

Bozeman Multisport Aquatics

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Minutes Approved 12/14/17

In attendance: Cam, Lisa, Gina, Christel, John, Sam, Caty, Grace, Emily, Griffin

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:24 PM.
2. Minutes from Sept. 28, 2017 were approved.

Coaches Updates

3. Caty
 - a. Billings IMX went well with time drops across the board. BMA had 5 swimmers achieve their IMX. The water and air quality of the pool area are much improved after the renovation.
 - b. Butte Mining Classic went well for BMA swimmers. Extreme snow and icy road conditions made travel difficult. BMA had 34 swimmers register, but on Saturday 5 swimmers did not show and on Sunday 2 swimmers did not show. BMA had several relay scratches, which has prompted Caty to reconsider the way relays are put together. A parent organized team dinner at Pizza Ranch was well attended and fun for all. The Butte YMCA did not get the meet information out in a timely manner and the meet could have been run much better.
 - c. Caty is very pleased with the season progress of the Junior and Senior swim groups. The Juniors are doing interval training now. Several Senior swimmers will leave BMA and start swimming high school this month. Caty will send email to the remaining Senior swimmers to ask if any will be attending our morning practices. If none plan to attend, we will cancel morning practice until high school swimming ends and stop renting those morning lanes.
 - d. Caty and Kate Huston attended the Build-a-Pool conference in Denver on Oct. 21-22. The conference provided attendees with a valuable feasibility study for their area, along with pool designs and business plans. The pool would be run like a health club with memberships for the pool and fitness area. Groups would have the option of pool rental also. Caty has had difficulty scheduling a meeting with the 3 board members of Friends of Belgrade Pool. She also senses some reluctance among that board to work together on the new pool ideas. It may be sensible to start another nonprofit and try working with the Belgrade School District for land in exchange for services instead of working with the city and Friends of Belgrade Pool.
4. Grace, Emily, Griffin
 - a. Grace coached at Butte meet and Emily coached at Billings meet. Both said BMA swimmers did well and had fun.
 - b. Griffin said coaching is going well.
 - c. We ran out of time for more coach comments. They all had to leave to coach the evening swim practice.

Treasurer's Report

5. Gina
 - a. Gina summarized the financials. Income from Billings meet was \$9.56 and from Butte meet was \$231.68.
 - b. Gina completed an unexpected State Fund audit.
 - c. EIN classification change is still being worked on. Gina would like to get it completed before taxes are due to make filing simpler.

Old Business

6. Coach recruitment continues. Don still needs to get CPR certification. There are limited times available that don't work with Don's schedule. Sam will inquire at his work to see if he can get certified to teach CPR. Cam will contact Katie Hagengruber and see if she would consider BMA coaching along with her job at Jen's Swim School. Gina will contact Mackenzie Fricke and Dylan Gillespie to check interest. Christel's husband will talk with Jen to see if any of her coaches would like additional coaching hours with BMA.
7. Gina received the second BMA Brookies banner.

New Business

8. Our Thanksgiving holiday schedule will be no practice on Wednesday, Nov. 22 through Friday, Nov. 24. Practice will resume on Saturday. Christmas days off will be Dec. 23-26. There will be no swim practice Jan 1. Cam will check with Caty on this schedule.
9. Christel has been working on grants and sponsorships. She will put together a sponsorship packet that can be given to interested businesses. She will also pull together a donor list from the community. Christel wondered if we could ask for sponsors in the online swimmer registration. It would motivate families to find sponsors if those funds could be used toward the required swimmer fundraising. Another idea is for BMA to sign up on nonprofit night at local restaurants that will donate a percent of the profits back to BMA. Donors could be rewarded with a thank you plaque for their business, a thank you ad in the Chronicle, or a thank you printed on our turn walls. A list of items that BMA would like new funding for are: scholarships, coaches clinics, 2 more turn walls, workout equipment, and pool rent.
10. Gina volunteered Emily to organize a BMA Christmas party on Dec. 21.
11. Upcoming events
 - a. Dec. 9-10: Bozeman Teddy Bear.
 - b. Jan. 13-14: Butte Snowball Classic.
 - c. Jan. 20-21: Hardin Tropical.
 - d. Feb. 2-4: Billings Last Chance.
 - e. Feb. 23-25: Butte Short Course State.
 - f. March 10-11: Polson B/C Championships.
12. Next Board meeting: Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, 5:15 PM.
13. Meeting adjourned 7:16 PM.