**SMAC Boosters Meeting – Zoom Call**

**10/18/2021**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

People attending via Zoom

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| Nikki Snyder | Geneva Swinson | Jonathan Weaber | Sara Hankins |
| Jen Harris | Claire Bowman | Tracy Straight | Chris Pearson |
| Michelle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Melinda Wissler | Rebekah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Fenton McMahon |
| Karin Dewan | Tom Woodworth | Nancy Breeden | Melissa Jordan |
| Yan Xu | Jennifer Roper | Jill Rockwell | Trey Lee |
| Maggie Thacker | Patti Nylander | Rob Rule |  |

**Treasurer’s Report – Jonathan Weaber (interim)**

Bank accounts total balance: $24,543.66

Concessions at War Memorial Pool:

Total earned after wages - $11,438

Total receipts for cost of goods - $2,228

Net gain - $9,210

The funds collected from concessions will be used to cover the increased cost of lane space at the Waynesboro YMCA.

No other transactions, other than dues.

Nikki shared the updated by-laws and discussed the process by which they were developed and voted on. Encouraged all members to review and become familiar with the new by-laws.

**Previous Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2021**

Patti reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Following reviewing the minutes, Nikki opened the floor for questions or any feedback. 0With no further discussion, Tracy made a motion to approve minutes as reviewed. Geneva seconded. Motion carried.

It would be good to know breakdown of where swimmers are practicing, how many swimmers are in each group, etc

This would be a question for Rob (should be joining the call at 7:15pm)

Need to find a good site where all can see the minutes and be able to review. Website may be an option, but is a public site, so just need to make sure they are in an appropriate place

**Official’s Report – Nikki Snyder**

Tom Woodworth has agreed to serve as Official’s Chair – the role of this position is to help maintain certifications for Officials, notify of training opportunities, and coordinate officials to work at home meets.

Need a motion to nominate Tom Woodworth. Patti Nylander made a motion to nominate Tom Woodworth as the Official’s Chair for SMAC. Jonathan Weaber seconded. Motion carried.

Tom brings a lot of years of experience as a swim official, both at the high school level and for Virginia Swimming. He was initially trained as a Dry Deck official, and then moved on to a Stroke and Turn Official.

As of now, SMAC has 6 Officials attached to the team. This includes Meet Directors Tracy Straight and Fenton McMahon. Tom would like to continue trying to recruit new officials.

As an Official, you have the best seat in the house, and you usually get fed!! Virginia Swimming has a very good training regime in Virginia. As a new official, you will spend a lot of time with very experienced staff to learn from the best. The Blue Ridge area in particular has some excellent officials who have been doing the job for a long time. They have a wealth of knowledge and are great to work with.

Tom needs to update his credentials, but is working on that and will get registered.

Dry deck and Wet Deck Officials are all volunteers. It’s a lot of time, but you’re at the meet anyway, so a great way to spend the day and be involved in meets that your swimmer is in.

**President’s Report: Nickie Snyder, President**

Nikki reviewed all of the different committee chairs and their roles

Board Positions

* + President – Open
  + Vice President – Jonathan Weaber
  + Secretary – Patti Nylander
  + Treasurer - Open
  + Officials Chair – Tom Woodworth

Meet Committee Positions

Tracy spent some time discussing each of the Meet roles. With the Fall Invite a little more than a month away, it is important to have some people take on these meet committee positions. This would be a great opportunity for parents from both locations partner and work together in these different committees.

* + - Co-Meet Directors – Tracy Straight and Fenton McMahon
    - Concessions – coordinates schedule for people to work concessions, makes sure food is available and well-stocked during the meet – *Position is currently Open*
    - Hospitality – provides meals for Coaches and Officials during the meet. Usually a combination of donated food from local restaurants and food prepared by parents (chili, breakfast casseroles, etc.) - *Position is currently Open*
    - Volunteer coordinator – creates sign-up list in TeamUnify so parents can sign up for different jobs at the meet, donate food for Concessions and Hospitality - *Position is currently Open*

Other Committee Positions

* + Fundraising Committee (Annual Swimathon, misc. fundraisers) – *Position is currently Open*
  + Apparel Coordinator – *Position is currently Open*
  + Social Committee (Team Events, Annual Banquet) – *Position is currently Open*
  + Communication/Website/Social Media Coordinator – *Position is currently Open*

Team Travel Coordinator - *Position is currently Open*

President – do have a new person interested. Geneva Swinson has expressed interest in serving as new President. She has three swimmers in SMAC that swim in Waynesboro in a couple different practice groups. Geneva feels enthusiastic about serving with a lot of parents and families who have a lot of experience and looks forward to getting to know more families.

