Tuesday, July 17, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

The meeting took place at The Weeks Home: 20650 Parkview Lane, Excelsior, MN 55331

Board members present:

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| ✓ Mark Ambrosen  ✓ Robb Ball  ✓ Rich Diaz | * Cindy LeSage * Pierre LaMere * Denny Wollan * Erik Kitt | ✓ Maren Reeder  ✓ Ann Rhodes  ✓ Jen Weeks |

Also in attendance: Dan Berve, Erich Welton, Aimee Sinkler, Haley Spencer & Secretary/Officer, Jon Leaf.

1. **Meeting began @ 6:47 p.m; Official Business called to order @ 7:26 pm.**

* A quorum of the directors being present, the meeting proceeded with presentations from Coach Aimee Sinkler-Rec Programming, Coach Erich Welton-Mtka. Swim Club & Dan Berve-Aquatics Director. See attached reports/notes for updates on each program.

1. Approval of April 6, 2018 meeting minutes

* Minutes were reviewed by the Board. MOTION: To approve minutes; Pierre LaMere moved; seconded by Mark Ambrosen | PASSED

1. Volunteer Committee Update @ 7:28 pm- Robb Ball

* Robb Confirmed that it was looking like all 4 Volunteer Coordinators will return for Short-Course 2018-2019 Season. Yay!
* Robb also updated the board on significant changes to USA Swimming’s Requirements for Host Teams’ to streamline their Meet Officials/Directors/Coaches “Check-in/Validation” process for meets. As part of the MSI ‘Safe Sport’ initiatives, processes will need to be put in place to assure compliance. It was noted that Mtka. Swim Club was one step ahead in implementing ‘Volunteer Shirts’ for all volunteers at meets last year.

1. Budget Update: Cindy LeSage @ 7:37 pm.

* In depth review of 2018 & 2019 Budgets to take place at next Board Meeting (for Approval at January 2019 meeting.)
* Discussion around ‘Scholarships.’ There appears to be a slight increase, each year, for scholarship needs.
* The Record Board @ MME will need updating; Expenses to be submitted next month.
* Disucssion around MME Pilot ‘Learn to Swim’ program. It was suggested we pass remainder of 2017-2018 budget (for this line item,) through, to be utilized along with the budget for 2018-2019.

1. Anchor Club Identity/Building Awareness- Rich Diaz @ 7:42 pm

* Rich shared a variety of ideas to help build awareness of the Anchor Club’s role in all Minnetonka Aquatics Programming. The goal being to build members’ involvement, & affinity, to the organization.
* Key take aways included increasing communications from coaches, on the Anchor Club’s role across the many programs/buildings, to their athletes & families.
* Re-emphasize that each family with a child participating in Mtka. Aquatics Programming is a member of the Anchor Club.
* Discussion around the role of the Anchor Club as a “booster organization” supporting all Aquatics programming by offering the key resources of ‘Time,’ & ‘Money.’

1. Communications (Back to Swim Night)- Erik Kitt @ 8:11 pm

* Anchor Board agreed to continue ‘Back to Swim Night- Mandatory New Parent Presentations’ to help integrate new families into the Minnetonka Swim Club for future seasons (including Short-Course 2018-2019.)

1. New Member Recruitment- Pierre LaMere @ 8:18 pm

* Discussions around finding atleast 1 additional member to join the Anchor Club Board. Pierre has approached Steve Louie, and is awaiting his decision. He would be a great addition, as he also has legal expertise. Several other names were brought forward to consider, if Steve is unable to take on a board position.
* President Maren Reeder took a moment to thank outgoing Board Member, Mark Ambrosen & outgoing Officer/Secretary, Jonathan Leaf. Their time and commitment to Minnetonka Aquatics has been greatly appreciated. Thank you!

1. Middle School Pilot Program- Dan Berve/Maren Reeder @ 8:32 pm.

* Pilot program consisted of identifying middle school students unable to pass PE/Swim unit successfully at MME. Students were then offered an optional 5 days/2 weeks of small group lessons vs. moving onto the next PE Unit/curriculum. Approx. 15/45 students eligible participated.
* Maren gave an update on year 1 of the MME/Learn to Swim Pilot Prgrm. Currently, we are awaiting results from surveys of participants/famlies. Maren/Dan will follow up with Eric Schneider in regards to the success of this program and possible expansion into the PE program at MMW for 2018-2019.

1. Anchor Club Board: Sub-Committees/Roles- Maren Reeder

* Every Member on the Anchor Club Board is required to participate/be assigned to one of 4 subcommittees: Communications/Website, Operations/Facitlites, Budget/Fundraising or Membership/nominating. MOTION: Maren Moved to accept new proposal; Ann Rhodes Seconded. | passed

1. Next Meeting & Adjorn

The next Board meeting will be set for Sunday, October 7, 2018 @ 6:30 pm. Location TBD. As no other business was before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:52 pm.

* 1. MOTION: To adjourn; Maren Reeder moved; seconded by Pierre LaMere | passed

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Maren Reeder, President  
The Anchor Club

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Jennifer L. Weeks, Interim Secretary  
The Anchor Club