Walnut Creek Masters Board of Directors

1 March 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Attending**. Loren Druz**,** , Jesse Smyers, Mike Piazza, Cathy Jacques, Lindsey Guadinier, Susan Keeler, Ed Lane, Bruce Cousins, Ann Hirsch, Kerry O’Brien, Harold Boscovich

1. **Approval of Minutes**. Minutes of the February meeting were approved.
2. **Coaches Update**.
   1. Get a Life Day was a big success.
   2. Intensive Training Camp. Volunteers are needed for the breakfasts Saturday and Sunday. 32 have signed up.
   3. East/ West Challenge is on. It will be100 IMs and 50s.
3. **Manager’s Report.** We have 418 members. Long Course Nationals. The hotel rooms have all been taken. It will be a 5 day meet starting Wednesday. The new drop in policy is working well.
4. **Treasurer’s Update**. We have sufficient funds in surplus. Mike Heaney says the Aquabears are negotiating a new contract with the City. There was a discussion of whether the three teams should negotiate individually or as a group. The preference was to negotiate as a group for a three year agreement with an annual rental increase of 3% per year. Mike assumes the cancellation provision in the current contract would remain unchanged.
5. **Aquatic Fund.** Jesse reported on an email from Kevin Safine regarding the City’s progress – moving slowly. Working with John Muir, but may not benefit the teams.
6. **SSL.** USMS wants one of the people involved to be certified although we won’t necessarily follow USMS methods.
7. **Other Business. Contingency Plans**. We still have arrangements with Concord for Cowell Pool and Acalanes. One problem with Cowell is that the Terrapins have a masters program set up although it is not holding practices. They may want us to join them, but Kerry thinks it unlikely they will push too hard.

**Coaches Compensation**. Was discussed; to be decided at a future meeting. May need to dip into reserves to fund.