# Walnut Creek Masters Board of Directors

# Meeting Minutes

# 10/14/2014

Call to order

**John King** called to order the regular meeting of the **Walnut Creek Masters Board of Directors** at **6:02 pm** on **10/14/2014** at Heather Farms Pool.

Meeting Attendants

The following persons were present: Chris Stewart, Mike Piazza, Craig Dennis, Bosco, Dave Skvarna, Leslie Mladinich, Ed Lane, Bruce Cousins, Loren Druz, Lauren Beaudreau, Theresa Rounseville, Bob Mayo, John King, Kerry O’Brien, and Debbie Swigert.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

* The minutes for the September 2014 board meeting were approved.

Coaches Update

* The Short Course Meters meet went very well.
* Susan Strong, board member of the Orinda Aquatics, suggested we allow her team to manage the snack bar at our meet, she will have her team volunteer as timers. We currently have a person who runs the snack bar and they also feed the timers and other meet volunteers. We need to iron out some the details.
* Wall of fame will be updated.
* Hosting the annual Pacific Masters meeting on November 8th and 9th so coaching staff will be covering the swim practice.
* Kerry spent time at the Masters Convention and a few topics came up.
  + Swimming Saves Lives – officially received our grant. This allows us to expand classes to Rossmoor.
  + 25 yard swims as official event. It was voted down though.
* Need to set time aside to do a board retreat hopefully before the beginning of the year. Should have a firm meeting date by the end of October. Loren will look into reserving a room at the Del Monte facility at Park Shadelands.
* Need to discuss coach staffing for when the team travels. How many coaches do we take and what is that based upon?

Financial Update

* We have projected deficit of $12K for end of 2014.
* Mike Piazza made a proposal to increase dues by 7% on most membership options and a 10% increase on the most popular option, the membership punch pass plan. With this increase and additional expected revenues from meets, this should put us with an approximate $17K surplus by the end of 2015. This proposal does not include coach’s bonuses nor does it include any health insurance premium increase. The motion was approved.

Team Registration Update

* There are a total of 440 members registered.

Holiday Party

* This year the Holiday Party is being held at the Contra Costa Country Club. Leslie will send out an email to members reminding them to save the date.
* Looking for big auction items to help increase donations.

Swimming Saves Lives

* We have one more year of grant funds from USMS, but the following year they are asking us to sustain our own program. This year, USMS is picking up the insurance for our program under their grant.

Walnut Creek Aquatics Fund

* The city council is planning to issue an RFP.
* Mike Heaney spoke with the YMCA and they realized they need to be more willing meet the needs of the WCAF.
* The WCAF is now in the position to start soliciting funds from the teams to finance publicity campaigns.
* WCAF is also taking the steps to form a legal entity and officially be a foundation.

Communications Update

* Leslie is put together some preliminary language about promoting and recruiting for our new fund raising committee.

New Business

* The members of the “Silver Bullets” wish to have a reserved spot on the board designated for one of their members. In order to do that, the team would have to change their bylaws. It is determined more appropriate for a member of the “Silver Bullets” to come to the board meetings, get more involved, run for election to the board and if they are elected, they will have a membership representation.

Adjournment

**John King** adjourned the meeting at **6:59 pm.**

Minutes submitted by: Theresa Rounseville.

Minutes approved by: