

**BELLINGHAM BAY SWIM TEAM
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2011**

Present: David Baker, Scott Roley, Judith Pitton, Becca Steinkamp, Todd Edison

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Concerns from General Membership:

1. Judith has heard concern from some Junior swimmers who are not comfortable with the "Elite" name of the group. Should this be changed?
2. Becca brought-up a comment from a member who thought that Novice Bronze families should have fewer volunteer hours since they are only allowed to swim twice weekly. Judith added that perhaps single-parent families should also have fewer volunteer hours and families with two or more swimmers should have a greater volunteer commitment.
3. Scott suggested these were both issues for Strategic Planning.

Judith: Requested that she and Sara Greenleaf be Co-Treasurers. Judith agreed to serve on the Executive Board. Their specific duties will be discussed and defined in the coming week.

Becca:

1. Will check with PNS about getting background checks for all Board members.
2. Will check with USA Swimming about the Athlete Protection Training that all Board members need to take.
3. Will send out Board members' names, email, phone numbers to Todd.
4. Will reschedule Board meetings to the first Tuesday of each month to accommodate Todd's availability. *Board meetings will now be held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.*

Scott:

1. Volunteered to accompany Todd to the PNS House of Delegates meeting on Oct. 8th.
2. Will research our stake in the Marathon - do we split the proceeds 50/50 with Rangers?
3. Suggested that we invite Marathon organizers to our November board meeting to report on the BBM.

David:

1. Voiced concern that we need a written wait list policy for Gretchen to refer to.
2. Should BBST refer new swimmers on the wait list to the YMCA which can act as a "feeder team"? Do we need more stringent requirements for BBST?
3. Will act as the contact for trial information.
4. Interested in planning an away meet -- Canada? Oregon? By train?
5. Will discuss Pool Liason appointment with Andrea.

Todd:

1. Try-outs have been delayed as we figure out team/group numbers..
2. Explained the expanded Novice and Junior groups:
 - a. Smaller groups will get more attention and feedback from coach.
 - b. Created more space in the pool.
 - c. Will provide smoother transitions within the two groups.
 - d. Helps to build the team into a "pyramid" - with lots of new swimmers at the Novice and Junior levels to develop team in the long run.

3. Has placed caps on each group to provide for more lane space. Will check again with WWU about renting out lanes. YMCA not interested in renting our their pool. Edgemore? Country Club?
4. Will update Parent Handbook and the Executive Board will approve.
5. Will get Coach Bridgette's info on the website.
6. Will email his 3-year Vision Plan to the Board.
7. Expressed frustration that Arne Hanna has not communicated what is needed for the installation of the new starting blocks.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.