

Bozeman Multisport Aquatics

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2018

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:23 PM.
2. Minutes from Jan. 25, 2018 were approved.

Coaches Updates

These minutes have been approved

3. Caty
 - a. Billings Last Chance meet was at a good time in the season for our swimmers. There were big time improvements by several BMA swimmers and at least one more state qualifier. 23 BMA swimmers attended.
 - b. Caty has given all Belgrade pool nonprofit paperwork to Charlie Cromwell and is waiting for him to file. Caty has been trying to connect with the Belgrade school board but has not been successful. The recent nonrenewal of the Superintendent contract may be a factor. Christel might have a connection to a Belgrade school board member that could help.
 - c. There was discussion among coaches about the value of Grace providing a written workout for each practice. Grace started the season writing workouts, but felt that they were not used much and the coaches needed flexibility to match the workout to the swimmers that show up. Griffin likes that flexibility for ST1 practices. Emily would like written workouts to help keep a better timeline for ST2 practices. Grace can share the season plan with the other assistant coaches and give them a better understanding of season goals and progression. Caty will organize a coaches meeting to discuss further.
 - d. Feb. 28 will be the last day of the season for swimmers that are not attending BC Championship meet. Caty has told Elizabeth that most of our team will be done practicing on Feb 28. We will decrease the number of lanes after that date. The only practice days after Feb 28 will be Mar 1, 3, 6, 8. Caty will notify swimmers and parents of this end of season practice information.
4. Grace
 - a. The season is going well and swimmers are making good progress as a team. There have been good parent interactions also.
 - b. Some swimmer behavioral problems have occurred and are being dealt with.
5. Emily
 - a. The season has been good. Emily described some swim games that she has been doing with the swimmers that make practice fun for the kids.
 - b. Emily is available to coach this summer and will be in the Bozeman MSU nursing program next year.
6. Griffin
 - a. It has been an excellent season with lots of positive results.
 - b. Griffin will be in Bozeman and available to coach this summer. He plans to graduate from MSU next December.

Treasurer's Report

7. Gina provided the financials. There is approximately \$6,000 of credit card Swim-a-Thon money to add that Gina hasn't processed yet.
8. No progress on EIN reclassification.
9. There was a discussion about swimmer accounts with outstanding balances. Lisa suggested using the remaining Charlotte Martin funds to help. Gina will check on that.

Old Business

10. Caty has not been able to recruit a coach to cover Grace's long course absence from May 14-Aug 24. She is considering having one of our assistant coaches fill-in for her from May 14 to the end of the season and finding a lower position coach to fill the vacancy if our member numbers require it. She said it would be easier to fill the lower position with a person newer to coaching than to try to fill a higher position with someone that had the experience.
11. Caty would like to end our Long Course season practices at the end of July. Long Course State Meet is mid July, but Caty would like to find an out-of-state meet to take our swimmers to at the end of July. Helena is offering a mixer meet July 27-29 that would be another great option for our team to attend. This would be fun for our swimmers and also lessen the time off between seasons to a more reasonable 4 weeks.
12. Caty will open Long Course registration at the beginning of March. She expects 40-50 BMA swimmers to return for Long Course. Christel will reach out to Thrive and the schools to advertise our free first week of swim practice April 2-5. She will try to get an email blast in the school newsletter. Christel will make a new flier to be distributed at schools. Caty's contact information will be included.
13. Christel gave an update on Swim-a-Thon results. Gina provided a detailed breakdown in the financials. There was discussion on the advertising promises to sponsorships. 20% of the \$5,000 from sponsorships will be spent on Championship team shirts, water bottles, posters, and newspaper thank you advertisements. A list of swimmers and prizes earned was also listed in the financials. Sweatshirts, backpacks, and one parka will be ordered. Gina and Christel are working on this. Christel is planning a pizza/ice cream/movie reward party for swimmers. March 3 was suggested as a possible date. Christel is checking with Springhill Suites as a possible location.
14. Caty has checked with River Rock Community Center for the BMA end of season celebration. Rental rate on M-Th is \$60 for 3 hrs. That includes tables and chairs. Caty will have Leslie call to reserve March 22.
15. Christel ordered 120 Championship shirts with sponsorship names that will be here for State Meet. This will leave about 20 extra shirts. They can also be used for BC Championships and Long Course State. Shirts will be available to the team for \$5. Water bottles will be coming later.
16. A lane contract for April 2-May 31 has been signed and returned to Elizabeth. We have 1 lane on M F 5:30-7:30 AM, 4 lanes on M W 6:15-8:15 PM, 2 lanes on Tu Th 6:15-8:15 PM, and 3 lanes on Sa 10:30-12:30. Caty will talk with Elizabeth about changing to 3 lanes on M Tu W Th PM.
17. On June 1 the Swim Center lane prices will be increasing from \$10 to \$11/lane.
18. Per Elizabeth and our 2018 long course contract, putting in lane lines on M-Th evenings is designed to be a joint effort between BMA, Masters, and lifeguards. Over the course of past seasons BMA coaches have been the only group helping, making it difficult to have the pool ready for practice at 6:15 PM. Caty will assign 1 coach each month to be responsible for lane line installation. Parents will be asked to help. Elizabeth said she wants to give this lane management procedure a try so BMA has accepted. We are looking forward to participation from the Masters and the lifeguards to make it work.
19. The MT Reach Out Grant administrator asked for additional questions to be answered. Caty and Lisa submitted our answers. We are waiting to hear the committee's decision on the grant award.

20. Caty suggested waiting to buy more turn walls until our need for Long Course is determined.

New Business

21. Kate Huston has offered to cater the BMA end of season celebration event if families pay for the cost of the food. It was decided to ask families to pay \$5/plate. That will cover Kate's cost for the food. BMA will pay the \$60 facility rental fee and provide a tip for Kate. It was suggested that the menu be something that works for those food allergies, like pulled pork with sauces on the side. Caty will work with Kate on the food selection. Caty will email the team an invitation and ask for RSVPs 2 weeks in advance of the event.

22. Caty would like to add a Junior practice option to swim 5 times/week. This would be 1.5 hr practices on any of the swim times. It was decided that we will offer this for \$95/month.

23. BMA parent Chris Boor, who is a physical therapist in Bozeman, has offered to design a shoulder injury prevention workout for our Junior and Senior swimmers. Caty will continue having swimmers do dynamic warm-ups, then add in this new 5 min. shoulder program before each swim practice. It may be useful for our younger swimmers too.

24. Caty will remove old photos from the BMA web page and upload new photos.

Upcoming Events

25. Feb 19: Team Picture Day

26. Feb 23-25: Butte Short Course State. (Caty & Grace coach) BMA has 11 swimmers qualified, with 8 swimmers that are 10 & under and 3 swimmers that are 11 & over. BMA will have 2 boys relays and 1 girls relay.

27. Mar 10-11: Polson B/C Championships. (Grace & Emily coach) 20-30 BMA swimmers are expected to attend.

28. Mar 18: Bulkhead removal from pool at noon

29. Mar 22: End of Season Celebration.

30. Next Board meeting: Thursday, Mar 29, 2018, 5:15 PM.

Meeting adjourned 7:32 PM.