Nikki and Jonathan have talked with Geneva and feel confident about her willingness to serve and will be able to commit the time.

Melinda Wissler made a motion to nominate Geneva as the new SMAC President, Patti Nylander seconded.

There was some discussion that most of the Board positions are all held by parents that are based in Waynesboro, did lead to some concern about equal representation for Crozet swim families within SMAC. Nikki wanted to try to develop a better succession plan for the Board moving forward and thought it would be good to keep a couple of the parents who have already served as a means to maintain consistency and institutional knowledge during this transition. Nikki is hoping that the next person serving as Treasurer is a parent of a Crozet swimmer.

Nikki did open the floor for other nominations for President. With no other nominations, Nikki counted votes. 19 voted yes, 2 abstained. Motion carried. Geneva will be new SMAC Boosters President and will serve for 2 years. Appointment will start immediately, with Geneva serving as President at the next SMAC Boosters meeting.

It is important for all members to work on melding the team and creating space for all swimmers and swim families to participate and feel included.

There are still multiple committee position that need to be filled. We need families from both swim locations to participate and step into all of the committee roles to be successful, and especially to have a smooth Fall Invite.

**Coach’s Report – Rob Rule**

Rob summarized the number of registered swimmers, and shared the numbers for this season compared with last season. The following chart shows the breakdown of swimmers at each location, and how many are in each practice group.

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|  | SMAC Swimmers |  |
| **2020** |  | **2021** |
| 84 | Crozet | 80 |
| 58 | Waynesboro | 53 |
| 142 | Total | 133 |
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| **2020** | **Waynesboro** | **2021** |
| 13 | AG1/Prep | 13 |
| 8 | AG2 | 7 |
| 15 | AG3/Jr Gold | 15 |
| 6 | Junior | 9 |
| 16 | Senior | 9 |
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| **2020** | **Crozet** | **2021** |
| 23 | AG1/Prep | 37 |
| 8 | AG2 | 7 |
| 19 | AG3/Jr Gold | 11 |
| 5 | Junior | 12 |
| 18 | Senior | 5 |
| 11 | Senior Gold | 8 |

Full-time coaches – Rob, Steph, and Cabell

Several part-time coaches are helping out in Crozet and Waynesboro. He is very pleased with all the coaching staff and the work they are putting in with helping all of our swimmers get faster in the water.

Pool space: Waynesboro and Crozet

Managed War Memorial Pool for the summer. We did not lose money running that pool and it worked out well. Boosters ran the concessions and it worked very well too. Rob was glad that parents took over managing concessions, it was a lot trying to manage a pool and multiple swim teams during the summer.

Winter pool space – Waynesboro is somewhat limited

Augusta Health would like to support SMAC swimming but COVID cases are too high. Once cases come down, it may be an option to hold practices there.

There is also a pool at WWRC which is in Fishersville, but they have some maintenance issues. Will not be available at least until the beginning of next year. But if and when that location does become available it could be a good practice space for younger practice groups.

Crozet – ACAC has been good to work with so far in terms of providing pool space.

Oct. 2 & 3 meet – 52 swimmers attended

The team took a break toward the end of summer, so this was the first meet of the season, swimmers looked great! Rob summarized swimmer highlights in a separate email.

Rob would have liked to have seen a few more swimmers attend this meet, but was still very proud of the fast times swimmers posted. Rob recognizes that meet fees have increased, which can get expensive for families, especially with multiple swimmers. In general, meet fees have increased in the last few years. Teams hosting meets are typically a way of raising money. Event fees used to be around $4-6 per event, now they are closer to $8-9 per event. SMAC will likely have to increase rates a little bit as part of hosting a meet as well.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Crozet – Oct. 30th to install the bubble on the pool. We need as many folks as possible to get this done.

Fall Invite is Nov. 20-21 (14 and Under swimmers)

Need volunteers to help with home meet in November. Once some of the Meet Committee positions are filled, Tracy would like to have a separate meeting with those committee members to discuss the Fall Invite.

Nov. 12-14; Swim meet in Cary, NC

Cabell Perrot will be taking some Senior swimmers to compete at this meet.

December 9-12; Hoki Classic in Christiansburg

These dates are on the SMAC website.

