

Bozeman Multisport Aquatics

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2018

In attendance: Cam, Lisa, Christel, Laura, Gina, Sam, John, Caty, Grace, Emily, Griffin, Kris (by phone)

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:22 PM.
2. Minutes from Dec. 14, 2017 were approved.

Minutes Approved 2/15/18

Coaches Updates

3. Caty
 - a. Snowball meet in Butte went well and our team was very competitive. BMA had athletes among the top 3 high point swimmers. BMA had 33 swimmers attend. BMA did not participate in relays, but that gave Caty opportunity to talk with parents about the importance of relays and what they mean to the team. Caty was pleased with the show of good sportsmanship by BMA swimmers.
 - b. Caty is working on the bylaws for the Belgrade pool nonprofit. She is getting help from Charlie Cromwell, a Bozeman attorney and former Division I swimmer. She is also getting help from BMA parent Leslie Atkinson. They are working with the Belgrade school system as they work toward a land purchase.
 - c. MT Swimming Reach Out Grant has received a submission from Hardin Otters and BMA. To help the review committee decide on funding, Susan Huckleby has sent a list of additional questions for us to answer. Lisa and Caty are working on the answers, and they will be submitted to Susan this week.
 - d. The Latino scholarship swimmer's parents may not have understood the swim-a-thon, as none of them participated. It was decided that we will not charge those swimmers the required \$100 fundraising fee. However, the other scholarship swimmers are required to raise the \$100. Next year we will have to do a better job communicating with the Latino families so they understand the swim-a-thon.
4. Grace
 - a. Practice is going fine.
 - b. Grace will not be available to coach this summer because she is doing a summer internship with Honeywell in Atlanta.
5. Emily
 - a. The BMA Christmas party had a T-shirt relay and a Santa hat relay in the water. There was also a sock gift exchange and a cake for refreshments. It seemed too rushed to fit everything in. Next year it would be better to have the team party during a 2 hour Saturday practice.
 - b. Emily coached at the Butte Snowball meet. She said lots of BMA swimmer DQs occurred, where swimmers were not fully focused on their race and made a stroke error. Similar mistakes happen in practice with those swimmers.
 - c. Emily has 4 Tuesday night common hour exams, so she will not be available to coach those evenings. Caty asked Emily to put those dates on the coaching calendar so she can plan ahead.
6. Griffin
 - a. Griffin is having trouble uploading his CPR certification. It will have to be sent to Lanni.
 - b. Griffin will coach at the next Billings meet. We have 20 BMA swimmers planning to attend.

Treasurer's Report

7. Gina provided the financials. A breakdown of the distribution of Charlotte Martin funds was also provided.

Old Business

8. Caty has not observed anymore negative comments from the other team. Since our practice has been moved up by 15 min., the locker space is very limited and there is more team overlap in the locker room. Our swimmers have to use the locker room benches or the bleachers on deck to store their belongings. It would be best to have our swimmers store their bags on the bleachers since some of the swim aerobics ladies like to use the benches.
9. Caty has been working on recruiting a coach to cover Grace's summer absence. Siobhan Gilmartin has declined our offer. Molly, who is an assistant Hawks coach, is still a possibility. McKinley may be available for 3-4 weeks in May.
10. Don still needs to complete Coaching 101 and Athlete Protection before being certified to coach. Cam and Caty will check with Don on his progress.
11. Christel gave an update on swim-a-thon and sponsorships. We are over \$6,300 right now and 38 swimmers participated. The cutoff date for swim-a-thon is Feb. 16. After that date, those swimmers that didn't raise \$100 will be billed. Christel will compose an email and give it to Caty to distribute. Gina suggested that we not run the sponsorships through the swim-a-thon next year to avoid paying 6% to USA Swimming. Swim-a-thon software gives email receipts to donors, so Gina will have to give sponsorship receipts for tax purposes. Christel will plan for a team sundae party when \$7,500 fundraising goal is reached and a movie party for \$10,000. We need a team picture to give to sponsors and to update our web page. Christel will ask a parent with a nice camera to take the team photo. Tim will be our backup photographer. Feb 12 was chosen for taking the team photo. The board will give a team picture to each BMA swimmer. Christel will give the left-over prizes from swim-a-thon to Caty so she can use them at the end of the year celebration.
12. Grace has our T-shirt inventory and Caty has our cap inventory. We have plenty of caps for the rest of the season.

New Business

13. The End of the Season Celebration will be on Thursday, March 22. Cam has requested a quote from the Emerson Ballroom. Lindley Park, Beal Park, and Whittier School were mentioned as possible locations. Caty will check into River Rock Community Center. We will need tables, chairs, and rental cost. Kate Huston has offered to cater the event if families pay for the cost of the food.
14. Long course start date will be April 2. Cam will talk with Elizabeth about the lane contract. She will ask for 4 lanes M-TH & 3 lanes Saturday. We will settle for 3 lanes M-TH if we can't get 4. Cam will order 2 more turn walls before Long Course begins.
15. We won't have a Splash Camp before Long Course. We will offer a free week of swimming to any new swimmers that are considering joining BMA.
16. Upcoming events
 - a. Feb. 2-4: Billings Last Chance. (Griffin)
 - b. Feb. 23-25: Butte Short Course State. (Grace)
 - c. March 10-11: Polson B/C Championships. (Grace & Emily)
 - d. March 22: End of Season Celebration.
17. Next Board meeting: Thursday, Feb 15, 2018, 5:15 PM.
18. Meeting adjourned 6:58 PM.