

GST Board Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2008

Meeting called to order by Dwayne Dillinger

Board Members present were: Dwayne Dillinger, Barb Pilon, Joyce Schaedler, Carol Bowersox, Phil Rehard, Angel Dobitz, Von Ochsner, Pam Schillinger, Joe Ely; Tammi Poppleton; Student Representative, Nick Dillinger and Shaya Schaedler; Coaches; Holly, Michaela, Cristin and approximately 5 parents.

Mintutes for May were approved as written

Treasurer's Report - Because it was so early in the month, no statements were available. We have 107 total swimmers signed up. 93 were in the pool last week, and averaged 72. All accounts thru April are paid for active swimmers. Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

1. By-Law Amendment was discussed. This amendment adds the Head Coach as a member of the GST Board. Clint Beaver sent a letter regarding his concerns about the Coach being a member and possible conflicts in interest. Phil agreed that he would not vote if the issue affected him directly. If the vote resulted in a tie, any motion would not pass because it would not have a majority vote. A couple of board members expressed that Phil is with the kids the most and may have better insight into the Swim Team's needs. Many clubs are run by the coach. Wyoming Swimming gives coaches a vote.

Also discussed was the thought that being on the Board may cause more interruptions and parents asking board questions and take time away from coaching. That sometimes having distance can be good.

Phil was asked what he thought and he stated he was already doing the stuff that was mentioned and he thought it would be a good thing. Amendment to By-Law as proposed passed by verbal vote 7-1.

2. Summer State - WSI sent invitation out for all to make bid on Summer State. We proposed holding it in Rapid City and Casper proposed their 25 meter pool. That was all of the proposals. Phil, Dwayne and Joyce voted for us in Rapid City. We need to swim in a 50 meter pool to get seed times for Zones. Ann Ochsner has a block of rooms. Joyce pitched Rapid City tourism and we should know June 6.

Head Coach Update

Phil confirmed the number of swimmers and added we did not lose any at the Rec Center. For now we are using the City Pool from 6-9 in the AM. Heater will be working. Portable pool is up and should be ready next week. Times for the portable pool will be from 4-5:30 and 5:30 - 6:30 PM. We will need a porta potty. We will be running the water through the junior pool. We will not need to buy the heaters (approved at previous meeting). The Aquatic Center is providing the water, heaters and maintenance.

Bozeman meet went very well. All had fun. We had 15-16 participants. Usually the first meet of the summer the participants don't do that well, but, it seemed everyone did well.

Fort Collins - we did not get in. Even though we had our entry in very early, they said they were full.

Rapid City - They have a one day meet on June 21st. Also has July 4th weekend meet. Joyce is asking if we can co-host another meet in July. (Looks like we are going to spend a lot of time in Rapid City).

Athletes Rep

Student Representative - Shaya said they want to pick a day between June 23-27 and pick up after practice.

New Business

Committee Assignments

There are a number of committees - Communications, Entries, Fund Raising, Social, Swim Meets, and Team Recognition. Duties for the committees can be found in the May 20th Gator Bytes. Also needed are officials. A list was passed around for board members to sign up and we will send out an email & mailing for parent volunteers. The more parents the easier the job. There are at least 2 members (board & parents) signed up on each committee, as follows:

Communications - Joyce, Carol and Angel

Entries - Joyce, Carol and Angel

Fund Raising - Joe and Drew Dobitz

Social - Pam & Jessica Rapplyea

Swim Meets - Von & Tammi

Team Recognition - Pam & Tammi

I would like to be an Official - Pam, Jeff & Barb Pilon, Bob & Tori Jewell

It was questioned if we could bring someone in to train officials. And the answer was probably. Every year they have a training in November. You start as a start & turn trainee and shadow 4 times. The official's tests are on the USA website. Then, you're a start & turn judge for 1 year and then can test for the Starter Position and finally the Referee test.

Open Forum

Fund raising question about the banners. One person was wondering if banners were made for those that paid for one and would those go at the end of the lanes? It is thought that there are banners and will look into it.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 1 and will be in the lobby at the Aquatic Center at 5:45.

Meeting was adjourned.