

Blueback Swim Club
meeting minutes
May 8, 2025 7:00pm
Via Zoom

1. Call to order @1909
2. Adoption of Agenda first: keith second; Marina
3. Old Business
3.1. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2025 first: marina second: Trish
4. Reports
4.1. Head Coach Report
 - regional coach meeting last night; one agenda item meet fees and raising them a bit across the board (not making it too much higher, by \$10)
 - some clubs use to better cover costs but not be a fundraiser
 - PG pool closed next year; thinking about traveling somewhere else (Yukon), travel on a real bus? (it's usually second week of May)
 - PG meet – we crushed it!! Was such a great team building event
 - the group had such a great time; they have really transformed in their connections at the pool over the last week since being home
 - thanks to Brian N was AMAZING as the driver/chaperone for PG
 - **a gift for him? Maybe?
 - Rupert meet – best times meet, kids doing swims they haven't done before
- 4.2. Club Financials
 - up to the end of April
 - "food for athletes" has 2 lines; just seeking clarity
- 4.3. Points North Update – Sarah Grielens
 - first meeting for Sarah!
 - everyone agreed to the fee increase (up to \$35/swimmer); this is region wide
 - the north doesn't want to use meets as a fundraiser but there needs to be some sort of way to offset the cost of pool rental
 - discussion around setting regional standards of when we run meets (time standards for swimmers, helps regulate timing for swim meets); mini meets should be for little people (this is how some coaches feel, not agreed upon); meets are getting too big (size wise) and concerned about the number of kids on deck
 - *discussion around max size spacing
 - *would like to aim for agreement for the October meet in Rupert
 - regional coaches meeting
 - 12 and under camp in Kitimat maybe next year; and a senior camp but would like to see it separated from the kids

- Chris (Rupert) will be organizing the camps
- adjust budget to reflect the senior camp

4.4. Head Coach Hiring Committee

- Did an interview yesterday
- Second candidate is set for Monday or Saturday (not confirmed)
- If the committee agrees upon a candidate, we can move on go ahead on the offer to the candidate after all the checks are in place
- Karen reached out to Chris (CSCA), wanted to know if any of our candidates have any issues/sanctions out
- Information is currently on a USB (resumes/reference checks)
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5. New Business

5.1. Travel Policy Updated

- word for word is the swimbc policy
- how many athletes per chaperone/age of athletes; reviewed from safe sport guideline Section 4 was added
- 4A – under the age of 13 must stay with the parents
 - if under the age of 13, paired with “older” swimmers, is that agreed?
 - Comments – could we lower it to 12 as the age, not 13
- 4G – 5-12 athletes per chaperone
 - should we reduce this? Keep it a range from 5-10?
 - should always have one of each gender chaperone
 - never should share rooms with athletes and anyone in supervisor positions
- 5G – responsibility of reporting of injuries (parents reporting injury of their swimmer); reported to the parent and coach
- 7G – chaperone’s responsibility to share, in writing, on athlete injury. Report would go to the coach, parent and board
- meals – chaperone is responsible for the meals
- the organization/committee is responsible for setting up the travel/hotels

Motion: lots to update; Sarah G to write it out and send out via email for review and email approval. No Motion to move on yet

5.2. Social media Updated

- right from swimBC; approve as is (is the recommendation)
 - added comment “members of the club that have access to the social media account/platforms”, will define that “add in section C”
 - motion is to accept the policy with the added definition of access to social media
- No opposed

First: Sarah G Second: Keith

5.3. Gaming grant end of May deadline

- Karen M – will not be taking this on this year
- Need to submit this asap; reporting is required (provincial gaming grant)
- Karen B will have the gaming grant reporting financials done by end of the weekend and the next years budget done (submitted and approved by the board).
- Sarah M will take this on this year for the club; Sarah M will reach out to Karen B about information

Karen M – succession planning; looking at how to move things out of Karen's inbox.
Keith has put a lot of this on a USB

5.4. June 6-8 Home Meet

- run a timed final
- package to be sanctioned asap
- would like to have some 25M for the little kids
- official training needed (Gerard approved the Thursday before our meet 430-630); Marina to put it on facebook to get people to sign up
- ribbons are here, don't need to order more
- need best time ribbons
- Karen M will look meet package and order the medals

Mini meet

- less is more? Do not necessarily need electronics but it could be an option
- mini meet is aimed to grow the little swimmers
- one timer per lane instead

5.5. AGM June 13

- do it at the lake again
- do a BBQ again, look at the renting Ford bbq
- Sarah G and Marina, Keith to help organize (ask Lisette, Leitte if we need more help)
- budget allocated to the food (\$300?)

5.6. Motion to fund Officiating training

Motion was passed by email originally

First: Sarah G Second: Keith

No apposed

"That the TBSC provide Sarah Meijer a budget of \$350 towards her travel expenses to Prince Rupert for the May 9-11, 2025 meet to support her pathway towards referee status. The expenses will be reimbursed up to \$350 based on receipts provided"

6. Adjourn @2052hr

First: Sarah M Second: Keith

