

Walnut Creek Masters Swim Team Board Minutes

January 5, 2010

Individuals Present:

Amy Beisheim
Harold Boscovich
Hector Chao
Jack Daniel
Tom Flickinger
Linda Fox
Kara Gray
Peter Guadagni
John King
Kerry O'Brien
Mike Piazza
Chris Stewart

Summary of Discussion:

I. Holiday Party Recap

We discussed the December Team Holiday Party. A record amount of funds were raised (\$8,284 before expenses.) Because a number of attendees became sick shortly after the event, Bosco checked with the caterers to find out if any of them were ill while preparing the food. The answer was negative. It was suggested that next year we use designated servers to serve the food so that the attendees do not handle the serving utensils.

2. Board Prepared Dinner

Cathy Jacques was the winning bidder for the Board Prepared Dinner, to be prepared under the direction of chef de cuisine Ignacio Cruz. Cathy has discussed this event with both Mike and Gene. She would like to have the dinner at Gene's home in the Spring, when the food can be served outside. So we are on hold for a few months with this event.

3. 2010 Board Nominations and Women's Team Captain Nominations

The Board decided that an open ballot (without a Board recommended slate of candidates) will be presented to the membership at our February 13 Team Meeting. The ballot will list all present Board members except for Ron Steager and Josh Scott, who no longer wish to serve on the Board. In addition, outgoing Women's Team Captain Kara Gray will be added to the ballot. All individuals who have expressed a desire to serve on the Board will also be listed by name. These individuals include Hector Chao, Mary Williams, and potentially B.J. Henry and Lisa Ward. Also, John Keller has expressed a tentative interest in serving on the Board. Kara will confirm with Mary, B.J., and Lisa that they wish to include their names on the ballot. Mike will check with John Keller. If all these individuals agree to placing their names

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on the ballot, members at the February Team Meeting will be asked to select 9 board members from a list of 13 candidates.

In addition, members will be asked to vote for a new Women's Team Captain. Potentially three names will be listed on the ballot: Mary Williams, B.J. Henry, and Lisa Ward. Kara will confirm this with each of them.

In order to assist the members in making their voting decisions, the Board decided that each candidate will be asked to prepare brief answers to several questions regarding their profile, interest, and level of activity in WCM. Peter will prepare the questions and provide them to the current Board members and new Board candidates and Women's Team Captain candidates. Then each member's response will be posted on the Team Website well in advance of the February 13 Team Meeting.

The Board agreed that our Team By-laws should be made available to all Board members including newly elected directors. Bosco will send a copy to all current Board members via email. Peter will post a link to minutes on our Team website.

4. Team Meeting in February

We discussed the agenda for our upcoming Team meeting on Saturday February 13. We tentatively decided on the following agenda:

- Open Meeting - TBD
- State of Team, 2009 Highlights, and Coaches' 2010 Goals – Kerry
- Team Finances Report – Bosco
- Member Survey Questionnaire – TBD
- Election of Board of Directors and Women's Team Captain - TBD
- Team Volunteer Opportunities - TBD
 - Meet Operations
 - Social Events
 - Open Water Events
 - Fitness Activities
 - Communication
- Meeting Recap and Adjournment - TBD

We decided this year we will not break out into small groups as we did last year and instead will talk to the entire group about each volunteer area.

We also agreed with the proposal to prepare a questionnaire in advance of the meeting which would be widely distributed to all Team members to seek their views on the future direction of the team. Mike and Kerry will work on a first draft of the questionnaire, which will then be sent to the other Board members for suggestions.

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We will have our next Board Meeting on February 2 to finalize the agenda and decide who does each part of the presentation. Peter will publicize this event on the Team website, including a mass email.

6. Team Go-Kart Outing

Amy will continue to look into the Fremont race track where we might plan a future Team Outing. Thursday nights are available. She will report further at an upcoming meeting.

8. Team Finance and Membership Update

Bosco reported that to date 254 members have paid their 2010 Team Dues. Bosco is receiving a list of swimmers who have registered directly with PMS listing WCM as their team affiliation. So far this list includes 16-18 individuals. The coaches are checking this list to determine who are actually swimming with Team (only 3-4 are.) The others will be sent a letter or email by Bosco informing them that they are not WCM members until they have paid their Team dues.

Peter has also sent out an email to all 2009 that we are testing this year. It is too soon to determine the success of this procedure, as the email was just sent out.

Cash donations so far have exceeded our pace for prior years, with \$8,130 donated, which is 81% of our budgeted amount for the entire year.

9. One-Hour Swim Event

Kerry has scheduled the 2010 Postal One Hour swim event for Sunday Jan 24, beginning at 8:30 am. The 2nd wave is to start at 9:45 so that we can be out of the pool by 11 am. Last year we had only 16 participants. Mike proposed that we try to increase participation in this year's event. Proposals included serving breakfast to participants, giving participants distinctive swim caps, and allowing relays. No consensus was reached on these proposals. Since time is short, the Executive Committee (Kerry and Captains) will meet on Thursday January 7 to decide what can be done on short notice.

10. April PMS Short Course Yards Championship Meet

In response to Peter's request, the Board approved an increase in the relay entry fees to \$10 per entry.

11. March Fund Raiser at Mary's Pizza Shack

Mike reported that the fund raising dinner at Mary's Pizza Shack has been scheduled for Tuesday March 16 (our first choice of Thursday March 18 is not available.) Peter will post this event on the Team website. As we get closer to the date, we will publicize the event. Kerry suggested that the week before the event we serve small bites of pizza after workouts to encourage participation. WCM will receive 20% of the check for each party at the restaurant

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that presents the Team Flyer. We are encouraged by Mary's to widely distribute the Team Flyers to member families, worksites, and other groups.

12. City of Walnut Creek Swim Pool Upgrade Feasibility Study Report

Peter reported that the consultants hired by the City of Walnut Creek will present their report at a public hearing scheduled for Thursday February 4. He will be encouraging a large turnout of our members at this hearing.

13. Nomination of Kerry for Ransom Arthur Award

The Board informed Kerry that we will be submitting a nomination for Kerry to be awarded the USMS Ransom Arthur Award, Masters Swimming's highest award. We will need Kerry's assistance in finalizing the written nomination, as it requires details on national and regional Masters Swimming positions and activities.