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FAST Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Board Members Present: Renee Haynes, Walter Dauksher, Lance Holter, Rob Huey, Bill Spahn, Randy Pritchard, Lisa Hill, Todd Campbell

Missing: Krista Nero

Meeting Site: Wild Boar

1) **Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM by Randy Pritchard.

2) **Approval of minutes from 03/24/09 Board Meeting** – Approval was done via email prior to the meeting.

3) **Membership Report** – Randy Pritchard

173 Regular Swimmers – This number is down about 20 kids from last month. There are kids leaving the team to pursue other summer activities.

23 Masters Swimmers – Each month the master's group continues to grow. Members participated in the state master's meet. One swimmer is attending the national meet in May. Group now has t-shirts. There is the potential for a master's group practice schedule change over the summer.

0 High School Swimmers – Group will resume in the fall.

4) **Coach's Report** – Bill Spahn

The team is once again accepting new members especially in the Gold and Silver groups. Bill is going to discuss the number of kids that can be added with Glee and Denise, and then work with Carmen to post an announcement on the website stating the team is once again accepting new swimmers. People interested in joining the team will be directed to Evan to schedule an evaluation swim.

Bill has been working on the summer practice schedule and hopes to have it posted in early May. FAST has been unable to secure outdoor practice facilities for use during the week although it does appear likely Saturday morning practices will once again be held at the Westfield pool.

5) **Treasurer's Report** – Todd Campbell

Financially, the team is staying “on track.”

Cash from the CD was used to cover the costs of the SC State Meet. Team is still waiting to be reimbursed from CSI. It is unclear how quickly the reimbursement will occur. As of the April meeting, FAST has not yet been paid by CSI.

The April Intrasquad meet lost money, but it did give the kids to get some early season LC times.

Other than pool rental and coach salaries, one of the team's larger expenses continues to be t-shirts for the swimmers. Other expenditures include money to subsidize both the banquet and the travel meet.

The limit on the team credit card has been expanded.

Evan has been given “signature authorization.”

6) **President's Report** – Randy Pritchard

- FAST was granted permission by CSI to host the following meets in **2010**:

FAST Winter Open

January 8th – 10th, 2010



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FAST Spring Splash LC Open	April 30 th – May 2 nd 2010
FAST LC Open	June 18 th – 20 th , 2010
FAST Mid-Season SC Finale	December 10 th – 12 th 2010

- CSI received bids from three teams (FAST, Loveland, and Grand Junction) to host the 2011 Short Course State Championships. The technical committee opted NOT to award the meet until they had more time to study the configuration of the new swimming complex being built on the campus of Mesa State in Grand Junction. The committee is interested in being able to conduct the state meet in a larger facility that might possibly allow 18% of the Colorado swimmers to qualify instead of 12%. A number of the coaches in attendance spoke out against making front range swimmers (who make up 90% of the swimmers in Colorado) travel to Grand Junction in March for the SC Championship. FAST is still optimistic about their bid for the meet being accepted.

7) Old Business

a) Backstroke Flags

FAST is evaluating three different designs for adding backstroke flags to the practice lanes in the shallow end of the pool.

b) Spring Banquet

- 1) Hosting the banquet at the Rio was a nice change from the Lincoln Center. The facility was still a bit crowded, but with the size of the team crowding is likely an issue at most of the available facilities.
- 2) There were some issues with the Silver State and State qualifiers listed in the programs. The list was difficult to compile as there is not a simple method of pulling all the kids from the database. Next year, the coaches will be asked to submit lists of their kids who qualified for State and Silver State for inclusion in the program.
- 3) Erin Popovich received a small fee for speaking at the banquet.

c) Diving Platforms

The new diving platforms designed by Karl Stewart have been well received by the swimmers and coaches. Bill believes the practice the Silver/Gold swimmers are getting with the blocks in the deep end is yielding immediate results. The blocks were produced for UNDER the budgeted amount.

d) Retaining a Spot on FAST for the 2009/2010 Season

The board discussed at length several questions regarding the policy for returning to the team after a summer absence. It was decided that no changes would be made to the policy for this season. No exceptions have been granted to the published policies.

8) New Business

a) May LC Meet

Bill agreed to ask some of his senior swimmers to be available immediately after school on Friday to pull the lane lines for the LC pool configuration. In the future, this task may be given meet support credit, so the lane line pullers can be determined in advance.



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The meet swelled to 660 swimmers when the last team entered added 160 swimmers to the count. All actions possible to keep the meet within the prescribed time line are being taken, but there is some fear the meet will run long during the Saturday morning session.

b) Travel Meet

The following was discussed regarding the travel meet:

- 1) It is unclear what the documented age a swimmer needs to be is to travel with the team unaccompanied by their parents. There was a consensus among board members that the age is nine. Bill stated that the team has not had any issues with young swimmers in the past. Randy mentioned that swimmers have to be 11 to travel to the Zone Meet without their parents. The board will review the unaccompanied age limit for next year's travel meet.

c) Bulkhead Pulling

Once the summer practice schedule is defined, FAST will request help from volunteers to pull the bulkheads for long course practice. Based on the schedule, it may be possible to use swimmers in the master's group to pull the bulkheads.

d) Terms & Conditions

The board will review the Terms & Conditions at the next meeting. Lance will provide copies to all board members prior to the next meeting. The board needs to have the Terms & Conditions finalized in time for August registration.

e) Ad in Summer Club City Championship Program

Rob Huey will place an ad in the Summer Club City Championships program advertising FAST. The ad will mention FAST's high school group as well as our age group swimming groups.

f) Next meeting: Tuesday May 26th

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Rob Huey and seconded by Rene Haynes. Motion passed by unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.