FUNDRAISING:

Dianne reported that there was very good participation in the Lamontagne fundraiser. The cookie dough orders are due October 31st. The Willows coat checks will be done in the last four weeks before Christmas. She hasn't heard from the WDM yet. The bottle drive is being held on November 3rd. The money earned from the bottle drive goes in each participating family's fundraising account.

SOCIAL:

Wanda reported 45 bowlers including coaches and 30 parents will be attending the bowling social. A synchro jacket will be the prize for the best costume and the coaches will be the judges.

TRAVEL:

It is going to be too expensive to take the bus to the North Battleford meet on November 24 and 25th. Each team will coordinate their transportation in private vehicles. The team members will ride with their chaperones. Coaches will assign the swimmers to chaperones. The coaches will set the agenda. Chaperones are responsible 24 hours a day. Chaperone costs will be covered. Team parents will decide on who will chaperone. The hotel is the Golden Eagle Lodge if parents want to book rooms.

Brent asked that all board members review the SAQ handbook and give any feedback to him.

MEET MANAGER:

Ken attended the user group meeting at the pool and reported no problems. The membership in all four user groups has increased. There have been some problems with lifeguards. Permanent lockers are available for the coaches. The City of Saskatoon is very short of lifeguards and is encouraging clubs to let their swimmers know there are available positions.

PARENT COORDINATOR:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Positions: All board positions are filled at this time.

Cabinet – Jeux Canada Games Grant: There was \$450.00 left over. A new cabinet is being built for AV equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

WARDROBE:

All competitive swimmers will be getting new jackets. The bottle drive on Nov 3rd is a fundraiser for jackets. The club will buy jackets for all coaches. As the club is buying the jackets, when a coach leaves the club they can either return the jackets or buy them out.

HIGH PERFORMANCE:

Laura will talk to the parents on her team, are they interested in the high performance camp? Parents and swimmers will need to commit to the extra time. The training camp in Regina on Dec 8 and 9th may be switched due to Synchron Canada conflicts.

COACHES REPORT:

Star testing will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2007. Re-testing can be done up until the end of December 2007. Phase I of the dry land program has been given out to all club members. Three other phases will be given out. The seniors have the full book already.

At least one rep from our club is needed to represent the Aqualenes with Synchro Sask. Brent will email club members to see if anyone is interested.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Photo Cabinet: The key for the photo cabinet is at the front desk at HBAC. Team names will be put in a hat and names will be drawn to see who is responsible for the cabinet for each month. All teams will be notified of the month that they are responsible. Brent will do the draw.

Synchro Sask needs donations for a silent auction for the banquet in North Battleford on November 24th. Dianne will check the prizes she has on hand. The club will make a \$50-\$75 donation.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Burbridge residence.