

TAC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/5/2025

Call to order

The monthly board meeting of the Thunderbird Aquatic Club was held at Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center conference room on 3/5/2025. President, Letitia Houtby, called the meeting to order at 4:46pm.

Present

- George Minkel, TAC Head Coach
- Letitia Houtby, President / SafeSport Liaison
- Joanna Rolfes, Co-Vice President / Meet Director
- Melyssa Stephens, Co-Vice President / Meet Director
- Sam Hollenbach, Co-Treasurer / Fundraising Coordinator
- Emily Wray, Co-Hospitality / Parent Representative
- Lara Knowles, Co-Hospitality / Parent Representative
- Robin Chambers, Secretary

Guest

- Sam Burfield, parent

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed via email on 2/19/2025.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting are pending.

Roundtable Reports

TAC:

Sectionals are next week in Boise, ID. George will leave next Wednesday with four boys who have qualified. Those who qualify for sectionals cannot qualify for the spring finale. BBST meet this weekend in Snohomish. Spring finale is officially changed to a timed final Champs meet with no prelim/final. There will be 3 sessions each day and will need a minimum number of officials signed up. Qualified swimmers can swim up to two bonus events, but no more than one per day in the same session as a qualifying event. Ribbons/medals may be provided by PNS, will look into this further.

Consider adjusting coaching needs and finding another reliable adult. Ideally, 1 for Bronze Development, 2 for Silver, and 1 for Gold. We are not currently accepting new swimmers due to lane crowding. Some swimmers are showing lack of participation in competition and commitment shows in wavering attendance. Will consider splitting groups into meet participants (competitive) and recreational (non-competitive) at practice.

At swim meets, it might be nice to have volunteer t-shirts or pink vests to identify those who belong to the team. Mailboxes or folders might be helpful for swimmers to access paperwork, ribbons, or anything that the board needs to pass out to swimmers.

George may need to travel to the midwest sooner than June depending on his grandfather's health.

The new executive director of the pool has quit after just taking over a short time ago. The commissioners are using a head-hunting organization to find someone as a replacement. The level of oversight by the commissioners has increased substantially and is putting more pressure on George who is questioning if he should spruce up his resume.

Budget:

Treasurer's report was sent on 2/27/2025. Let the minutes reflect that Sam Hollenbach and Letitia Houtby will remain on the signature card at Banner Bank. Silvy Yamazaki and Forest Jacobson are officially removed as signers.

There are 2 parkas still to be picked up. Confirming logo (2"x 3") with Mr T's and finalizing backpacks and 14 sweatshirts. No goodie bags for sectionals since they will be receiving a stipend (\$1200/4 swimmers = \$300 each as a reimbursement for travel expenses). Considering placing door signs to celebrate those swimmers' accomplishment.

We will open the spirit store this week (closing end of day 3/17) for delivery by the spring finale. Consider a towel for Wenatchee for every swimmer? There are currently 99 swimmers and they would be \$40 each, so there may not be enough available in the budget this year. Maybe we can offer it as an item in the store where families can also choose to personalize.

TAC hosted swim meets:

March 29th-30th: PN Spring Finale; CHAMPS meet, must meet time standards. 10 & U Pentathlon, 11-12 and 13 & O sessions. Timed final format.

Melyssa can't attend on Sunday. Some responsibilities fall on PNS for this meet. About 30 swimmers have qualified from TAC. We need volunteers even if their swimmer hasn't qualified. About 60 volunteers needed and many have already sign up. 10 & U Pentathlon will have trophy/ribbons; possibly provided by PNS. Girls 10 & U is on Saturday (Session 2) and Boys 10 & U is on Sunday (Session 5). No positive check-in so the heat sheet will be set and will print on Friday. No deck entries.

Make sure to check coach and officials' credentials.

Portable toilets and sink will be delivered prior to spring finale meet.

May 2nd, 3rd, 4th: TAC Spring Thunderbird Open; timed final format

Hospitality:

Feast- all day buffet for spring finale.

Fundraisers:

Saturday May 3, 2025: Silent Auction with the Anacortes Youth Sports Coalition

Every Wednesday, there is a gathering at Coconut Kenny's to collect donated items. About 10 people have signed up so far; not a lot of response. Should we continue doing this fundraiser? In 2023, we earned about \$4000 and we raised almost as much for the polar plunge. There is less prep work for the polar plunge. We will have 2 days at the end of April to decorate our donated items to get them ready for the auction. We will need a few volunteers to set up on May 3rd.

Friday June 6, 2025: TAC Swim-TAC-ular! Takes place during practice. Raise money for senior scholarships and team wish list.

SafeSport:

Nothing to report at this time.

For Action

- TAC board member needs to be on the board of AYSC to participate.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm. The next TAC Board Meeting is on 4/16/2025 at 5pm in the FPFC conference room.

Minutes submitted by: Robin Chambers, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Letitia Houtby, President

Date: