

BWAQ Meeting Minutes- May 6, 2017

Meeting called to order: By *President* Steve Freeborn at 0845

Board Members in Attendance: *President* Steve Freeborn, *Vice President* Dan Haegele, *Secretary*, Kaycie Wood, *Treasurer*, Judy Williams, *Membership*, Nellis Kim, *Communications*, Michelle Menkens, *KCAC Brunch Rep*, Patti Cunningham, *KCAC PM Rep*, Scott Matthews, *Evergreen Rep*, Kim Boggs, *Covington Rep*, Eric Durban.

Board Members Absent: Angela Turley, *KCAC AM Rep*, Kim Boggs, *Covington Rep*

Coaches & Team Members in attendance: *Head Coach:* Wendy Neely; *Newsletter:* Zena Courtney,

Approval of Minutes from [March 18, 2017 Meeting](#) -

Motion: "Meeting minutes from March 18, 2017 be approved"

MSA (moved/Seconded/Approved): unanimously approved with a few grammar and clarification changes.

Adult Learn To Swim - This is a month long event in the month of April. Will plan to have a BWAQ Free Swim lesson next year. Work needed on the details to make this a free event while making sure the swimmers are covered by USMS & BWAQ insurance.

Financial Report (Judy)

Champs PNA Champs was a successful event and the club made a profit. There were 287 swimmers that participated this year. [Champs Finance Statement](#)
Bill received from KCAC for Champs has significant error, Judy was able to get the problem fix and making the cost for the pool rental less than last year (the bill was originally for significantly more than last year).

Suggestion for Champs for next year→ Beast Sweatshirts for all swimmers not just our club. Champs Beasts (rather than BWAQ Beasts)

--Cost of buying shirts is too much compared to revenue from swimmers competing in additional events. Could offer shirts/sweatshirts for swimmers to purchase if they qualify but entering 6 events. Patches could be added for each year the swimmer signs up for 6 events.

Action→ 1) Wendy to follow up on getting patches 2) Volunteers needed to look in to details of Sweatshirts and Promoting Champ Beasts

Hospitality was a little over budget due to buying serving dishes this year. All items purchased have been labeled and inventoried.

Boy Scouts did a good job with timing. They would like to have an event T-Shirt that said Staff, or timing staff on the back. T-Shirts cost about \$17 each and the Boy scouts are already paid \$1000 for the event.

Consider asking the Boy Scouts to add color guard at the event with the cost for shirts being the payment.

Olympic Swimmer _____ was at meet. Not believed to have generated any additional swimmer but was a good community building part of the meet. Also the perception was that it elevated the level of competition for the event. The cost was \$250 paid by BWAQ.

May 2017 Budget and Actuals

Over all looks good.

Olympic swimmer at Champs was not on the budget

Post office Box cost went up there for was over budget.

Overall balancing out

Bank account ~26K, outstanding bills for pool fees

There is an increase in cost for Long coarse- \$26.50 per lane for long coarse

Need 10-12 swimmers per lane to cover cost.

Positive feedback regarding Orange Caps.

Scarfs have been ordered for Swim Defiance

Eric filed the 2016 taxes

Some issues with coach paychecks that were not cashed, but issue was resolved.

There are still 12 swimmers not registered with USMS, most are not currently swimming. One swimmer who is swimming need further follow up to ensure they are registered or they will no longer be able to participate due to insurance coverage & risk to the club.

Action→ President Steve to send a letter. Hard Stop date to be included if not registered swimmer will no longer be able to participate

Lots of trial memberships recently, Wendy states more than ever. Nellis reaches out to them after and offer information on joining. Trial includes a 7 day free membership with Blue Wave.

There are swimmers that are signing up with USMA as part of Blue Wave but not signing up with our club directly or attending practices. It was suggest BWAQ reach out and welcome them. Some swimmers are thought to have signed up with BWAQ related to the Swim Defiance event. BWAQ benefits from more swimmer being registered with our club.

Membership report (Nellis)

[Membership Report](#)

Membership at the end of April is up by 3 for a total of 117 swimmers.

Twin Lakes swims were fun and there is interest in doing it again this summer

Angie is responsible for Attendance. Attendance and communication software do not communicate.

Action→ Nellis is will go through Attendance record & clarify only 'real' and current swimmers are listed.

Punch Cards-

Punch Cards are kept track of electronically by coaches.

Need a plan to notify Swimmers when they are low on Swim on the punch cards.

Consider swimmers being able to donate a swim to the scholarship fund,

It is possible?

Could we just 'bank' the swims in a fund

Scholarships:

Swimmer one was granted scholarship for 3 months.

Motion: Secretary Position to be given discounted dues at 50%

MSA→ unanimously approved

First Open Water Swim of the season schedule for Tomorrow, Sunday May 7, 2017

It is helpful for swimmers to be on time and let the coach know you are planning on attending.

The sound temperature is in the 50's

Swim Defiance (Zena)

Commitment from Tacoma police, they will have the marine unit out for the event.

NO PARKING available. Need to car pool/ Rent a Bus

Motion: Rental of a Bus for Swim Defiance due to lack of parking

MSA: unanimously approved

Discount for Alki swimmers, because they will have to sign up for USMS

Swim on Mercer the day before this event

7 Volunteers from SAMI

Volunteers will need to arrive at 0500

T-Shirt for volunteers, Bright colors are liked/preferred (they stand out)

Steve will bring heaters

Scott to bring roap

Request to have Mike Start the race and not Zena, as Zena is the director of the meet and is needed in other areas.

There are 10 boats for this event.

New timer this year

Schedule next meeting: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 (Teleconference, details to come) @ 1856 (6:45 PM)

Meeting Adjourned at 1015