# Walnut Creek Masters Board of Directors

# Meeting Minutes

# 01/08/2013

Call to order

**Mike Piazza** called to order the regular meeting of the **Walnut Creek Masters Board of Directors** at **6:00 pm** on **01/08/2013** at Clarke Swim Center.

Meeting Attendants

The following persons were present: Mike Piazza, Chris Stewart, Walt Tuholski, Dave Skvarna, Gordon Bell, Sid Dowell, Kerry O’Brien, Ed Lane, Loren Druz, Jesse Smyers, Amy Bradford, Bruce Cousins, Theresa Rounseville, John King, and Debbie Swigert. Mary Williams came towards the end of the meeting.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the November and December 2012 board meetings were approved.

Head Coach Report

* Long course transition is going seamlessly.
* First meet of 2013 is being held on the weekend of January 12th in Santa Rosa.
* Kerry and Lisa Ward are working on an adult lesson program separate to what is being offered with Swimming Saves Lives.
* The head count for the Rossmoor residents looks about the same as 2012. Some of the Rossmoor residents signed up for their membership under the regular masters program so the numbers count might be skewed. Lisa can follow up with a roster check to verify the numbers of swimmers who are signed up.

Board Chair Report

* Mike Piazza collected all the money from the board members to reimburse BJ Henry the cost of hosting the board dinner.
* The 2012 Financial Report should be complete as soon as Linda Fox reconciles the most recent financial report.
* Financially, 2012 was a good year with net revenue of 29K.
* The annual team meeting is scheduled of Saturday, February 16th. Shelly Harper agreed to be the guest speaker.
* Mike Piazza made a motion to approve the new board member ballots: Amy Bradford is stepping down; Sid Dowell is stepping in as an official board member. Ed Lane, Jesse Smyers, and Craig Dennis are stepping in as alternate board members on the 2013 ballot. Motion was approved.
* John King and Mike Piazza met with Kevin Safine about the new pool contract. The city wishes to propose a 3-4 year contract with annual 10% increases to the rental fee. Expect a preliminary draft of the contract in January.

2013 Registration

* To date, there are 338 registrations. There is some change in the composition of the membership. Less annual members versus the monthly, versus the punch pass.
* Once an individual reaches a certain level on their punch card, they become an annual member.
* Sid Dowell proposes to do a prorated credit for new members signing up after the 15th of the month so they are not paying the full month.

WC Aquatics Fund

* John King and Mike Piazza had a meeting with the prospective candidates. Approximately 11 people showed interest. (Cathy Whitkay, Jesse Smyers, Andrea Kelly Smethurst, Jon Jacques, Dennis Bruni, Jim McClelland, Craig Dennis, Ed Lane, Mary Butwinick, and Dave Skvarna).
* The city of Walnut Creek suggested trying to attain a pool with a $10M budget vs. a $24M budget. If the foundation/fund can come up with 25% of the funding, then the city is more apt to be in favor of a new pool.
* The city also stressed that it needs to recover money for 2014 for the library in terms of operational costs. The city would likely look to the aquatics facility of offset the library costs, unless the swim teams have a solid foundation/fund moving forward with a plan to build the pool. The city would be more likely to seek finding funds elsewhere.
* The purpose of the Fund is to develop a solid structure to help bring in the 25% funding. However, it also may show that the operations of the aquatics facility can be completely turned over to the Walnut Creek Aquatics Fund. Doing this would offset a large chunk of money for the city.
* The fund needs to be put together in 2013 with a plan and ready to move with our agenda. This includes being visually present at the Walnut Creek city council meetings and actively involved with updates.
* Mike Piazza made a motion to amend the current WCM board resolution creating the Walnut Creek Aquatics Fund. The new language will state…the fund be made up of two or more representatives of the Walnut Creek Masters Swim Team, Walnut Creek Aquabears Swim Team, and the Walnut Creek Aquanuts Synchronized Swim Team. The motion was approved.
* Mike Piazza made a motion to formerly approve the following members of the Walnut Creek Masters who volunteered to be the official representatives of the Walnut Creek Aquatics Fund. Those individuals are: Ed Lane, Jesse Smyers, David Skvarna, Jim McClelland, Jon Jacques, Christine Ottati, and Craig Dennis. The motion was approved.

SCY Championship Meet

* Chris Stewart has all the parties responsible for putting on the meet ready.
* Bosco will be handling the awards.
* This year, does the team wish to change what type of gift is given out for the high point award?
* The heat arrangement for the distance events will go from fast to slow again. It seems to be popular and helps move the meet along.
* Board needs to volunteer to put together the craft bags for the swimmers.
* Chris Stewart made a motion for a $2000 budget to be used to pay for volunteers for the meet. The motion was approved.

Other Items

* Mary Williams put together a master calendar of all the activities for 2013. This will be distributed at the annual meeting. If anyone has dates to include on the calendar, please send them to Mary.
* Chris Stewart needs to confirm with the Encinal Yacht Club for the 2013 Holiday Party. Some members would like to move the party to a Saturday. Chris will confirm if there will be any conflict at moving the event from Sunday to Saturday.
* Do we want to continue to host the Coaches Brunch in 2013?
* Swimming Saves Lives dates for April is the 15th, 16th, and the 17th.

Adjournment

**Mike Piazza** adjourned the meeting at **7:02 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Theresa Rounseville.