

BAC Board Meeting Minutes
7/14/22

Attendance:

Shawn Klies, Sean Marshall, Patrick Seitz, Heather Hasiak, Clark Montgomery, Jen Johnson, and Laura Dumas via zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Heather Hasiak made the motion to accept all of the previous minutes from April, May, and June and Patrick Seitz seconded it.

The motion passed without discussion.

Right now the team has a negative balance of around \$15,000, but that was expected for this time of year. Last year at this same time the balance was -\$10,000. There were all of the expenses for June including travel expenses for the Missoula, Rapid City, and Helena meets. Two months worth of rent also came out in June.

There is income that is coming in this month. The Bozeman group is now up to 30 swimmers and they just did a popcorn fundraiser. We did pay for the flights for the coaches for zones, but we will be getting a \$1500 reimbursement for that from Montana Swimming. There will also be a tryout and stroke clinic, probably the last week of August, using the coaches and gold swimmers again. The raffle has made over \$6,000 in ticket sales so far. That money should be deposited by the end of the week.

We need to open pre-registration, but USA Swimming is putting a new policy into place that no longer allows the coaches to submit registrations to them. Rather, the swimmers must register with the team on our website, then go to USA Swimming's site and register there separately. Once the swimmer is registered with USA Swimming, they will be issued a completely new and different ID # than the one they have always used in the past. The swimmers must do this by September 1 or they will not be eligible to register for any meets after September 1 because they must use the new ID #. The problem is that USA Swimming has not finished or put into place this new program, so we have no idea what the USA Swimming fees will be for the swimmers yet, and we have no way of doing the registrations on their side yet.

Always in the past we have submitted one registration fee that covered both our fees and those of USA Swimming. This year it will be two separate fees. Coach Sean recommended increasing our registration fees to \$100 this year, even though we don't know what the other half of the fees will be yet. The reason for this is that the travel expenses for the coaches is increasing and we are needing to send more coaches to the meets. Also, we need more coaches on the deck during practice. The plan is that the increase in fees will offset these increasing costs and allow the team to provide the swimmers with more personalized care and commitment. The board voted unanimously to set our registration fees at the \$100 even though it may be an increase in total cost for the swimmers when paired with the new fees from USA Swimming. We hope to offset increased costs and provide a better service to the team.

Clark Montgomery will bring a check to the banquet to pay for the food. Jen reported that Neil will order the food tomorrow. The dining room at the Food Bank isn't fancy, but the kitchen is fantastic and the facility will be plenty big enough to fit everyone. Jen got Dollar Store decorations and butcher paper with crayons for the tables. They are allowing us to store our food there ahead of time. The

Food Bank will set up collection bins at the door, and our swimmers can donate nonperishable items as a charity event for the team. Sean will send out a notice with the parking locations and directions, as well as a request for donations. Sean will bring his mic and speaker and Patrick will bring his bingo roller to draw the tickets for the raffle. The Food Bank requested that we take out the trash afterwards.

The board voted unanimously to have a chuck-a-duck competition at our MSUB meet in the fall. It will be a quick and easy fundraiser and it was wildly popular at the Williston meet. Also, the pool design at MSUB is perfect for a chuck-a-duck competition. Dawn will get on the corporate sponsor fundraiser in August so that we get a jump on that. It worked really well last year to start early on that fundraiser.

Team travel is coming back this year. Coach Sean thinks that this is an important part of the swim team experience and that our advanced swimmers need more chances throughout the year to swim at meets with prelims and finals. He is looking at a meet in eastern Washington in November as well as a meet in Oklahoma in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.