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### FAST Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 25th, 2010

**Board Members Present:** Renee Haynes, Walter Dauksher, Lance Holter, Rob Huey, Krista Nero, Randy Pritchard, Melissa Kinnear, Evan Welting, Karl Stewart

**Missing:** None

**Meeting Site:** Wild Boar

**1) Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by Randy Pritchard.

**2) Approval of minutes from 02/16/2010 Board Meeting** – Approval was done via email prior to the meeting.

**3) Membership Report** – Randy Pritchard

The number of swimmers on the team continues to remain constant.

*184 Regular Swimmers* – The number of swimmers in each practice group remains constant. The following number of swimmers exist in each of the groups: Precompetitive (12), Silver (17), Gold (29), Platinum (28), White (31), Blue (24), Pre-senior (20), and Senior (23).

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

*High School Prep Swimmers* – The High School Prep group has been discontinued until next fall.

**4) Coach's Report** – Evan Welting

Evan held a coach's meeting on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>. He thought the meeting went well. He stressed to the coaches that he didn't anticipate any major changes in the training patterns for the swimmers.

The team now has a number of swimmers qualifying for travel meets, sectionals, and junior nationals, but the focus meet for the long course season will continue to be the state championship meet.

Evan is very pleased with the attendance of swimmers on the team. The coaches always appreciate when swimmers who aren't able to attend practice let their coach know they will not be attending.

Coach McKenzie is fitting in nicely. She is very excited to be coaching the blue group. She said, "I'm not sure I've coached such a motivated group of kids. They complained that my first practice wasn't hard enough. That's never happened to me before."

Evan is interested in purchasing some dry land training equipment. He hopes to buy a single item, and then test it to see if he wants to buy additional items. Evan has plans to emphasize dry land training with the older swimmers.

Evan sent home a practice schedule calendar with his swimmers. The calendar covers April and May.

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

The board continues to closely monitor the team's financial position looking for ways to increase revenue and reduce expenses. The budget forecast for 2009/2010 still indicates a potential, slight loss for the season.

Decreased meet revenue continues to be the board's largest area of concern. The December meet was more profitable this year than it was last year, but the January provided half the revenue it did last year. There is some concern that the May meet might not generate the same amount of revenue it did last year due to some scheduling issues. There are two Denver LC meets the week prior to the FAST May meet.



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The board reviewed the dues increases that would be necessary if the team opted to no longer host meets. The increase was deemed too severe to consider seriously. The team will continue to host meets as a service to our swimmers. The board will continue to evaluate methods for making the meets more profitable.

Based on questions posed to board members from parents, it appears there are some concerns about the team's financial stability.

*The board wants the team to know that FAST is in an extremely strong, stable, financial position.*

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

Team Manager Applications – Randy collected eight resumes from people interested in the FAST Team Manager position. A committee consisting of Rob Huey, Krista Nero, and Melissa Kinnear will begin evaluating the resumes and conducting interviews. When the field of candidates has been narrowed, Evan will join the committee and review the candidates.

### 7) **Old Business**

#### a) Bulkhead Pins – Walter Dauksher

Bulkhead pins were manufactured for use in the SC State meet. The cost for these was approximately \$36. The 2 pins that secured the east (turn) bulkhead fit perfectly. The east bulkhead was firmly positioned over the alignment plates in the pool deck. The pins for the west (start) bulkhead did not fit as well. Unfortunately the alignment of the bulkhead and the deck plates was much poorer than expected. The west bulkhead cannot be pulled into the proper position, which is flush with the pool wall. Fortunately, the fix for the west bulkhead pins requires additional material to be removed, which is easy to do.

Since there are two different types of alignment plates in the pool deck, an additional pair of pins will be required for the east bulkhead when set in the LC configuration. This means that a total of 6 pins are required to accommodate SC and LC formats.

The aluminum pins were intended to be prototypes. Recognizing that the alignment of the bulkheads and pool deck alignment plates was unknown and that aluminum is inexpensive, the original aluminum pins were intended to go through a series of test fits prior to determining the final dimensions. Once final dimensions were known, the plan was to remake the pins in stainless steel.

The downsides to aluminum are that it is relatively soft and susceptible to corrosion. I had anticipated that the pins would be fairly beat up after the State meet. This was not the case. I propose the following:

- Manufacture aluminum pins for the east bulkhead LC configuration. This again is a guess at mis-alignment and iterate situation. Cost - ~\$36.
- Use the aluminum pins for as long as possible. The corrosion and denting of those used in the State meet was cosmetic. These pins can be replaced with stainless pins at ~\$80/piece when damage becomes too severe.

