

Walnut Creek Masters Swim Team Board Minutes

October 6, 2009

Individuals Present:

Amy Beisheim
Harold Boscovich
Jack Daniels
Tom Flickinger
Kara Gray
Peter Guadagni
Gene Hart
Mike Piazza
Ron Steager
Chris Stewart

Summary of Discussion:

I. Upcoming PMS Short Course Meters Championships

Kara reported on the planning for our upcoming meet. Mike agreed to send out an email to all Team members reminding them to enter the meet, help with the meet, sponsor events, and purchase program ads. (On Thursday Kara reported that the meet entries are comparable to last year's, and that more volunteers are desperately needed.)

2. Report on WC Aquatic Needs Assessment

Various members reported on the meeting convened by the city's aquatic needs assessment contractor held the previous week. The contractor is meeting with various aquatic interest groups to discuss the needs of the aquatic community. At this meeting, representatives of WCM, Aquabears, Aquanauts, and the WC Swim Club discussed their views on the need for upgraded aquatic facilities. The contractor will be presenting its conclusions to the WC City Council in January. We should plan on having a large Team turnout to the City Council meeting.

3. Report on September 19 Walnut Festival Parade and September 20 Team Picnic

Bosco reported on the Team's participation in the Walnut Festival parade. We didn't win a prize in our division, but we had fun and were well received by civic leaders attending the parade. Our entire supply of 80 special Team t-shirts was handed out to our parade participants. Our Team picnic the next day was well attended, and we raised \$940 from the basket raffle (\$40 more than at our 2008 picnic.)

4. October 4 Team Night Out at the Theatre

Mike reported that 18 Team members and their spouses/guests attended the afternoon presentation at Cal Shakes the previous Sunday.

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5. Nominations for Women's Team Captain, Meet Directors, and 2010 Board Members

Peter has agreed to again serve as our 2010 PMS SCY Meet Director. Kara does not wish to serve as SCM director again next October. She will meet with several new meet director potential candidates. Amy announced that she is willing to take over next year as a last resort, providing that Kara helps her. We will also need a new Women's Team Captain when Kara completes her term at the end of 2009.

We will follow our agreed-upon procedure for selecting and approving our 2010 Board Members: 1) Kerry solicits volunteers with a Team email in November; we again ask for volunteers at our Holiday Party; members have until 12-31-09 to volunteer; Kerry and the Team Captains (Mike, Kara, and Peter) will review the volunteers and come up with a recommended slate of candidates for approval at our Team Meeting next February.

6. 2010 Budget

We agreed that our next meeting, on Tuesday November 3, will start at 5:30 PM in order to accommodate a discussion of our 2010 Budget. Bosco will prepare, and send to Board members in before the meeting, a proposed budget which assumes no increase in Team dues (other than the PMS dues increase pass-through.) Coach travel expenses for 2010 will be higher as the national meets will be held in Puerto Rico and Atlanta.

7. Miscellaneous

- a) We briefly discussed the need for another opportunity to purchase Team Apparel. Amy will discuss with Kerry.
- b) Peter inquired whether any hi-quality copies of our various Team logos exist, which could be accessed and used for various Team publications and apparel. Amy said she has an opportunity to use a professional to prepare high quality images: she will obtain prototypes from Kerry,
- c) We again discussed the problem of swimmers who are working out with the Team but who have not paid their dues. Peter agreed to write a written procedure, for review at an upcoming meeting, outlining how a list of unpaid prior year members could easily be updated and used for targeted reminder emails.

8. Financial Report

Bosco distributed his report of Team Finances as of September 30. Our actual revenues for the year exceed are budget estimates in all categories, except for donations from members, which are only \$135 less than our budget. Our major revenue SCM meet is still to come; pre-meet sign ups appear to be in-line with our estimate. Actual expenses for the year are likely to be close to our budget.

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9. Next Meeting and Tables Discussion Items

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, from 5:30 to 7:30. Discussion items tabled for the upcoming meeting include:

- a) Go-kart Team outing.
- b) Team potential fundraiser: The Creek at the Shack (Mary's Pizza Shack.)
- c) WCM Website: policies for sponsorship ads, coach bios.
- d) Planning for Team Holiday Party (December 6th or 13th)
- e) Strategy for soliciting auction items for the Holiday Party.