

BWAQ Board Minutes – 13 February 2021 @ 0900 via ZOOM

BWAQ Board Minutes

Board Member Attendance:

President: Steve Freeborn	X	VP: Scott Matthews	X
Secretary: Zena Courtney	X	Treasurer: Patti Cunningham	X
Communications: Angela Turley	X	Membership: Nellis Kim	X
KCAC AM Rep: Melanie Crump	X	KCAC Brunch Rep: Kathy Byers	X
KCAC PM Rep: TBD		Evergreen Rep: Kim Boggs	X
Covington Rep: Eric Durban	X		

Other Attendees:

Head Coach: Wendy Neely

President Steve Freeborn called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM.

#1- Minutes- Steve requested edits to the 9 January 2021 Board Meeting minutes. Minutes, as written, were MSA (Moved, Seconded & Approved).

#2- Financial Reports - Patti provided a review the financials. The bank balance is a healthy \$56,873.00. We received a \$12,500.00 from State of WA, Working WA Grant. The purpose of the Grant is payroll. Blue Wave applied for and received a 2nd Draw PPP in the amount of \$9,377.00. PPP funds need to be used to maintain payroll to be forgiven. PNA has sent us \$60.00 for USMS team registration. We are ready to apply for forgiveness on our first PPP, the SBA is in the process of simplifying the application. BECU will notify us when we can apply, expected to be in March. All pool bills that have been received have been paid. We received \$16.64 from Fred Meyer reward

#3- Membership - Nellis is still managing the pay-by-swim signups and fees. In January we had 130 registrations with 27 swimmers, compared to the 35 swimmers last summer. Jim Dupree had the most paid swims in January. Our newest member, Michael Fairview, has been attending FWCC practices. Sumner Saturdays remain well attended. Sundays have returned to FWCC. The Board discussed at length whether to adjust the pay-by-swim fees to offer a discount to incentivize more swimmers to return. Nellis indicated she thought that Noon time is the limiting factor for increasing participation (time not available to those who usually attend the 5:30 AM workout.) It was agreed to keep current sign-up system and revisit in March. It was sadly announced that current Board member, Melanie Crump is moving back to Indiana later this month and reported that this is her last meeting. **Nellis will send out an email reminding swimmers to rejoin USMS and request participation for the two current openings on the BWAQ board.**

#4- Coach Updates – Wendy has no current schedule changes. **She will contact Mt. Rainier and Tukwila pools to see if an affordable team swim early morning time slot is available.**

#5- Events

- Steve Freeborn discussed the 2021 Champs cancellation that was voted via email, motion made by Eric Durban on 1/25/2021 at 7:13 PM; “Cancel the 2021 Champs meet and put out the notifications Steve identified,” seconded by Zena. All Board members voted in favor (Aye) by 1/27/2021, 6:45 PM-Motion Passed. Steve especially noted that the County has committed of the back lot and conference center to COVID testing through summer 2021.

Steve has contacted Sally Dillon, PNA President and provided the logistic issues. It has not yet been announced in the PNA newsletter.

- Angie updated the Board on the Sodisp.com app in consideration for use for the new Virtual Event. Participants can upload their information from STRAVA, GARMIN and FITBIT. It has categories for example of accumulation distance and total time. It costs \$1.50/swimmer for up to 5000 and has a 2.9% credit card charge. Angie indicated that we will not need RunSignUp for registration, but Patti suggested that a registration platform may still be required. **Angie will investigate if an additional registration platform is required with sodisp.com.** It was discussed that the distance challenge was to follow/end at a destination. Suggestions provided were length of Lake WA @ 21.7 mi, length of Lake Chelan @ 50.5 miles, from Lake WA to Lake Chelan @ 189 miles. It was suggested that the miles/day to achieve be noted to be attractive to all capabilities.
- Eric provided a Last Splash of Summer handout that was reviewed by the Board that included the virtual swim information. The Board agreed that the virtual event should be separate from LSOS and suggested names included Solstice to Last Splash, Solstice to Equinox, First Splash to Last Splash; the Board finally voted on 'Summer Splash Virtual Swim', 20 June to 22Sept. **Eric will update the handout to separate events and include destination information for the next meeting.**
- Angie will communicate with Mary Ann to try to get the banner updated with the new name to meet the next WetSet 15March due date.
- Ashley House has agreed to provide insurance for all our 2021 summer events. **Zena took the action to let Jim Davison, PNA Open Water Chair, know we will not seek USMS sanctioning.**
- Owen Beach will be closed this summer for renovations. Zena presented two alternative Swim Defiance routes for 2021. After discussion, the Board approved the route between Cummings Park (former AquaRun post-race location) and Jack Hyde Beach Park. The Board agreed to keep the 3K and 5K distances and add a shorter 1K. **Zena took the action create the race information.** It was also noted that the sponsorship flyer made by Judy will need updating for these 2021 events to include a title sponsor slot for Ashley House. **Angie agreed to find it and add the updated banner to the Judy authored sponsorship level flyer and get to Steve Freeborn.** (subsequently-Zena found flyer, updated it, and provided it to Board members on 13Feb)
- Zena suggested the running of Swim Defiance after 2021 be transitioned to the Tacoma YPKC team with help from Blue Wave. She has talked with their coach Chad Hagedorn and his Board has indicated interest. Zena suggested 2021 be a co-shared training year with them and will continue coordination. The Board has agreed to transition since Zena will be retiring out of state by summer 2022.

(Remaining Jan minutes Open Actions: Angela to contact Outdoors NW for rates, Summer deadline, Zena to follow-up with GSS for membership.)

#6- Newsletter – After some coordination with GoDaddy by Angie, Zena and Nellis provided Jan/Feb 2021 issue w/Save the Date banner provided by Mary Ann. Next issue will focus on Summer event planning.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM

#7 - Next Meeting: Saturday, Monday 8 March @ 06:00PM via Zoom

Topic: Blue Wave Monthly Meeting

Time: Mar 8, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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