

GST Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2013

Present: Head Coach Phil Rehard, Mike Baldacci, Clint Beaver, Brian Brandon, Carol Bowersox, Christa Conklin, Alyson Degnan, Drew Dobitz, Courtney Drube, Karen Morton, Kyle Ruen

Call to order by Carol Bowersox

Motion to approve minutes from Board Meeting on November 12, 2013 by Mike and seconded by Drew – motion passed.

Coaches' Report ~

The Candy Cane Swim Meet ran well. 75 kids were entered and there are 42 already swam state qualifying times. Friday events went well, with some small glitches on Saturday, and Sunday ran well too. Around 347 kids were entered however only around 300 swam because of the bad weather. Parent clean-up also went well with no issues. There are around 15 kids swimming in the Rapid City meet.

There have been changes on the team designated swim meets. The meet in Casper was taken off the team schedule. Kids can still swim the Casper meet however there will be no coach attending that meet. The Deadwood meet was added, which takes place January 4-5, 2014. The Spearfish meet is scheduled for January 25-26, 2014 and the Buffalo meet will be February 1-2, 2014. Any meets in Newcastle have been cancelled for the season due to maintenance issues. Because of this we are thinking about the possibility to hold a one day time trial meet given we can get officials etc. to help work it.

Christmas Schedule:

Age group will practice at usual time for December 23, 26 and 27, 30, Jan 2 and Jan 3. No swim December 25-25 and January 1. There may be an earlier practice on December 31, because of New Years Eve. There will be notification regarding this at a later date. Blue/Senior group practice times are undecided right now. There is a possibly there will a morning practice.

Starting blocks – Phil will possibly be talking with someone who specializes in the manufacturing of the blocks and insulation. Carol suggested talking with a pool vendor in Billings MT.

Treasurer's Report ~

Our savings account is \$28,406.74 and our checking account is roughly \$20,000. Candy Cane meet and dues are not in quite yet and there are a few bills that have not been paid yet. Raffle money is also not included.

The Accountant has informed Christa that in order to keep our tax-exempt status we can no longer give officials free dues. It was discussed that we will need to pay the officials monthly.

President's Report~

547 Gator Dip raffle tickets were sold. There was discussion on whether to bill the 7 accounts that did not sell their tickets. Courtney will get a list together for Phil to review to see if the 7 accounts are active swimmers or possibly not swimming anymore. It was agreed, that if they are actively swimming, they should be billed.

Candy Cane – Alpha Coal West donated \$1500.00 towards our swim meet. Their name was displayed on the program, shirts and billboards around town. Clint and Brian agreed to meet before the meet is sanctioned to help catch any odds and ends in the meet details – ex. is there positive check-in for long races or not and are/aren't we doing fly-over starts. This will help everyone be on the same page from the start and increase communication between everyone. There was a wonderful turn-out of officials and it helped the meet run smoothly. We had enough people to watch lanes, help write DQs and run the DQ slips. Sterling Albers is now certified. Both Aaron and Jasmin Jessen have observed sessions. Dave Holwell is also ready. Concessions ran well and stayed busy all weekend. A Girl Scouts Troop came to help man the booth. \$500.00 will go to the troop, spent about \$1200 on food needed so our profit was around \$750-800.00. T-shirt sales were around \$1500.00 and were a little slower than years past. Two people will be manning the T-shirt booth for Winter State. There was discussion regarding Meet Mobile and charging for programs in the future. Four different people trained on running the Colorado timer system.

Winter State – In the next couple of weeks Brian will be getting together with Angel to set up the state meet. Alyson will also attend to help be a back-up. We did get approval from WSI to include restaurants and ads in the programs. Kyle has some possible leads for ads and asked if anyone had any businesses that wanted to be included to let him know.

There is a mileage reimbursement form that will need to be filled out when requesting reimbursement.

Upcoming Elections ~ 2 year term for Secretary, 1 year term for Treasurer, 2 year term for 3 Member-At-Large positions and Vice President.

The Lifeguard Store has contacted Carol to lure us back to their business. Previous issues with double billing and shipping were mentioned. She did get decent prices from them. They have a kickboard with the Gator logo for \$13.00 each. Everyone agreed that we should purchase 150 kickboards.

Congratulations to Phil for becoming the new general chair for WSI!!

Next meeting will be January 14th 2014 at the Aquatic Center. Meeting adjourned.