

Walnut Creek Masters Swim Team Board Minutes

March 2, 2010

Individuals Present:

Harold Boscovich
Kerry O'Brien
John King
Peter Guadagni
Mike Piazza
Chris Stewart
Jack Daniel
Lisa Ward
BJ Henry
Kara Gray
Gene Hart
Mary Williams

Summary of Discussion:

1. Welcome New Board Members and New Women's Team Captain

The Board warmly welcomes the new Board Members BJ Henry, Lisa Ward and Hector Chao, and the new Women's Team Captain and Board Member Mary Williams.

2. Meeting Minutes

Since Mike Piazza is now directing the meetings and providing the agenda, the Board needs someone else to take notes and provide meeting minutes. Kara Gray volunteered to take the minutes with John King as a backup.

3. Team Meeting and Survey Results

It was agreed that the Annual Team Meeting on February 13 was well attended, but the small list of volunteers gathered wasn't as robust as we hoped it would be. The list was turned over to Peter Guadagni, the SCY Champs Meet Director, as a starting point for meet volunteers.

At the meeting, a "How are we doing" survey was introduced. After the meeting and over the next 2 weeks we received 80 replies with 50%/50% of the responses from our female/male members. Overall, 1/5 of the existing membership participated in the survey, with the "older" swimmers and competitive swimmers being the best represented. Most of the questions were answered with "about right" leaning toward "more needed", with stroke instruction and dry land showing the highest scores in the "more needed" area. Kerry, Mary & Mike volunteered to get more into the details of the survey and will bring suggestions on how to respond to the survey for the next meeting. Mary said that she would share comments about the pool condition with the PROS commission next week.

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4. March Madness

Kerry reported that there are quite a few participants signed up so far, and he expects more to come. Hector Chao had previously volunteered to compile a list of participants to put up on the website.

5. Parks and Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Committee Meeting on March 8

This meeting presents the new pool feasibility study to the commission and will be held at 6:30 at the Walnut Creek City Hall Council Chambers. Peter & Kerry will speak on behalf of the Foundation and WCM, and individuals are also encouraged to speak. Peter will send out an email to the team to solicit everyone to come and/or write an email to the Commission on the subject.

Peter suggested that to show WCM's commitment to the Walnut Creek Aquatics Foundation that WCM transfer \$1500 to the foundation.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, if feasible, a \$5000 Certificate of Deposit would be cashed out, with \$2000 put into the WCAF's bank account and the rest into the WCM bank account.

6. Creek at The Shack fundraiser

Scheduled for Tuesday March 16. WCM will receive 20% of the check for each party at the restaurant that presents the Team Flyer. We are encouraged by Mary's to widely distribute the Team Flyers to member families, worksites, and other groups. This flyer is posted on the Team website. Kerry renewed his suggestion that the week before the event we serve small bites of pizza after workouts to encourage participation. It was suggested to give the proceeds to the Walnut Creek Aquatic Fund to encourage not only Masters' participation, but other aquatics groups as well.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to designate the proceeds of the Mary's Pizza Shack's "Dine & Donate" fundraiser for WCM on March 16 to the WCAF as general funds.

7. April 16-18 Pac Masters SC Championship Meet

A separate planning meeting will be held in the pool classroom on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 pm. Peter briefly talked about the high-point awards and official's gifts. Gene will look into lane sponsors. Peter requested a volunteer from the Board to put together the meet program as Frank Nieman has declined to do; thank you to Frank for his many years of performing this duty!

8. June 6 Lake Del Valle race & team picnic

Pac Masters wants to sponsor a picnic at this race since it is the National Open Water Championship race this year. We weren't sure if WCM should volunteer to run it or if WCM should hold our own picnic like we did (successfully) last year. More discussion on this is needed at the next WCM Board meeting after gathering more information about Pac Master's desire to host it.

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9. 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. She would like to have the dinner at Gene's home in the September (not the Spring as previously thought), when the food can be served outside. Ignacio needs to choose the best date for his schedule. Cathy's proposed dates (Friday Nights) are 9/10, 9/24, 10/1.

10. Triathlon Coach's Dues

For the February 2 Board Meeting, Kerry suggested waiving the Triathlon Coach's WCM team dues because they are paying their pool use fees to teach the class out of their share of the class proceeds. These classes, which run every 5-6 weeks, have proven to be successful and are anticipated to continue through September.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved to waive the annual WCM dues for the Triathlon Coaches Lisa Ward and Wayne Spaulding.

11. Special Cap Orders

The Board approved ordering 100-200 team caps with the new team logo, along with restocking the team's supply of Silver Bullet and Frequent Flier caps. Personalized caps with the new logo will be available to order soon.

12. Other Topics

Roque Santos is putting together a plan for Team Tech Suits.