**SMAC Boosters Meeting**

**December 13, 2021**

**Meeting called to order via Zoom at 6:30pm**

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| Attendees |  |  |
| Patti Nylander | Jonathan Weaber | Rupesh Silwel |
| Geneva Swinson | Peggy Caister | Fenton McMahon |
| Tom Woodworth | Melissa Jordan | Rob Rule |

Patti reviewed the previous meeting minutes.

Jon made motion to approve minutes, Tom seconded, motion carried.

Official’s Chair – Tom Woodworth

22 officials participated at the Fall Invite, good training for new officials.

SMAC officials are still listed as “attached” to Gator team. Right now, Nikki is the only official who is attached to SMAC. Tom is working with Beth Arnold to see about getting this fixed so other officials are attached to SMAC.

No scheduled training sessions at this time.

Will try to send an email out to families to see who might be interested in officiating, then could work with Mike Hogan about holding an initial training for new officials (Stroke and Turn and Dry Deck)

Treasurer’s Report – Rupesh Silwal

Rupesh shared the balance report, indicating three transactions in the last month.

2 payments for lane space, and one reimbursement to Nikki Snyder for renewing her Meet Official certifications.

Peggy Caister volunteered to take on the role of Team Travel Coordinator. No need to vote on this position, so thank you to Peggy for stepping in!

**Still looking for Fundraising Co-Chairs**

Jonathan suggested sending out another email asking for people are interested.

Peggy suggested it might be helpful to let people know what they would be fundraising for. (scholarships, etc.)

Boosters needs to make sure that the things we are fundraising for are in line with a non-profit organization.

Sarah sent a thank-you note to the high school football players for their efforts in getting the bubble pool up.

By the next meeting, the goal will be to have the boundaries determined for SMAC Boosters and SMAC Incorporated.

Tom asked the question about what level of fundraising does SMAC need to be at? Jonathan commented that it may not be as large an amount as in previous years because we do not owe $30,000 to the Waynesboro YMCA.

The meet fees collected from the Fall Invite will go to Rob/SMAC Incorporated.

Funds raised at Concessions at the Fall Invite goes to SMAC Boosters

The lane space at Waynesboro YMCA fees as liabilities will not be a continual fee.

Jonathan and Peggy made the point that it would be good to have a fundraising GOAL. What are we raising funds FOR? That tends to be well-received if we can be intentional about what we are using the money for. There are opportunities to use funds to support the team in many ways. Social events, equipment. Tom talked about the team used to do Bingo Night as a fundraiser, but it takes a lot of work.

Coach’s Report – Rob Rule

Hoki Invite went well. Had about 50 kids attend. Appreciated the shirts that were provided by the team! Rob will work on getting a summary of how the team performed; best times, age group cut times, PR’s.

Have started using lane space at Augusta Health

Lane space at Augusta Health is roughly half what it is costing the team at the Y.

Rob is interested to know if the team would be interested in hosting a meet toward the end of March.

The meet would probably focus on younger swimmers, swimmers not competing at Age Groups or Senior Champs.

The weekend Rob is looking at is the weekend leading into Spring Break. Maybe the 3rd weekend in April? Rob thinks there are some teams that would be interested in attending. Perhaps Lynchburg, Cavalier?

The Y would need to agree to allow use of the pool.

If Boosters agreed, Virginia Swimming would have to receive notification of a meet 60 days in advance (basically by the January meet)

Might have some lane space available at Woodrow Wilson, they are hoping to have their pool up and running. Rob will talk to the Wilson High School swim team; they are hoping to use that space

Peggy asked if there is a chance that there could be a practice option in Waynesboro/Fishersville for senior swimmers. It’s almost 4 hours for swimmers car-pooling from Waynesboro over to Crozet.

Swim meet format; should it focus on older swimmers as well? Patti made the point that the number of swimmers at the Fall Invite was a good number, would be hesitant to have a meet that hosts a much bigger number of swimmers.

Rob mentioned the idea of maybe hosting a different type meet. Is unsure about whether or not we would continue to host the Summer Classic, just don’t have a lot of other teams that are interested in attending that meet anymore. A lot of other swim clubs have pools or other meets they attend at that time. While the Summer Classic is a fun meet, due to the shallow end and outdoor conditions, it is not always the best meet for a swimmer going after cut times. Just something to consider.

Peggy suggested sending a survey to all Boosters members to gauge interest. Everyone agreed that sending a survey would be a good way to engage members and whether or not this would be a good idea for the team.

Geneva asked Rob to let Boosters know once he hears back from the Y as to whether or not the pool would even be available for a meet in April.

Geneva made a motion to end the meeting at 7:49. Tom seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49.