# Walnut Creek Masters Board of Directors

# Meeting Minutes

# 12/04/2012

Call to order

**Mike Piazza** called to order the regular meeting of the **Walnut Creek Masters Board of Directors** at **6:30 pm** on **12/04/2012** at Heather Farms Recreation Center.

Meeting Attendants

The following persons were present: Mike Piazza, Theresa Rounseville, Chris Stewart, John King, Kerry O’Brien, Loren Druz, Bruce Cousins, Gordon Bell, Dave Skvarna, Amy Bradford, Debbie Swigert, Mary Williams, and Sidney Dowell.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the October 2012 board meeting were approved.

Clark Pool Status and Alternative Location Workouts

* The pool is expected to reopen by Thursday, December 13th.
* Workouts will be held at Larkey Park and follow the regular schedule.
* A Saturday work out at Soda Center was also suggested.

Holiday Party and Live Auction Items

* 117 have signed up for the party.
* Gordon Bell has an inventory of the donated live auction items.
* This year, the big ticket auction items were previewed before the party so participants, who are unable to make the party, could bid on the items.

2012 Financial Report

* As of the Dec. 1st, the bank account saw an increase from $110K to $136K.
* $28K is from 2013 registrations.
* The health insurance premium bill will not be going up more than 10%.
* Will review the 2013 budget in January to make sure the numbers are aligned.

2013 Registration

* To date, there are 87 registrations.
* Sid Dowell will be at the Saturday workouts to get swimmers to sign up for registration.

WC Aquatics Fund

* The Aqua Bears, the Aqua Nuts, and the Walnut Creek Masters are forming a small board to serve in the capacity of getting a new pool.
* The city of Walnut Creek encouraged us in the last meeting to follow this route. They have also 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 board 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 Foundation. 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 a visually present at the Walnut Creek city council meetings and actively involved with updates.
* The goals of the fund are
  + Identify a specific mission of the fund
  + Create a formal organizational structure
  + Commence meetings with individual council members
  + Develop a realistic proposal for rebuilding Clarke Memorial Swim Center with accurate cost estimates.
  + Seek funding sources for 25% of the funding costs
  + Determine if it would be feasible or successful for the fund to take over the operation of the pool.
* Seeking two to four members of the team to be a part of this and become intrinsically involved. Jim McClellan and Tom Dewar are two individuals whose name came up.
* The next step is to meet with the City of Walnut Creek in December.

2013 Annual Team Meeting and Board Nominees

* The tentative date for the annual team meeting is Saturday, February 16, 2013.
* Looking to have a guest speaker for the meeting.

2013 Pool Contract Negotiations

* Look to start the discussion of the pool contract prior to the end of the year.
* Expect a 40% increase on the pool fees.

2013 Summer Picnic Offer

* Loren Druz has offered his home as the setting for the summer picnic.

Other Items

* Bob Mayo with Sports Basement wants to ensure we are sending our donation thank you letters properly and that they comply with the current tax standards.
* There was a request from one of the swimmers on the team for Kerry to post the work outs in detail on the website. Kerry has declined to post the workouts because they are considered intellectual property and he has clients who pay for them.
* Swimming Saves Lives will have two dates; one around April and the other around August.

Adjournment

**Mike Piazza** adjourned the meeting at **7:30 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Theresa Rounseville.