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FAST Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Board Members Present: Renee Haynes, Walter Dauksher, Lance Holter, Rob Huey, Krista Nero, Randy Pritchard, Karl Stewart, Melissa Kinnear, Bill Spahn
Meeting Site: Wild Boar

1) Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:42 PM by Randy Pritchard.

2) Approval of minutes from 09/22/09 Board Meeting – Approval was done via email prior to the meeting.

3) Membership Report – Randy Pritchard

184 Regular Swimmers – This is one of the highest numbers in recent team history. The following number of swimmers exist in each of the groups: Precompetitive (12), Silver (21), Gold1 (10), Gold2 (22), Platinum (23), White (29), Blue (23), Pre-senior (19), and Senior (25). In hopes of shifting some swimmers from Gold2 to Gold1 the coaches are going to look at potentially starting Gold1 practice 15 minutes later than it does now.

30 Masters Swimmers – Morning practice sessions continue to attract 15-20 swimmers. Lunch time session attendance is between 8 and 12 swimmers.

24 High School Prep Swimmers – As hoped, this number is up substantially this year. Team waiting to see how the start of the girl's high school season impacts the numbers.

4) Coach's Report – Bill Spahn

Things continue to go well with the team. Attendance at practice has been excellent.

The team had more than 50 swimmers in the MACS meet. There were a number of impressive swims including several new team records.

FAST has 150+ kids entered in the November Loveland meet.

Training wise, the team's focus is on the December meet. Heavy training will occur between now and the end of November. There will be a slight taper period in preparation for the FAST hosted December meet.

To save the team money, FAST will NOT be printing District Meet t-shirts this year.

The coach's are contemplating a two tiered meet schedule for February and March of 2010. Kids swimming in the Short Course State meet will be encouraged to attend either the Highlands Ranch Meet or the Loveland Sweetheart Meet (whichever one the coach's decide upon). Kids swimming at Silver state will be encouraged to swim in the District Meet as their final tune-up before Silver State. These discussions are preliminary. The coaches hope to finalize the championship season meet schedule in the next few weeks.

The team is exploring the possibility of a date change for the June LC Meet. Currently, the meet is scheduled for June 18-20. The new dates being considered are the following week: June 25-27. Aces is currently holding a meet on this weekend, but they would like to move their meet to July 9-11th. Walter (the June meet director) is going to check on Epic's availability for the new dates.

The team is also exploring the possibility of pushing the June travel meet back one week later than its traditional date. Moving to the weekend of June 10th – 13th will allow more kids to attend. It will also give FAST a greater number of travel destinations from which to select.

First long course meet will likely be at Foothills April 16-18th.



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The LC State Meet will be in Grand Junction in 2010. It is possible the preliminary swims will be contested in two different pools. All the finals will be held in Mesa State's new indoor pool.

5) **Treasurer's Report** (Melissa Kinnear)

Melissa worked with both Todd Campbell (former treasurer) and Hildenbrand (team's bookkeeping service) to develop an understanding of team's financial accounting methods.

The team's cash position is "good."

Melissa shared a spreadsheet with the board that outlined income and expenses comparing FY08 with FY09. The document highlighted how important meet revenue is to the team's financial success. The document also highlighted a significant increase in the expense of hosting meets between FY08 and FY09.

The Swim-a-thon earned \$14,000 for the team. Last year, it earned \$20,000. The board endorses the current format of the swim-a-thon. It is a great opportunity for the swimmers to meet elite athletes. Plus, the swimmers really seem to enjoy the swim-a-thon lap experience.

Given that the team is hosting one less meet this year (no LC State), the swim-a-thon raised less money than last year and swimmer dues were not increased this season, the board is going to be closely watching expenditures.

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

1) Bookkeeper Position

Both Melissa and Renee spent time discussing the bookkeeper position with Megan Tooley. A document was produced outlining the actions Megan currently performs. The board is going to review the document looking for items that can be removed from the job description as well as adding new actions to the job description.

2) Hospitality Coordinators

The board decided to revamp the hospitality coordinator position. There are five FAST hosted meets this season. The hospitality coordinator position is going to be broken into a short course session (December and January meets with cross over help at SC State) and a long course session (Cross over help at SC State, May LC, and June LC). Full meet support credit will be given to two families for each session. Randy is going to send an email to the team looking to secure hospitality coordinators.

