

BAC Board Meeting

2/13/24

Attendance: Venita Sheridan, Heather Hasiak, Carla Klies, Patrick Seitz, and Dawn Githens

Sean Marshall and Jen Paterson were absent

Call to Order: 5:43pm

Minutes: Karla made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Venita seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial Report: The bank account currently has \$37,000 with the credit card paid off. We had a loss in December and there was no meet in January. The money for the Splash and Dash is all in, but the results weren't as high as expected. The income was \$7,100 but it could be because the portal was too difficult for people that weren't on the team (like grandparents) that tried to donate. The board is going to look for a different portal that we can use next year that will be more user friendly.

There are families on the team that need financial assistance so that their kids can swim. There is no official policy or set of protocols in place. The board wants to see the potential candidates brought to the board by either the family or the coaches. The board would make the final decision on who to grant the scholarships to and for how much money. Dawn will type up a policy and present it to the board at the next meeting.

It was brought to the board's attention that kids may be attending Gold 2 practices, but are only registered and are paying as Gold 1 swimmers. The board wants to make sure that the Gold 1 swimmers are only attending 4 practices per week and aren't getting the benefits that the Gold 2 swimmers pay extra for.

Coach's Report: Coach Jessica is back on deck. Adam Greenwell (the Skyview head coach) is now fully registered with USA Swimming. He is going to help coach Gold 1. The board will ask Sean to bring a proposal so that a formal contract for Adam can be drawn up and signed.

Gold 1 is back up and 3 new boys from Skyview have joined the team. The goal is to do a big push in the fall to recruit high school kids prior to the start of the high school season so they can use it at conditioning for high school.

The May Classic meet has been officially cancelled due to construction on Bozeman's pool. They have no idea how long the pool will be out of commission. There are no meets anywhere in any of the surrounding states in the month of May. We will host a Short Course meet at MSUB that same weekend

just so the kids can get into the pool and race. The board wants to add the Gillette meet to the list in June just so the swimmers have another meet besides the Missoula Firecracker to swim at this summer before state.

We are hosting the Sprint Meet on April 28th at MSUB, but BSSG will pay for the meet. We will be the ones that run the meet. The swimmers will register through team unify, but they will have to sign a waiver for BSSG. The fees are \$35/kid. We need to propose to MT Swimming that they restructure the fees.

Carla reported that we are having trouble with parents violating the Safe Sport rules at the meets and going into the locker rooms. They are arguing that they need to help their little kids. The board agreed to tell those parents that we can help them by letting them use the bathrooms on deck, or the main ones upstairs by the gym. Carla is also going to send the safety marshals through the locker rooms on more frequent circuits to make sure the kids are staying safe.

Jen is going to have the swim shop open early on the Friday of the meets so that we can sell programs as needed to parents with kids in the distance events. Carla will extend the volunteer hours to include this extra time for the Swim Shop.

Registration: Currently we have 120 swimmers with Gold 1 set to activate a few new ones.

New Business: Towels will be billed out for Zones and SWAGR.

Coach Sean requested that the next board meeting be on a Wednesday because he has to coach Silver on Tuesdays. The next meeting will be Wed, March 13 at 6:15.

Adjourned: 7:35pm