Gillette Swim Team Board Meeting

May 3, 2016

Present at meeting: Brian Brandon, Taylor Baldacci, Kacee Pikula, April Poley, Phil Rehard, Clint Petersen, Gunnar Poley, Angie Hoffmann, Nicole Jones, Stephanie Holwell, Karen Morton, Darin Edmonds, Nancy Hauber.

Call to Order by Brian Brandon, President at 5:45

Motion to approve April 5, 2016 minutes approved by Clint, Kacee seconded; motion passed.

Head Coach Update:

Phil discussed registered swimmers/divers. 77 registered, 65 swimmers, 12 divers after 2 weeks from registration. Plan will be to begin summer practice hours May 31, 2016. Hours as follows: 6 am – 8 am blue senior group, 8 am – 9 am all other age groups and 4 pm – 5:30 pm for all groups. Meets are posted on website. There will be a coach at all upcoming meets except Sheridan, although meet is open to go for any swimmers. E-mail will be sent to discuss this matter.

Pool Maintenance: Maintenance has been delayed due to funding. Funding has been reduced due to opening of second High school and change in economy. In the past club received support from 3 local mines, but with changes in economy unsure of the amount of money there will be, no meetings have been set at this time. School board is committed to keep the aquatic center open and maintenance of pool. Swim program is secure, no closing of pool.

Blue senior travel trip to AZ: Moving forward with 15 swimmers committed. Set to take two vans for 12 passengers in each. Holly and Josh will be coaches going on trip. It will take day and ½ to get there and back as well as 4 nights for the meet in Scottsdale, AZ. Trip will cost $160/room/swimmer and swimmer is to provide own money for food. The rest of the trip came from fundraising (under restricted fund balance-kids on balance sheet). Total in fund $7,448.59, $3500 used for trip to cover rental vans, gas and first night hotel rooms. Plan will be to have 4 kids/room. There are 8 boys and 7 girls going. Stephanie asked about how money will be used. Brian felt set the tone on how to use fund raising money to provide kids with exposure to experience out of town trips. He feels we need to find ways to raise money to continue to provide these opportunities. Phil feels there should be some accountability from parents and swimmers. He also talked about having opportunity for many kids to attend quality meets. Discussed finding ways to offset costs. He mentioned back in 2003 a parent along with GST group was able to raise a substantial amount of money for a trip. Plan to decide season to season where fund raising will be. Phil also mentioned every budget in school district got cut 10%. He feels national travel will most likely be cut. He feels as a club we need to find ways to raise money for certain events. Brian mentioned there were 8 kids who stepped up to help with concessions who had not yet qualified.

Treasurer report:

We have $24,392.42 in checking account and $21,231.76 in savings account.

We are still waiting to receive check from Northwest Designs for t-shirt sales. We have received $900 for late signup fee for Candy Cane Meet raffle. Josh received check for $2675.50 for reimbursement from Senior Sectionals, which has not yet been deposited. Paula ready to relinquish duties of treasurer. Discussed need for those needing to be on checking account to go to First National Bank to sign form for checking account. Paula suggested to Nicole to come up with ideas for fundraising, have a parent head up a committee. Brian suggested to talk about questions on charges and registration at upcoming parent meeting due to some confusion with registration.

Athletes report:

Taylor and Gunnar suggested trying mentorship program, having older swimmers work with and support younger swimmers, including all age groups. This would mean having older athletes staying and helping with younger athletes. Gunnar stated he would be willing to stay as well as JR Albers. It was suggested to get a list of kids that are interested to help. Taylor also suggested starting a some sort of fundraising to help support upcoming years. Ideas brought up were swim camp. Brian suggested coming up with ideas for awards for meets. Suggested medals and/or lanyards. He also suggested for Taylor and Gunnar to brainstorm for ideas for gifts.

Old Business:

Ongoing summer registration. Discussed need to educate new parents how to register. Suggested to put on website a link on how to sign up for swimming and diving.

New Business:

Carnival will be done on June 13 so plan will be to have swimmers clean up parking lot after practice on June 14. Phil suggested having swim practice for first hour and use last 30 minutes to clean. Pizza, water and lemonade will be provided for athletes only. Will need water coolers for drinks. Pizza will arrive at 5:00, eat when cleanup is finished at 5:30. It was suggested to bring bug repellant this year. Angie suggested the need for new coolers.

First swim meet will be May 7. Swimmers are to arrive at 7:45 for warm ups. There will be parent meeting during warm ups at 8:00. Meet will start at 9:10. Discussed sign ups for job duties, but was suggested it was too late for sign ups at this time. Phil asked if any officials had been called to be at the May 7th meet. The need for more officials was discussed or having to bring someone from out of town and pay for hotel and other required expenses. Will need to have refs and officials at upcoming summer spectacular and summer state meets. Summer Spectacular is June 17-19, Summer state is July 22-24. Entertainment for summer meet looking into laser tag, Danette is contacting catering.

Concession stand for summer state was discussed for who was going to run it. In the past Girl Scouts have come to help. We have not made much from Girl Scouts due to them providing food and giving GST a cut. April suggested we order the food and allow another group to provide the labor and we then give the cut. Different options were mentioned. Brian suggested we could possibly open concessions up to other groups such as choir or honor society. He suggested for Taylor and Gunnar to look into asking these or any other groups if they may be interested from the H.S.

Brian talked mentioned displaying GST sign at away meets. Placing sponsors on sign was brought up.

Brian reported Lana Gaskins is new secretary. Courtney Drube would like to continue with registration, Nicole Jones said she could help with fundraising, April Poley, Kacee Pikula and Darin Edmonds said they could help with concessions, Lana Gaskins said she could help with job duties, Jen would like to continue with awards, Angie Hoffman can help with store and Amy Christensen said she could help with hospitality.

Next meeting will be Monday June 6 at 5:45 at the Aquatic Center. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.