3) Spring Banquet Coordinator

Lisa Adams filled this position last year and expressed some interest in doing it again. Lance will contact Lisa. If she is NOT interested in being the coordinator again, Lance will draft an email plea in hopes of securing a new banquet coordinator.

4) Travel Meet Planner

Once the dates for the travel meet have been confirmed, Lance will draft an email outlining the position and seeking a volunteer to plan the trip.

7) **Old Business**



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a) Make “Meet Support Lottery” Year Long Option

The initial math Renee did to compare meet support sessions owed and meet support sessions needed for the 2009/2010 season indicates it will not be necessary to offer the “meet support lottery” on an ongoing basis.

b) Underwater Camera – No report

c) EPIC Air Quality

As a response to the air quality tests that were conducted this summer, Epic is going to install six new ceiling fans over the pool. The board sees this as a very positive action by Epic. The board hopes the increased air circulation will help improve the air quality and temper the heat visitors feel in the stands during heavily attended meets.

d) New Board Member Party- Lance to discuss possible weekends with Kay and then send options to board members via email.

8) New Business

a) Swimmer Representative on Board

The board discussed a recent request from a swimmer to have a “swimmer representative” on the board. While the board is anxious to have input from a wide variety of sources, it voted down the idea of creating a formal swimmer representative position.

As a result of the discussions on the swimmer representative position, the board will take the following actions to ensure that team parents and swimmers are able to better communicate with the board.

- 1) An email will be drafted reminding parents and swimmers that they are allowed to attend board meetings. An attempt will be made to post the board meetings/locations on the website a week before they occur.
- 2) Also included in the board meeting email will be a list of the phone numbers and email addresses of all current board members. Parents will be informed that they are free to contact board members with issues they would like to have discussed at the next meeting.
- 3) A “Notes to the Board” folder will be added with the team folders. Any person wanting to make a suggestion to the board can leave a note in the folder, and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Meet Director’s Meeting

Rob Huey is going to conduct a meeting for all people planning to serve as meet directors during the 2009/2010 season. Entry Chairs are also invited to attend. If you have an interest in working as a meet director in the future, please contact Rob Huey (rob6001@msn.com) to be invited to the meeting.

2009/2010 Meet Directors

Intrasquad – Rob Huey
December – Randy Pritchard/Lance Holter



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January – Jan Hopkins
SC State – Adam Hoffman
May – Bonnie Huey/ Krista Nero
June – Walter Dauksher/ Karl Stewart

c) EPIC Certification for USA Swimming

Colorado Swimming has started requiring a sentence in meet information documents that identifies whether or not the pool has been certified with USA Swimming. Currently, only two pools in Colorado are certified: Epic & Grand Junction. The “deep end” configuration currently being used by FAST for short course meets has not been certified. The pool will be measured during the intrasquad meet. The measurements will be submitted to USA Swimming for pool certification.

d) Meet Computers

The board has approved the purchase of three new computers and the Meet Manager III software. Greg Tooley will be purchasing the computers through work. It is expected the three computers and software will cost less than \$1,000.

e) Meet Support Credit for White Group

The board reviewed a parent question concerning the increase in meet support dues for white group swimmers from 8 to 11 this season. The board decided to leave the sessions owed at 11. The white group is the team’s largest group. Reducing the meet support sessions from 11 to 8 would put FAST in a position where the team didn’t have enough volunteer hours to cover all the meet duties.

f) Recreator Ad

The board approved a \$1,200 expenditure to run a team ad in the Recreator. The ad typically runs next to the swimming lessons section. Krista and Bonnie Huey will work with the Coloradoan on the ad. FAST wants to advertise the new non-competitive group.

g) Bookkeeper Phone

The board approved installation of a second phone line for the bookkeeper. The line will be used exclusively for FAST business.

h) FAST Parent Party

The board would like to arrange a “FAST Parent Party.” Swimmers would NOT be invited to attend the gathering. The hope is that this gathering will help FAST parents get to know one another better. Parents with suggestions on a location, theme, or plan for such a gathering should contact Lance Holter (lholler@q.com or 229-9339).

i) Next Meeting: Tuesday 7:30PM November 17th (Downtown Old Chicago...or Wild Boar)

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Melissa Kinnear and seconded by Walter Dauksher. Motion passed by unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40PM.