

Walnut Creek Masters Swim Team Board Minutes

April 6, 2010

Individuals Present:

Harold Boscovich
Kerry O'Brien
Mary Williams
John King
Peter Guadagni
Amy Beisheim
Hector Chao
Mike Piazza
Jack Daniel
BJ Henry
Kara Gray

Summary of Discussion:

1. PacMasters SCY Championship Meet update

First and foremost; WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICIALS! We are extremely light on dedicated officials, and the timer roster is really too light for comfort. At 4:30 on Tuesday we had 550 entries, we had 780 entries last year. (update: we have 917 swimmers this year...woah) Because he expects quite a few meet newby's, Kerry will send out a "what to expect at the meet" email. Peter suggested not linking March Madness to the meet next year because of the administrative/paperwork difficulties. No team suits will be available for the SCY Champ meet, but the goal is to have them available for Nationals in Georgia. Peter brought a sample of the high-point winner and official gift scarf, made of fleece with embroidery. BJ has the program production under way, the Board suggested she print 250 full copies made; 40 for coaches and 210 for sale. Gene Hart is coordinating lane sponsors and will get the list to BJ by the Sunday before the meet (we only have 5 lanes sponsored so far...ouch!). Gene told John King that the new platform is ready to go, but no cup holders yet. We're all set for a 4pm setup crew on Thursday.

2. Survey Results

At the February 13th team meeting, a "How are we doing" survey was introduced. Women's Team Captain summarized the results and shared them with the Board at the March 2 meeting. Upon the Board's request, Mary proposed action items and sent them out to the Board for discussion in this meeting.

- There was a suggestion to put graphs of the results on the bulletin board and to post the Summary of Results on the website.
- There was some discussion on how to get those that expressed an interest in helping more involved.
- There was also a lengthy discussion about dry land training possibilities. Kerry noted that WCM groups cannot completely take over the gym without being charged for gym time from the City of WC, other non-WCM folks must be allowed to train at the same time. Bosco volunteered to start a dry land group after Nationals either before or after a specific workout (which one?)
- Social – some thought it would be beneficial to have a Social Chairperson. Others thought impromptu social activities other than the Holiday Party and the Team Picnic is the best way

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to go. The CalShakes Theatre outing and a SleepTrain Pavilion concert are good examples. Happy Hour at Maria Maria was a favorite from last year too.

- Web Master – Peter (and John King?) is posting updates right now, but Peter encouraged the team get a dedicated Web Master for content.
- Pay for WCM workouts - Kerry is already sending weekly WCM workouts to certain swimmers, and he thought that the team could benefit from this if it was a service individual swimmers or even teams could subscribe to on a monthly basis. We would need a separate website and a paypal account. Walt Tuholski may be able to help with this.
- Fitness Check-off Challenge – Amy Beisheim will help promote it.
- Open Water – BJ & Mike are leading the charge

3. Summer Team Picnic

Mike Piazza suggested Castle Rock Park instead of Larkey Park pool for the picnic this year. There is plenty of parking and room. There is an option to use the pool for an additional lifeguarding fee. Mike will reserve the picnic area for Sunday Sept 26 and get more details for the next meeting.

4. Liability Insurance

It has come to our attention that WCM needs to increase their liability ins from \$1million to \$2million for both TVM and WCM facility requirements. John King will speak with Michael Moore about how to go about getting the increase through USMS.

5. USMS members with WCM designation who have not paid WCM dues

Bosco distributed a list of individuals who have registered as WCM members with USMS but have not paid dues, there are 31 people on the list.

For next meeting:

- Pac Masters wants to sponsor a picnic at this race since it is the National Open Water Championship at on June 6 at Del Valle this year. At the March meeting we weren't sure if WCM should volunteer to run it or if WCM should hold our own picnic like we (successfully) did 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.
- March Madness recap
- Team Tech Suit update for Nationals
- Board Prepared Dinner with Ignacio Cruz - Cathy Jacques was the winning bidder, proposed dates (Friday Nights) are 9/10, 9/24, 10/1.
- WCM 2011 on-line registration research