**SMAC Boosters Meeting – Zoom Call**

**11/8/2021**

Meeting called to Order at 6:30pm.

People attending Via Zoom:

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| Geneva Swinson | Jonathan Weaber | Tracy Straight |
| Melinda Wissler | Patti Nylander | Tom Woodworth |
| Melissa Jordan | Sara Hankins | Brayden’s iPhone |
| Lisa Tungate | Nikki Snyder | Vickie Gresge |
| Rob Rule |  |  |

Patti Reviewed the previous meeting minutes. Jonathan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Tom seconded, motion carried.

**Official’s Report – Tom Woodworth**

Reaching out to teams very soon to confirm how many swimmers will be attending

Hoping to recruit more parents who are interested in officiating

Meet Referee is available for the home meet; out of Harrisonburg

Not sure if Gordon, Locke, or Jessica will be available to help. They typically have helped in the past. Nikki will share with Tom a contact list of “unattached” officials for him to reach out to about helping with officiating at the Fall Invite.

**Meet Update – Tracy Straight**

A couple of teams have said they will attend, but have not confirmed; Harrisonburg, maybe Lynchburg

Nancy and Melinda are working on Concessions and putting together a list of needed items

Lisa Weaber and Bernadette Mack are working on Hospitality

Concessions will be at the opposite side of the gym from where it usually is. Parents will be able to access the concessions stand from the back stairs outside the building, it will be stationed on that end of the gym.

Nancy is asking Starbucks for coffee, and there are some other donation requests going out as well.

Erin Miller is going through bins to determine needs (plates, napkins, cups, bowls, etc.)

Volunteers Coordinators are Peggy Caister and Geneva Swinson, coordinating sign up, etc.

Need a volunteer check-in station so volunteers will know where to go for their respective roles.

There is a brief description of each role within volunteer positions. Please sign up, we need all hands on deck in order to host a successful meet!

Clerk of Course will be run out of the Observation Room, which is directly off the pool deck. Both morning and afternoon sessions will be clerked.

Swimmers can stage in the upstairs gym between their races.

Parents will be able to come onto the pool deck, watch their swimmer and then exit off the pool deck once their swimmer is done. There will not be bleachers set up on the pool deck for spectators.

Hospitality will be in the room at the bottom of the stairs (the same room that has always been used).

Tracy’s contact information is available on the meet announcement, if you have questions or concerns you can reach out to Tracy.

Registration deadline for swimmers is Nov. 10th

Senior Swimmers are heading to a travel meet this weekend; team is renting vehicles and the coaches are the chaperones. Tracy would like to see Boosters provide some form of support to these swimmers in terms of expenses for attending the meet; perhaps the vehicle rental, hotel space, etc.

Would be good to meet at the start of the swim season to have a better understanding and knowledge of what planned meets are through the season. This would give Boosters an opportunity to know what’s ahead and be able to plan in terms of potential costs.

Waynesboro High School is getting ready to start their swim program. Maybe an opportunity to recruit new swimmers to SMAC.

**Officer Nominations – Geneva Swinson**

Geneva reviewed current open committee and Board positions

Have received nominations for all positions except Team Travel and Fundraising

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| President | Geneva Swinson |  |
| Vice President | Jonathan Weaber |  |
| Treasurer | Rupesh Silwal |  |
| Secretary | Patti Nylander |  |
| Officials Chair | Tom Woodworth |  |
| Fundraising co-chairs |  |  |
| Apparel Coordinator | Lisa Tungate |  |
| Social co-chairs | Claire Bowman | Jill Rockwell |
| Communication/Website/Social Media Coordinator | Bernadette Mack |  |
| Team Travel Coordinator |  |  |

Names highlighted in beige are new nominees.

Geneva shared the list of nominations, and 4 of the 5 nominees represent Crozet families.

Melinda made a motion to approve the new nominees. Lisa Tungate and Tom Woodworth seconded.

With no further discussion, nominees were approved.

Bubble-Up day was a HUGE success! Western Albelmarle HS football players assisted with putting the bubble up. Thank you to parents who were able to come and help with this effort as well. Quite an endeavor!

**Old/New Business**

Official’s costs to maintain certifications – historically SMAC Boosters has covered this for team officials. The cost is ~$100 (registration fee + background check fee). Officials are volunteers, put in a lot of time, and are not paid for their time.

Nikki and Patti expressed support for continuing to pay the fees for Officials, serves as a good way to continue to foster participating within Virginia Swimming.

Registration renewal fees do not always occur at the same time because it depends on when the person became an official. It would work best for officials to submit their fees for reimbursement and the Treasurer can pay the person back. The fees for officials that would be reimbursed by SMAC Boosters would be for people that are attached to SMAC. Right now, there are 6 Officials attached to the team.

Tom, can you confirm this? I thought I heard you say that was how many were with our team, but wanted to be sure before including it in the notes.

Tom made a motion for SMAC Boosters to continue to cover the registration fee for Officials who are attached to SMAC. This would be handled by officials submitting their fees for reimbursement and the Treasurer writes a check to the official.

Sara seconded, motion carried.

Membership contact list on TeamUnify should be open and available for everyone to access.

To access it, go to: Organizational Tools – Membership Tab – will show all members and their contact info.

Meeting agenda topics and meeting minutes review.

Want to make sure agenda topics are brought forth with enough time ahead of the meeting so that items can be added.

In order to streamline review/approval of minutes, Geneva will attach meeting minutes ahead of the meeting and then simply approve the minutes at the start of the meeting. Patti will continue with adding “action items” to the minutes to make sure that we don’t cover items and forget about them. And if there are action items from the previous meeting, Patti will make sure they are addressed at the current meeting.

Setting meeting times; second Mondays at 6:45pm. This may help parents who are trying to get swimmers to 6:30 practice be able to attend.

**Coach’s Report – Rob Rule**

Based on current numbers, we are a young team, a lot of newer swimmers

103 swimmers are 12 and under

32 swimmers are 13 and over

Great for the future of the team, lots of chances for the team to grow!

Getting newer families involved in meets and participating is important

Encouraged parents to sign up for the home meet. This is a really good meet for younger swimmers.

Championship Meet will be the Hoki Meet. There will be a lot of competition in the water at that meet, it’s still a great experience for swimmers to have fun and compete!

Please sign up to help at the meet. Plenty of volunteer opportunities!!!

Rob would like to do an event where SMAC hosts a meal for staff at Augusta Health. Providing meals to the workers there. Will be asking parents to donate $10 to cover the meals and donate them to the staff at Augusta Health.

Waynesboro pool heater is out, but should be up and running by tomorrow. Rob hopes to be back in the pool by Wednesday.

Geneva suggested acknowledging the football players for their help in getting the bubble up.

Sara offered to send a thank you to the Western Albemarle HS Football players for their efforts. Students may also have citizenship requirements to volunteer in various events; this could be a good opportunity for more volunteer efforts in the future.

Mini Marlins in Crozet started today with five swimmers. Doing 45 minute sessions, the group is full and off to a good start.

Geneva and Rob will work on getting a SMAC Boosters tab set up on TeamUnify.

If people have Gator parkas that don’t want them anymore, there are some Charlottesville Gator families who may be interested in buying gently used ones. Contact Rob for more details.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.