

LAWRENCE AQUAHAWKS  
February, 2009  
Presidents' Letter

Hello Everyone:

The Board of Directors is scheduled to meet on February 18th in the Aquahawk office beginning at 7:15p.m. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

**February Update**

The Board of Directors had it's January meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Board approved a late fee charge of \$15.00 for any member who has not paid their then current invoice by the next computer generated billing cycle. You should have all received an e-mail from Jolisa outlining the details of the late fee.

The club has moved to a web based invoicing system and with that change we are working toward implementing the use of credit cards, debt cards and electronic checks for the payment of your monthly invoices. We hope to have this fully functional by April, 2009.

The club has been requested by Missouri Valley to host the DII championship meet at the end of February. This was unplanned as the host club had a mechanical failure with the host pool that will prevent it from being utilized. We will be requesting volunteers to help with this meet and know we can count on your support. This should be a profitable meet for the club and increase the clubs revenues for the year.

The Board wishes to thank those of you who have agreed to work as Stroke and Turn officials. We are still in need of additional members who are interested in helping the club and reducing their respective monthly cost. The information is on the web site.

**2009 GOALS**

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, the Board participated in an informal strategic planning meeting. The Board set the following goals to be completed by September 2009:

1. The creation of a long term planning committee with a published structure and reporting requirements.
2. Make a determination if the club can become a not for profit organization.
3. Develop a program for the transfer of knowledge from the Board of Directors to new Board of Directors through the creation of an orientation package/program as well as the transfer of knowledge from the Business manger to others.
4. Develop a program to recruit and retain meet officials for the club.

We believe we set out goals that are SMART – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely

## **Issues facing the Aquahawks**

**In the current economic climate, the State of Kansas through its governor has proposed a significant budget reduction that will affect the Lawrence community - specifically the Lawrence Aquahawks.**

**The Indoor Aquatic Center which is under the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department receives its funding from the city budget which receives a significant source of the Indoor Aquatic Center funding from the State. Governor Sebelius has proposed that the distribution of the liquor taxes to local governments be eliminated. This projected loss of revenue has caused the City Manager to request budget reductions from a variety of sources, including the aquatic centers. The current proposal is to close all (indoor and outdoor) aquatic facilities at 7:00p.m. This is the tip of the iceberg as further cuts will occur in the 2010 budget. We are preparing an email for you to use in requesting your state legislatures to vote against the Governors proposed budget cuts. We hope to mobilize the Aquahawks and send a clear message that many families will be affected by this proposal. In the event the proposed budget is approved then we will need to make ourselves heard at the local level when the city is setting budgets for the Parks and Recreation Departments.**

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