You can also view meet files and information about meets on Virginia Swimming’s website:

<https://www.teamunify.com/team/va/page/meets/2021-2022-meet-schedule>

Scroll down through the list, and find the meet in the list. You can click on the PDF for meets and view the meet announcement. Meet announcements will tell you what time sessions will start, when warm-ups are, and what events will be swam each day. This can be a good resource for planning if your swimmer will be attending a meet.

Rob would like to try to have a team travel to a swim meet. Can be a good opportunity for swimmers to be together and compete with a different group or team. Rob is looking at a possible team trip in May or June; school schedules do pose a bit of a challenge in terms of scheduling a trip that all swimmers have the opportunity to attend.

Swimmer Practice groups

Big different was when Alex left, most of the swimmers that were in his practice group moved back to their old teams.

Some of the senior swimmers in Crozet are swimming on their own, may try to get them back on the team next year.

Waynesboro – young groups had some good numbers, but limited lane space creates some challenges

Offering a mini marlins in Crozet. For young swimmers, to offer a few practices over the course of 2 weeks. Two different sessions. Will be run by the current coaches. This program may be an opportunity for new swimmers to join SMAC!

Tracy would really like to see meet positions filled this evening with the meet right about a month away.

The home meet would be a great opportunity for some training as a new Official during the meet as well.

Have many roles to fill for the meet:

Clerk of Course

Marshalls

Volunteers

Officials

Timers

Head Timer

Nikki asked if Rob has someone assisting with the website. Will need to input all of the jobs for volunteer sign-ups so that people can sign up.

Volunteer coordinator typically oversees sign-ups for the meet.

Tracy and Nikki asked Rob to send an email through TeamUnify that gives a brief description of each of the committee positions so that people are familiar with each position and the role. Rob will send that information out.

No old business….

New business…..

Nikki opened the floor for any items that may need to be covered.

Best ways to communicate with each other. What is the best way to do this?

With login to TeamUnify site, up to the right, there should be a section that says “Members” should be able to find contact information

Possibly use GroupMe app?

Currently membership ability is disabled, would like Rob to open this up so that all members can see contact information for all registered swimmers.

Geneva suggested creating smaller group forms of communication, maybe by practice group. Perhaps a parent from each group could step up and take on that role for their children’s respective groups.

On the website, it would be good to set up a tab “SMAC Boosters” where meeting minutes can be stored, other contact information can be shared, etc.

Tracy suggested reaching out to Valley Pool and Spa as a possible sponsor for SMAC. Maybe something for the new fundraising chair?????

Next month an item that will likely need to be on the agenda; typically SMAC Boosters has reimbursed Officials for their registration fees. This fee will likely be coming due soon, so maybe something to add to the agenda and discuss/vote. Around $73/person, covers background check and registration fee.

Suggestion was made to create a Liaison for Crozet to insure all voices are heard. Maybe also have a representative from Waynesboro. Maybe not a permanent position, but possibly during this transition period.

What is the meeting structure going forward. SMAC Boosters typically meets once a month, and all members are encouraged to attend. Periodically may have a Board meeting, but most of the time, all members are able to attend and contribute to Boosters meetings. Topics of concern can still be brought to the Board following by-laws guidance (getting items on the agenda ahead of a meeting)

Tracy made the point that all committee positions can potentially have a person from both Waynesboro and Crozet. The point of Boosters is to support the needs of swimmers, as brought forth by Rob Rule.

Geneva is committed to blending the families and creating space for participation. With so many open positions right now, a little concerned at the idea of creating another position to potentially have to fill. Geneva is hoping some of the “blending” and creating open space for all Crozet and Waynesboro families can take place through filling the open committee positions.

Next meeting schedule; typically one week before the meet. Usually helpful to meet ahead of the meet.

Nov. 8th at 6:30pm. Focus of the meeting will be final planning for the upcoming meet.

Meeting will be via zoom.

Next agenda should start with the Fall Invite to make sure everything is covered.

Nikki will likely continue in an advisory role. Tom Woodworth recognized the time and work that Nikki has put in serving as President for SMAC. In addition to serving as President, Nikki has been an active member of Boosters for over 10 years. Nikki thanked Tom for his kind words. Nikki recognized that it has been tumultuous at times, but feels that the team can go forward and grow and still be a great place for swimmers to compete. Nikki will still serve as an official so we will still see her on deck too!

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.