

Terrace Blueback Swim Club 2021

Regular Meeting

Date: February 1 2022

Time: 7:32pm

Location: Via Zoom Call

In attendance:

Dave Acal, Amanda Acal, Karen Bergstreiser, Lisette Calkins, Rebecca Greaves, Charlene Kereliuk-Constantinescu, Karen McMurray,

Regrets: Ryan Kluss, Rebecca Costain, Olgeird Ungehojer

Recording Secretary: Sarah Grielens

1. Motion to adopt minutes from January 11, 2022

- Minutes not provided, will include January and February minutes in March 2022 meeting.

2. Presidents/ Chair Report – Karen McMurray

- Move to accept Sarah G. second Karen B.
- Karen M. Karen B and Sarah G attended a governance workshop presented by Swim BC. Excellent informational session that included topics such as board governance and the role of a head coach vs the executive board. Recommend we strike a policy committee once the club has time to do so.
- 2022/2023 Pool negotiations are in progress. