

TMEC (Temecula Tritons Swim Club) Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
March 29, 2012, 7 p.m.
32016 Merlot Crest, Temecula, CA

BOD Present: Shawn Bierle, Mark Carlson, Lorie Baldwin, Sony Christian, Stefanie Bristow, David Jackson, Susan Bierle (nonvoting)

Absent: Carol Wilson

Coaches present (for their reports): Coach Jenn Beech; Coach Kiwi Mike Babich

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Note: the meeting was recorded for transcription of the minutes later.

Approval of February, 2012 minutes will be postponed until next meeting due to Carol's absence.

President's Report: Shawn Bierle

Shawn reported on the EZ-Up purchases of two 10'x20' and two 10'x10' EZ-Ups, both with sides + a TMEC flag for a total of \$3514.96. He has been reimbursed for the purchase. This reimbursement also includes the purchase of an equipment bag for the CHS deck/meets containing tie-downs, bungees, zip ties, and channel lock wrenches.

Canopies: TMEC has blue 8'x8' canopies which are meant as covers for the timing chairs at meets. These canopies have been placed at the back of the storage unit and will be taken out only for hosted or home meets.

Shawn has checked into the cost of replacement covers for the four white 10'x10' Caravan canopies. Cost of replacement top = \$120/white canopy; + an additional \$40 for blue. Replacement leg extension locks are ~\$16 or \$128 to replace all that are needed. Shawn suggested that he drive to the La Mirada Caravan headquarters to pick up the needed parts & get instruction on how to do the repairs. He will ask for reimbursement for the parts cost + gas. When Shawn gets a quote on the total cost, the Board will do an email vote for approval.

Storage unit cleanup: This was done on a recent Saturday morning with additional help from Board members. About 8 large bags of outdated documents were shredded and the storage unit was reorganized.

New Volunteer: Mario Alvarado has volunteered to take on the News & Advertising position. He will also update the team's front page of the website, keeping a team-centered focus. Mark Carlson reported on the availability of the "Chameleon" update to the Team Unified website. Also, Mark suggested that the Board members' photos be added to the website.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Carlson

Mark distributed a copy of the proposed 2012 Budget and discussed it. He noted that for January, February and March he used actual dollar amounts spent. There had not

been an Equipment budget amount, so he added it for March. After discussion, Mark will increase the Equipment budget to \$500/month for the remainder of 2012. The Budget shows a positive net income for 2012.

Although the amount of dues collected for Jan-March 2012 is higher than the amount collected during Jan.-March 2011, the number of new member sign-up is lower for 2012 as compared to 2011. There was discussion about possibly advertising for new membership. Currently there is a full coaching staff at the stroke school level, which is a positive, since most swimmers begin at that level. Other membership building strategies were considered, such as "Bring a Buddy to Swim" night.

Mark showed the Cash Balance Chart. He will email a copy of the proposed 2012 Budget to the Board members for perusal and an email vote for acceptance. Shawn noted that he has requested that Coach Melissa complete the ASCA Level 1 Certification and suggested that 3-4 "fill-in" coaches be available as needed and paid on a per diem basis.

Facilities, David Jackson

Shark Attack/Summer League: David reported that the pool time for Great Oaks has been approved for June 1-30, Monday-Thursday, Noon- 5 PM (1 hour later than last year). He said that pool time for July cannot be requested until July 1st. Temecula schools are in session until June 8th, so actual start date for the Shark Attack wouldn't be until June 11. David will seek clarification on the actual start date & the request for July.

David said that approval for the June 2 CHS pool time for the Swim-a-thon has not yet been granted. He will resubmit the request form directly to Mike Roland at CHS. Susan Bierle is continuing to move ahead with the planning of the Swim-a-thon. It was noted that the Senior Sectional swimmers have requested 2-a-day practices during the summer.

Membership, Stefanie Bristow

Stefanie reported that the electronic membership registration has started with the Stroke School group. She will follow up with members who have not yet registered. The next groups to register will be 10&Up Copper, then 11& Up Copper. Currently, there are 219 members.

