

# **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday July 26, 2021

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Location: Via Zoom Online platform

Presiding: Jill Edwards Recorder: Kristi Williams

Attendance: Jill Edwards, Clare Hickson, Rob Cole, Ian Boreyko, Cian O'Kelly, Cathy

Shepherd-Finlin, Kristi Williams, Paul Birmingham, Chris Nelson

Regrets: Inna Mackay

#### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Jill Edwards welcomed the Board Members and called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

There were two proposed additions to the agenda under '6. New Business': 6.1 Communication with Swim Alberta and 6.2 Update from Clare Hickson. A motion was brought forward by Ian Boreyko and seconded by Kristi Williams that the agenda be approved with these additions. All in favour.

### **CARRIED**

### 3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

A motion was brought forward by Clare Hickson and seconded by Cathy Shepherd-Finlin to approve the minutes from June 28, 2021 as circulated. All in favour.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 4. In Camera Session

No In Camera session was requested.

# 5. Ongoing Business

### 5.1 Safety Assessment Working Group

• There is nothing to report. We will revisit the need for this group in September.

# 5.2 Bylaw Review Update

The Bylaw review will be deferred until the new year.

### 5.3 AGM Planning

- There was a discussion about the best date to schedule the AGM.
- Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 4:30 6:30 pm was chosen as it is the Wednesday prior to our first hosted swim meet; this would give Chris and Paul an opportunity to welcome new members and provide information regarding the swim meet.
- Members agreed on the date and the desire to hold the meeting "in-person" if COVID-19 protocols permit. There will still be the option to hold our meeting online as we did last year if necessary.
- Chris will request the Kinette Room for the AGM.
- We will consider offering a Stroke and Turn Clinic following the meeting.
- We will give members notice of the AGM by September 20, 2021 (which is within the 28 days notice required for AGM).

#### 6. New Business

#### 6.1 Communication With Swim Alberta

- It was brought to the attention of the Board Members that there is some dissatisfaction amongst our club members with the lack of transparency with which Swim Alberta is making decisions. Specifically, it is unclear how they have based their decisions regarding return to swimming and their non-agreement to travel meets during COVID.
- A number of Board members will work together to approach Swim Alberta. As we
  anticipate COVID-19 will still be a concern for the upcoming season, it will be
  advantageous that swim clubs and Swim Alberta are working together to advocate on
  behalf of swimmers in Alberta such that their upcoming season is impacted as little as
  possible.

# 6.2 Update from Clare Hickson

- Clare informed the Board Members that she will be moving to the U.K at the end of August.
- She will remain a "silent member" for August and September and her position will be filled during the election at the AGM in October.
- The members were very thankful for her hard work and dedication to the club over the past years.

### 7. Standing Reports

# 7.1 Head Coach Report

- Keyano is hosting an end of season meet this weekend. It is a three session, short course meet which looks to be well attended.
- Travel to a meet in Florida has been cancelled and instead the swimmers will attend a meet in Calgary.
- Summer programming has had good attendance.
- Paul has renewed the Speedo contract for three years.
- Paul is hopeful that the new website will be up and running soon.
- Keyano is waiting for the City of Edmonton to provide us with pool allocation. Until then we are unable to confirm our program dates and times.
- Paul and Chris are meeting with YMCA in hopes of running some programs at their pools.

# 7.2 General Manager Report

- The partnership with the University of Alberta is going ahead for the season.
- Quickbooks is now moved to an administrative account and Chris has access.
- The fees for the Senior National program will increase slightly next year by \$15 per month. This will be to cover the added expense of starting their season earlier, starting "double" practices earlier, and due to an increase in pool fees and decrease in gaming revenue.
- Projections for August will see our net profit decrease as we have no paid programming.

# 8. Upcoming Meetings

• Our next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. It will be via zoom.

# 9. Adjournment

A motion was brought forward by Clare Hickson to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm