

2017-03-14 Aquajets Board Minutes

Present: Elissa Carney, David Nelson, Mary Meuret, Doug Olmer, Nick Cleveland, Marie Stelling, Karen Spray, Stacy Jacobs, Renee Cleveland

Treasurer's Report: Karen provided a detailed treasurer report.

Summer Practice:

Start Date: May 1st after school from 4-6pm Mon-Thurs until May 25th.

May 30th 5:30-7:30am for older swimmers, 11:30-12:30 for younger swimmers for 2 weeks.

June 12th, move to Aquaventure 7am-9am for older swimmers, 8am-9am for younger swimmers. May offer an earlier morning option if there is demand by swimmers enrolled in summer school. Dave will communicate with the swimmers to determine need for this.

Summer Meets:

June 17-18 - Yankton

June 24th - Sioux City

July 8-9 - Hastings

July 22-23 - Kearney

July 27-30 - Midwestern Championships

Coaches Clinic:

MW is offering a coaches clinic in April. Aquajets are willing to reimburse current coaches up to \$300 total to cover registration, travel and lodging for any coaches who want to attend. If more than one coach attends, the \$300 would be split among the attendees. Registration is \$75 per coach.

Volunteers:

Concession Stand: we are in need of a parent to take over concession stand operations next season.

Action Accent Table: Marie Stelling will continue to coordinate the operation of this for one more season. Stacy Jacobs will take over this duty the following season.

Vice President Nominations: Nick Cleveland was nominated and elected. He will begin duties as Vice President in September, 2017.

Ad Campaign: Rebecca Munson has not yet officially been asked to coordinate the ad campaign this summer, but after the 2016 campaign she indicated that she is generally willing to continue in this role. We need to confirm with her that she is willing to do it again this summer.

Fall Registration Night: Tentatively set for September 18th at the high school.

Fall Meets: Upcoming home meets include a home Y League meet on 10/14/2017, our Jenna K Invite on 11/4/2017 (and 11/3/18), and a home Y League meet on 1/6/18. Team away meets will be determined at a future meeting.

Team Suits: Nick Cleveland is proposing changing Cleveland Bike and Sport pricing for suits to full retail price, but then donating back about 25% to the Aquajets. We discussed also making sure swimmers are aware that Nick is able to help with discounted pricing options for tech suits for both age-group and high school swimmers.

Starter Blocks: The starter blocks at the Y pool are in need of replacement. These are original starter blocks, so are estimated at 30 years of age. They have been repaired and welded by Y staff to keep them functional. The Y is not willing to contribute to the cost of replacement for the blocks. Estimated cost per block is \$3500. The board agreed to have the Aquajets commit to purchasing 2 of the blocks for an estimated cost of \$7000. Dave is going to approach the high school to request funds to replace 2-3 blocks. We may need to fundraise for the remaining 1-2 blocks in order to purchase a complete set of 6.

Coaches Fees: We expect a final report in mid march once championship meets are complete.

New Swimmers: Coaches proposed making it team policy to not accept any new swimmers after January 1st each year, but instead directing new inquiries to sign up for summer season. This is to help with time management due to the amount of individualized attention beginner swimmers require. By January, our existing swimmers are trying to gear up for end of season meets and pulling coaching staff away to help beginners hinders the progress of our existing swimmers. The board agreed with this proposal but requested that we consider allowing transfer swimmers to start any time of the year if they have previous competitive swimming experience and the coaching staff feels they could step into the current practice regimen without causing disruption. The board approved making this a team policy and updating the Y bulletin to reflect this policy.

Summer Fees: Currently set at \$162 for the summer season. Board recommended keeping this the same for this summer season.

Coaches at Championship Meets: There were concerns about a coach not being available for all sessions at the recent Tri-State Championship meet. It was discussed that our current policy of only sending a coach to meets if 10 or more swimmers are signed up does not apply to championship meets. In the future, if we have a coach available, we will make an effort to have a coach on deck for any sessions of a championship meet where we have swimmers competing.

Regarding the upcoming Midwestern championship meet, we have 2 coaches planning to attend. Both coaches have children entered in the meet. They have worked out with each other who will be on deck which session. The team will pay both coaches for hours spent

coaching and for mileage. The team will reimburse one hotel night per coach, with a limit of \$100 per night as hotel reimbursement.

Meet Manager Computer: Our current computer that is used for our meet manager software is overdue for replacement. We also need to spend approximately \$300 to update our meet management software. The board approved making funds available for both of these expenses. We are requesting that Michael Meuret check into necessary specifications and pricing for the computer and suggest that he coordinate with Dan Spray regarding this purchase.

Team Unify: An inquiry was made regarding having the team consider utilizing Team Unify for our team website. This program has the potential to simplify many team functions including meet entries and member billing. Mary gave us some background information regarding the cost of using Team Unify (approximately \$1,000 annually). We will continue with our current website at this time.

Bagel Fridays: We would like to reintroduce Bagel Fridays during this summer season.

Upcoming meeting for May - date not yet finalized. Topics for discussion: Ad Campaign, and Bagel Fridays

Dave gave us notification that he will be out of town the week following Memorial Day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elissa Carney, Secretary