Stefanie will be checking into the Team Unified email announcement about members' "unverified" email addresses & calling those members who are not verified.

Stefanie received the Registration forms from Potamus Press & has given some to Coach Jenn & Kiwi. The remaining stock are in her car.

Events, Susan Bierle

She held the two Volunteer meetings regarding the upcoming Hosted meet in May & has seen some interest, especially for the Snack Bar positions. Only those volunteers taking Lead positions from 6 am-6 PM will be relieved of timing duties that day.

Picture Day has been put on hold, with the Friday before the Awards Ceremony being a possible date for it.

New Coaches' Outlook, Shawn Bierle

Shawn, Lorie Baldwin and John Wood have been working on the hiring of a new Senior coach. Shawn was disappointed that Ivan Podvalov declined the position due to logistical reasons. John has 3 potential candidates with whom he is in contact. It was considered putting an ad in local papers to solicit potential coaches.

Coaches' Reports

Coach Jenn Beech:

Summer schedule: She is awaiting Gwen's response, but anticipates that the schedule will be similar to last year. Great Oak summer water has been approved June 1-30, see previous discussion. The Shark Attack/Summer League could continue until August 3 pending pool availability. David Jackson is doing follow-up and clarification of Great Oak Pool availability. Jenn will plan 2 schedules: a) short schedule: June 11-30; b) full schedule: June 11-Aug. 3.

The City has Spring swim lessons during the last 2 weeks of May @ CRC. This keeps TMEC at TES from 5:30-8:30 pm (losing 1 1/2 hours). Jenn is working on reorganizing the schedule to accommodate this change & will need a substitute coach for 2 weeks. The City Summer schedule for swim lessons begins on June 11.

Summer instructors & coaches: The 3 instructors from last summer are interested in returning. Also, a past TMEC swimmer who is certified has expressed interest in coaching. Jenn is considering her for stroke school. And Jenn has contact with three other potential coaches (returning coaches Kristen and Emily and a TMEC swimmer). Shark Attack insurance will be obtained through Risk People, so coaches won't need certification.

Potential schedule for Summer League/Shark Attack: Jenn is considering running two Summer League sessions; from 12:25 pm-1:15 PM and from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM with two coaches for each session, with two 4 week-long sessions. They would culminate on the last session day (July 5, August 2) with a 2-hour meet. Small trophies and participant ribbons could be given as awards, since TMEC already has them on hand. Four 2 week-long lesson (Shark Attack) sessions (1/2 hour) would be offered.

Equipment: Jenn will request ~15 kickboards, some pool toys, and class cards for the summer sessions. She will get quotes and report back. Class cards are information cards for the swimmer showing skills accomplished, areas to work on, recommended next level, and TMEC contact information.

Registration: Last year, used Active.com. Mark will contact them regarding terms & setup. Alternatively, Team Unified has a system for swim lesson sign-ups, which Jenn will contact and get information.

From the Committee Section meeting: another incident of inappropriate photography at swim meets has been reported. Jenn will discuss the education of Board members and swim families at the next Section meeting. TMEC board/coaches will send an email to the membership with suggestion on Meet Safety for swimmers.

Jenn reported the number of members with dues in arrears is low.

Because the number of swimmers in Stroke School is down, Jenn agreed that advertising could be a good idea, particularly for Shark Attack. Someone (couldn't hear who it was on the recording) will contact Mario Alvarado so that he can check into advertising rates in the local papers.

She said that new swimmers are coming to tryouts, but not following up by starting at Stroke School.

Jenn is continuing to get quotes for ribbons.

Coach Jenn will be requesting the first week of August for vacation, but will be flexible depending on the team's needs.

Coach Kiwi:

Coach Kiwi is holding group meetings with his swimmers to go over his seasonal plan this week. He informed his 10&U groups when assessments are taking place & that he is using the in-place standards. He will be doing one test per week, on a 3-week cycle.

Coach Kiwi indicated that he will be requesting time off during the summer, but is uncertain of dates at this time.

Motion to adjourn. Was seconded. Yes: 6, No: 0
Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Submitted by Carol Wilson, Secretary