Aquajet Board Minutes

November 20, 2014

Present: President, Kathy Walker; Secretary, Mary Meuret; Treasurer, Brandi Rossman, Coaches David Nelson, Patrick Meuret, Sharon Harthoorn, guests: Marie Stelling, Doug and Dawn Olmer, Kent Olberding, Elissa Carney

**Old Business:**

Minutes from the last meeting were approved by Kathy. They will be posted on the Aquajet website.

Treasurer’s Report

Brandi presented a financial report for the Aquajet Swim Team. The checking account balance as of November 20, 2014 is $14,322.45. The club Savings Account balance as of November 20, 2014 is $4,876.94.

Brandi provided a run down on the financials from each of the two meets we have hosted so far this swim season. The October 11 Y League meet: Programs $144.00 profit; Concessions (-) $163.14 loss (this was due to the purchase of merchandise that will be used for more than one meet. Expenses $607.39 Income $566.25); Splash Table $201.10 commission. The Jenna Krivohlavek Memorial Invite held on November 1, 2014: Programs $360.00 profit; Concessions $535.57 profit; Splash Table $203.83 commission.

Brandi reported that all but two ads from the Ad Campaign Fundraiser have been paid. She will be sending a reminder bill to Holiday Inn Express and Heritage of Bel Air. Susan Broekemeier will not be chairing this fundraiser in 2015 as her daughter will be graduating in the spring. Nicki Pokorney has expressed interest in maybe taking over this position. Kathy asked Dawn Olmer to contact Nicki and get more information on whether or not she is willing to chair this committee for 2015.

Registration:

Mary reported that we currently have 68 registered member on the Aquajet Swim Team. The total registration fees paid to the YMCA is $12,368.00. There is $638.60 in fees yet to be collected by the YMCA. This amount represents members who chose the automatic withdrawal payment option at the time of registration. It will be up to the YMCA to collect this remaining amount.

**New Business:**

Vice President Position:

Kathy nominated Kent Olberding to fill the vacant Vice President position on the Aquajet Board of Directors. Kent was approved by a unanimous vote of the current board members. Kent will serve as Vice President starting immediately through August of 2015. Dave suggested that the board start to consider finding someone who will be willing to fill this position starting in August 2015, when Kent takes over as the Board President.

Secretary Position:

Kathy appointed Elissa Carney as the new Secretary to replace Mary Meuret on the Aquajet Board of Directors. Since Susan Kumm had volunteered to be the club secretary, Elissa was chosen as the club secretary by a majority opinion of the current board members present at the meeting.

Swim Meets:

The Norfolk Aquajet Swim Team will host a Y League meet on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Team attending will be Norfolk, Grand Island and Omaha. Mary will contact both visiting teams to find out if they intend to attend this meet. Dave said he will ask that some of the high school swimmers help as timers for this meet. Coach Patrick Meuret will be out of town for this meet. No gym space will be reserved for this meet.

The Jenna Krivohlavek Memorial Invite 2015 was discussed. Coach Patrick presented some changes to the event list for this meet. No new events would be added. Some of the current events for this meet would be opened up to more age groups. Elissa Carney expressed concern about meeting the USA Swimming 4 hr. rule in regard to 8 and under swimmers. She questioned whether or not this new format would meet this requirement. After some discussion, the new event list was approved.

October 2015 Y League Meet – Sharon Harthoorn suggested that the board look at the possibility of changing the date of the October 2015 Y League swim meet. This meet has traditionally been held on the second Saturday of October. That is currently the same weekend as the Nebraska State Junior High Cross Country meet. This is a conflict for some of the swim families who have athletes who participate in cross country as well as swimming. The biggest problem created by this conflict is in finding enough volunteer helpers for the swim meet with families who could potentially be attending the cross country meet instead. Pros and cons of moving the swim meet to the first weekend in October or moving it to a week later than it has traditionally held were discussed. A vote was taken and a majority of the board chose to leave the October 2015 home swim meet on the second weekend of October.

January 2016 Y League Meet – The board decided to hold the January 2016 Y League swim meet on the second Saturday of January, which would be January 9, 2016.

Coaches:

Dave Nelson and Sharon Harthoorn will not be as involved with the Aquajet Swim Team starting November 17. This change is due to the start of the high school swim season. Patrick Meuret will take over responsibilities as Head Coach for the club team during the high school swim season. He will be assisted by Megan Dolezal. Megan was hired by Dave as an assistant coach to help Patrick during the next couple of month when he and Sharon are working with the high school swim team. Megan has been working on completing the coach requirements she will need to be a certified USA Swimming coach.

YMCA Agreement on Coach wags:

In accordance with the agreement signed by the YMCA and the Aquajet Swim team, the YMCA will be providing a report to the Aquajet board every three months regarding the amount of wages paid to the swim coaches. The board will in turn provide a report to the YMCA as to the amount of registration fees collected from registered members. The wages of all coaches is to be paid from the registration fees collected. At the end of this swim year, which runs from September 2014 through the end of July 2015, adjustment may need to be made. If coaches total wages paid is more than the registration fees collected, the Aquajet Swim Team will make up the difference. If the total wages paid to coaches does not exceed the registration fees collected, the amount that is left from registration fees will be carried over to the next year.

Try out weeks:

Dave stated that due to the fact that Patrick will be responsible for a greater number of swimmers since he and Sharon are now working with the high school swim team, try-out weeks for prospective new members will be suspended until after high school season.

Concessions:

Doug and Dawn Olmer, concessions chairs, gave a report on the profit/loss of the concession stand for the last two home swim meets. Doug stated that they plan to reduce the price of a couple of items for the last home meet on January 3, 2015. Pop will be reduced to $1.50 from $2.00 and candy will be reduced to $1.00 from $1.25. Pop has not been a big seller at either of the meets. Doug is hoping the reduction in price for the January meet will help in the sale of the product that is left. Doug stated that having a lot of donated items for the concession stand was a great help in coming out with a profit. Doug stated that they ran out of pizza, sloppy joes, and hot dogs at the November meet, but they were giving pizza away at the October meet. They have had enough volunteer help for both meets and overall, they are happy with the way the concession stand is going. They do not plan to make any major changes for the January 3, 2015 meet.

Splash Table:

Marie Stelling is the chairperson for the Splash merchandise table. Due to the closing of Action Accents, the Aquajets have starting getting swim merchandise for our home swim meets from a new business called Splash MultiSport. Marie stated that the company has been very easy to work with and has been accommodating by providing requested merchandise for the last two meets. They have sent a good variety of merchandise and it seems to be of good quality. She recommends that we continue to use this company for future meets.

Coach Pay Scale:

Dave presented information for the board to review regarding the development of a pay scale for current and future Aquajet coaches. There is not currently a club policy regarding the starting wage and/or subsequent raises for coaches. Marie Stelling suggested that a committee be created to discuss and do research on this topic. Discussion followed. A committee was created: Kent Olberding-Chairman, Marie Stelling, and Elissa Carney. Kathy Walker will be available to provide any needed input. The committee will report back to the board.

Christmas gifts for coaches:

Gift certificates to local eating establishments will be purchased as Christmas gifts for the coaches.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Meuret, Secretary