

TMEC Annual Membership Meeting  
CRC, October 7, 2013

Board present: John Wood, David Jackson, Mark Carlson, Sony Christian, Tera Schneider, Carol Wilson, Jason Rothlein, Steve Day

Coaches present: Jenn Beech, Nathan Wilcox

18 members were present; an attendance sign-in sheet was available

Abbreviations: CRC=Community Rec. Center, TES= Temecula Elementary School, CHS=Chaparral High School

The meeting was called to order by John Wood at 6:30 p.m.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September, 2013 meeting. Was seconded.

Yes: 8            No: 0            Motion passed.

**President's Report, John Wood**

John introduced the Board. John discussed how TMEC is constantly looking for sources of pool time. He and Jenn met with Gwen from the City of Temecula about 3 months ago to talk about the cost of keeping TES open through the winter. Gwen stated that the cost would be \$10,000 per month for 5 hours per day. This is not financially feasible for TMEC so the team will continue its search for water.

John also announced that the Board has contracted with an attorney on an as-needed basis to work on topics such as contracts and team by-laws.

**Treasurer's Report, Mark Carlson**

Mark reported that there is \$141,000 in deposit accounts. He showed the "Towers", which represent the amount available at the end of the month (September). He also went over the Budget vs. Actuals report line-by-line, noting that Shark Attack was larger than expected and the team has grown larger than anticipated. Also, he pointed out that pool rental is prepaid through the school district through 2013. The uncategorized expense is the IRS withdrawal.

**Facilities, David Jackson**

Currently, TMEC swims at 3 facilities and has more pool time than ever with 4 hours per night at CHS. There are competing interests for water in Temecula. Because CHS is run 9 months of the year by the school district and 3 months of the year by the city, TMEC must apply with 2 entities to reserve this water. Both entities are very cooperative in scheduling. The big challenge for TMEC is to fit 400 swimmers into the allotted pool time. It is also a big challenge to notify all 400 swimmers when there is a last minute change in schedule due to chemical problems or un-swimmable pool temperature.

David noted that TMEC continues to grow in membership numbers, revenue, pool time and coaching levels. He encourages everyone to participate on the board.

John added that TMEC is the preferred team for the City. He also thanked David for his hard work for the past year.

### **Education, Tera Schneider**

Tera will post NCAA, Cal State universities and UC requirements in a grid format onto the TMEC website. She will also have a FAQ area for those who have questions about athletic recruiting for college and will cover topics such as when recruiting coaches can meet with swimmers.

Tera also introduced the "All Academic Team" program. It is an entirely voluntary incentive program for academic recognition. It is not tied to time standards. Swimmers will receive a patch for grade point averages from 3.0-4.0, with various colored patches based on grade point level. The program is close to completion for board approval. The swimmers will be self reporting and it is for middle school and up grades. Patches will be awarded twice yearly.

### **Steve Day**

Steve reported that he has been helping get the business processes in order. John added that Steve was instrumental in implementing bill.com.

### **Coaches' Reports**

#### **Jenn Beech**

Jenn reported that Team Unify has 380-400 swimmers. She noted that some summer swimmers are still leaving and that new tryout swimmers are still enrolling. She has a wait list until November.

Jenn announced that TMEC has achieved its goal of a Level 1 Recognition in the USA Swimming Club Recognition Program. There are four levels total; she is now working on the requirements for Level 2. There are 3 or 4 Level 2 clubs in the Eastern Section. Jenn is also working on the Club Excellence program. There are 3 levels; Gold, Silver and Bronze. The minimum standard for Bronze is to have Level 1 Recognition and have at least 1 Jr. National swimmer. Jenn has applied and should hear by October 18th. Once in the Club Excellence program, clubs can apply for grants for equipment, coach education and camps.

Jenn read over TMEC's rankings in the Virtual Club Championship Portal from last year. Already for this short course 2013 season, TMEC is performing better than last year, mainly because more swimmers are going to meets and their times are improving.

Jenn announced that at the end of the week, the first TMEC monthly email newsletter will come out. She has worked on it with Camille Wettlaufer and it will report on upcoming events, current events, health tips and coaching tips.

Jenn notified that she has started an incentive program for IMX and IMR events. She sent out an email to the membership last week detailing the program. Swimmers who complete the IMR events at the November Hosted meet or the IMX events at the Mission Viejo meet will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Jenn was asked her opinion as to the influx of swimmers at this time of the year. She replied that the top US swimmers are doing a good job of promoting the sport nationally, there is positive word of mouth from the TMEC swimmers, and that Shark Attack has influenced also.

Question: Should the Board consider a learn-to-swim program like SwimAmerica?

Answer: The benefit has to be weighted against the team's relationship with the city. We would need our own facility. There has been serious consideration of it at the Board level.

David Jackson solicited volunteers to be on a build-a-pool committee. Jenn volunteered due to her commitment to reduce the statistic that the #2 cause of death in kids is drowning.

Note: David Jackson left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

### **Nathan Wilcox**

Nathan reported that he, along with Jenn and Tera Schneider, have been looking into different sites with a commercial broker for potential learn-to-swim sites.

Nathan announced that there are new coaches on deck; Jenn has 2 at CRC and Nathan has one. They are in training currently.

To obtain the Level 1 Recognition that Jenn discussed, Nathan had to put together a document detailing a unified stroke plan for the team, which he completed. To reach Level 2, parent education must be incorporated.

Nathan announced that for the first time, TMEC will be sending a swimmer to Nationals in Tennessee; Lauren Wood. In addition, Maddy Fredrick will be going to The Arena Grand Prix Meet in Minnesota in November. About 30 swimmers will be attending the Winter Age Group Championships in Las Vegas in December. Nathan has asked the Board to work on a Travel Plan.

Nathan's personal goal for the next year is to have more than 500 swimmers on TMEC. In order for this to happen, there will need to be a separate stroke school location. His other goals are:

- To have 2 athletes at Jr. Nationals
- Top 10 finish at Winter J.O.'s
- Top 2 finish at JO Max Championships.

He also stated that he has been talking with the Vista Murrieta Booster Club about the possibility to run a second Shark Attack location at Vista Murrieta. This may eventually lead to opening up the Murrieta pools for training locations.

### **President, John Wood**

John stated that the Board elections are coming up. He asked for 2 volunteers to be on the nominating committee. The committee will take nominations for a 30 day period.

Also, the Hosted meet is coming up in November. It's an important event as a major revenue maker for the club. John asked that all help in getting the word out that everyone's help is needed to make the event a success. As a preview, anyone can sit next to Coach Jenn at the Home Meet in October to see how a meet is run.

John gave a special "thank you" to Shawn and Susan Bierle for all of their hard work for TMEC.

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting. Was seconded.

Yes: 7          No: 0          Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Wilson, Secretary