

BAC Board Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2022

Attendance: Clark Montgomery, Patrick Seitz, Heather Hasiak, Shawn Klies, Coach Sean Marshall

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting was made by Clark and seconded by Heather.

Financial report:

The account would have been better, but we are sitting on \$6900 in tickets for Alaskan airlines for flights that were canceled to Redmond, WA. The airline won't refund the money, but they have given us 12 months to use the tickets. Coach Sean is hoping that as kids qualify for sectionals and senior zones we can get them to use these tickets so we don't lose that money.

Today's deposit was \$6000 and there is \$72,000+ in the account with payroll to come out at the end of the week.

The logos for the corporate sponsors were updated on the website and the order was sent to ACES for the team shirts. The corporate sponsorships ended up being 34 for a total of \$15,000+.

Dues have been solid for both Billings and Bozeman BAC. There have been more tryouts and we have already added a few extra kids. Precomp is going to be renamed "Future Stingrays" to go with Junior Stingrays. The precomp group will not be required to do any competitions and will register with USA Swimming as "flex". This will limit them to only two meets and they won't be able to do tournaments (like state) but they can move over easily in the future. This will save them money in the mean time.

The cash box at the meet had a combined total (from Chuck-A-Duck, swim shop, and programs) of \$2300 but Clark had put \$300 in for change and the programs cost \$250 to print at Office Depot. The pool rent would normally be \$1500 but MSUB is not charging us for housekeeping because they were focused on the basketball tournament and we did a great job with clean up. This means that the money from the cash box alone will pay for the entire meet and the entry fees can go to the team.

Coach's Report:

Dax is on deck, and is allowed to be on deck because he is certified as an official, but he won't be a full coach until he completes his CPR certification here shortly. Gracie Gibbons, Julia Lund, and Megan Beers are all helping to coach the littles, and are listed as volunteers (we are crediting this towards their volunteer commitments for the team). Haylie Johnson is on the payroll because she is a year round employee.

For the Oklahoma meet, Coach Sean is looking to book tickets on Delta one way and United the other. This will be cheaper, and it's the only option for better flight times for the kids. There are six kids locked in so far, four boys and two girls. Allison Pizzolato is going to chaperon. This is team travel, but the parents can still go to watch.

Fundraising:

Coach Sean wants to do a popcorn fundraiser around either Nov. 1, or the first Monday in November so that it will run from Monday to Thursday. He said we had a great response last year because people use it for Christmas gifts. It is really easy to set up and execute.

The board voted to have the Splash and Dash on Thursday, December 8 at MSUB. The week before is our meet, and the week after Sean will be in Oklahoma, so the only other week would have

put it two days before Christmas. The event will run from 3:30-7:00 and we will ask Montana Jacks if they would be so kind as to sponsor and donate the food again this year. Coach Sean wants the food picked up and at MSUB at 4:30 so the littles can eat at the end of their session, before the big kids start.

#### Registration:

We now have 154 kids on BAC, with 24-25 of those being the kids in Bozeman. Katie even added one new one today. She is happy with the pool space that she has, and says that she is pleased because she has a good practice time and is happy with the set-up.

#### Old Business:

No old business

#### New Business:

The state swimming folks met and it was decided that high school state will be in Great Falls, Long Course state, for us, will be in Bozeman, but nobody asked for Short Course State. It is going to go to the executive Montana Swimming board and they are going to decide what to do. Coach Sean submitted a proposal that MT Swimming should pay to lock in Butte's pool for the next three years and then the responsibility to host should rotate among the different teams, with everyone taking a turn about every three years.

Coach Jessica also wrote a brilliant proposal to Montana Swimming suggesting that the Development Chair (who is always an age-group coach) should be the Montana coach for Age-Group Zones. This would be good for us because it locks Jessica in as Age-Group Zones coach for the next couple of years.

The rules for Senior Zones changed as well. It will now be run like Age-Groups, with the kids traveling and staying with their parents while racing for team Montana. Even with the new rules, Coach Sean does not want our kids to compete with team Montana. He wants to race them as BAC so that they will be coached and controlled by our own team to avoid the problems we have had the last three years. We could even have our own special zones gear, just for the BAC Zones qualifiers (including backpacks, caps, t shirts, hats, etc...) so that they will still have swag. We may also do special gear for Futures and Junior Nationals. The gear would be available to all qualifiers whether or not they actually go to the tournament.

It was decided that the BAC board all needs to print copies of the by-laws and the handbook and look them over before the next meeting. Some of the wording needs to be clarified and there are several things listed that we no longer do, email addresses that we no longer use, etc... All of that could be changed, updated, or completely eliminated. The by-laws can only be permanently changed at the semi-annual meeting in December and the annual meeting in May. The board wants to look at the by-laws and handbook ahead of time to have the proposed changes all ready to go before December so that we would only need to have group discussion and a vote at the semi-annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.