#### b) Trophy Case – Lance Holter

Evan has an interest/use for some of the trophies instead of placing them in the garbage. He and Lance will go through the trophy case/closet looking to salvage/repurpose the trophies.



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c) Terms and Conditions – Lance Holter

Draft of 2010/2011 T&C's will be distributed to board prior to April meeting by Lance Holter.

d) Record Boards

Randy is working with Tony Dragan and Epic to find a way to update the records on the right side of the SC record board.

e) Underwater Filming – Evan Welting

Evan has some ideas for using the underwater equipment as a training tool. He plans to introduce filming in the senior group initially.

f) Spring Banquet – Lisa Adams is moving forward with plans for the spring banquet. It will be held on Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Event Center. A note went out to the team outlining the date and location. Evan indicated he was working on two speakers. The board approved payment of travel expenses for the speakers to attend the banquet. Gifts for senior swimmers were discussed. It was decided former members of the team wanting to attend the banquet will be required to pay the “swimmer fee” for attending. Lance Holter will be creating a short slide show for the banquet.

g) Liability Insurance for Directors/Officers – Krista Nero

Krista made some initial phone calls regarding the insurance. She hopes to have more information at the April meeting.

h) Omaha Travel Meet

- Scott Petrilla is the Travel Meet Coordinator. He is working closely with Jan Hopkins and Lance Holter to develop the trip itinerary, estimate costs, secure transportation and book lodging.
- The board voted unanimously that 10&U swimmers **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the Omaha trip. 10&U swimmers will be required to stay in the rooms of their parent/guardian, but they will travel on the team bus.
- FAST is looking for up to four chaperones for the Omaha trip. Lodging and transportation costs for each chaperone will be paid for by FAST. People interested in being chaperones should contact Scott Petrilla.
- FAST is looking for interested 13&O swimmers to serve as “team leaders.” The selected swimmers will mentor/guide small groups of 12&U swimmers through the travel meet. Please contact Evan Welting if you are interested in a team leader position.

i) Kentucky Travel Meet

- There are currently between 15 and 20 swimmers either committed or considering attending the Kentucky travel meet.
- Evan Welting is currently serving as the travel meet coordinator. Krista Nero is helping with the group flight arrangements.
- The current price of the trip is \$395, but this amount does NOT include the cost of food for the swimmer. Evan plans to send an email to the team outlining the details of trip.



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- FAST is looking for two chaperones for the Kentucky trip. The team will pay the airfare and lodging costs for each chaperone. One of the chaperone duties on the trip may include driving a van to shuttle the swimmers. Anyone interested in becoming a chaperone should contact Evan Welting.

- j) Hospitality Runner – The Hospitality Runner position debuted at the SC State Meet in March. Overall, the position was deemed a valuable addition to the hospitality team. The position will be offered at future meets.

### 8) New Business

- a) Northern Colorado LC Championship

FAST is making preparations to co-host (with Estes Park) the Northern Colorado LC Championships. Karl Stewart and Evan Welting have created the meet information document.

The meet will occur on July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>.

The meet still needs to be approved by Northern Colorado Swimming. Evan indicated there are some teams lobbying for the meet to be a short course meet instead of a long course meet. If Northern Colorado Swimming decides the meet will be conducted in a short course pool, FAST will not host the meet.

- b) Meet Scheduling

The board held a lengthy discussion preparing for the CSI Scheduling Meeting. FAST must submit the dates we wish to conduct meets to CSI by April 5<sup>th</sup>. The actual CSI Scheduling Meeting occurs on April 17<sup>th</sup> at DU. Evan and Randy will attend the meeting.

The board reviewed the dates of all planned FAST meets evaluating Epic's availability, holidays, and meets traditionally conducted near our desired dates. The board developed a set of dates for all the meets the team hopes to host in 2011. Randy Pritchard is filling out the necessary documents and will submit them to CSI prior to April 5<sup>th</sup>.

- c) Volunteer Coordinator Assistant Position

Based on a request from the current Volunteer Coordinator, the board voted 6-2 in favor of creating a new Volunteer Coordinator Assistant position. The person filling this position will receive three meet support credits for serving out the remainder of the 2009/2010 season. People interested in this position should contact Karen Markel.

- d) Next Meeting: Tuesday 7:30PM April 20th (Location TBD)

### 9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Renee Haynes and seconded by Krista Nero. Motion passed by unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 10:23PM.