

Northern Area Aquatics Committee Minutes October 14, 2019

Hosted by SST 7:30 pm - Hamme Pool

Attendance and Introductions: Patrick Burda, Claire Banks, Kristi Boatman, Martha Hood, Ramona Reeves, Lea Hood, Kelsey Leeson, Scott Johnson, Jaiden Rodgers, Amy Summers via phone, Josh Gregory

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- A decision to approve minutes via email was made due to missing page on copies distributed to attendees.
- Two corrections will be made; correcting Patrick Burda's name, and correcting Clair Bank's name.

Guest - Ramona Reeves requested an opportunity to address the Northern Area Committee regarding the grant to purchase starting blocks for the three interior pools. Ramona explained the move to support the borough pools and the teams who practice there came after UAF swim coach Becca Weiland's requested funding support for new starting blocks, To complete the application process, NA must submit tax returns to document financial security. A cover letter is needed along with financial reports. November 19th is the next meeting for the foundation. Ramona also explained the Tanana Valley Youth Sports Foundation will resume receiving their earnings cut from Youth Sports Bingo, changing the division of revenue from four organizations to five, and the expected result in less revenue for all permittees, including Northern Area. Ramona cautioned the board about over spending and the uncertain future income from Bingo, the possibility of annual reductions of income, and the possibility of funding ending due to the economic climate and spending patterns of the community. Ramona ended by advising the board to be careful when figuring YS Bingo earnings into the annual budget, and asked for NA to spread the word through the teams to go play BINGO.

Team Reports

- **MSST** - Patrick - MSST is trying to hire new coaches, needs a coach for age groups. Six swimmers swimming going to the IMX meet, current swimmer count is 80.
- **NPAC** - Amy via phone - current swimmer count is 75 and approximately 30 to 33 swimmers swam last weekend, including lots of little swimmers. No swimmers want to travel to the IMX meet. Kristi added the need for part-time coaches.
- **SST** - Josh via phone before joining meeting in person - Everything is going well, with 100 swimmers and 50 Masters swimmers. 18 going to IMX meet.

- **NOME** - Via Josh - Nome Invite December 15th & 15th. Nome invite has a sanction request submitted and is in need of officials, would like to borrow Dolphins and various equipment/supplies to support the meet. High School is set up for accommodations and there will be ground transportation from the airport to the school provided
 - Amy asked how many officials are needed to run a sanction Age Group meet. Scott said at least three, however four is preferred. Raymond and Scott are going. It is a short course meters event.
- **UAF** - Kelsey - Eight swimmers turned out for the Alumni Meet. Swimmers coming off bi weeks of no competitions, Azusa Pacific dual meet on Friday and Saturday, October 18 & 19. Swimmers have supported the community the past two weeks by reading to kindergarten students and North Pole Elementary School and helping with the Hoodoo Half Marathon.

President's Report - Kristi - Nothing specific except Patrick placed the order for the testers and extra mics, and they have already been delivered.

Treasurer's Report - Diane out - No report submitted.

Gaming Report - No report submitted.

Officials' Report - Scott - As a result of the officials' drama related to the high school team swimsuit issue, Scott was flown to Anchorage by the Anchorage School District when no refs stepped up for the meet with 480 swimmers. Double ended the pool with 21 new refs. Meet went well, and coaches were friendly to officials. Senior Champs may be an issue with officials.

Scott brought forward requests from the officials to move the cables that are now on the ground to where officials do not stand on them. Standing on the cables during the meet was painful. Patrick explained the cables are no long hung after he cleaned the corrosion off.

Swimmer Rep Report - Jaiden high school swimmers preparing for Regionals and hopefully State.

Old Business

- Josh - All meet invites are posted on the Northern Area page.
- High School team volunteer schedule is not clear, Lathrop and Hutch will work the Wishbone. Not sure if Monroe swimmers will volunteer with Lathrop/Hutch or West Valley. Possibility of West Valley supporting her 10 & Under or Novice meets.
- Lea suggested a written agreement in future years

New Business

- Touch Pad - Patty Pool - Kelsey - UAF lost a pad at the first high school meet. One new pad was purchased from the UAF budget. Scott referred to the practice that all NA

equipment may be moved around to support teams and Hamme and Wescott use larger size pads.

- Two new 60-inch touch pads stored at Hamme Pool
 - Scott motioned for the touchpad to go to UAF
 - Patrick seconded the motion
 - Motion passed
 - Kelsey took the pads after the meeting
- Patrick - wants to purchase backup equipment from Colorado quote with a request to approval from the NA board to finance the equipment to keep meets going quickly when in need of backups. Equipment includes 6 additional push buttons for lane timing, 25" jumper cable, Banana pug, and back up lane harness at a total cost \$1,185.00 including \$185.00 for shipping.
 - Josh motioned to approve \$1185.00 for back up timing equipment listed on the quote sheet for Hamme Pool.
 - Clair seconded the motion
 - Tabled for inventories from Patty Pool and Wescott, another quote, and further discussion.
- MAAPP - Compliance - invite Michelle Leonard to November NA meeting to discuss.
- Move November meeting to Tuesday, November 12 instead of Monday the 11th - FNSB buildings will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.
- FNSB Pools will be closed November 28th & 29th.
- Josh motioned for adjournment of meeting
 - Scott seconded
 - Meeting adjourned

Next meeting hosted by MSST on November 11, 2019 - Hamme Pool at 6:30 (consider changing date or location if pool is closed) * *date was changed to 11/13 after patrick checked with Michelle Leonard*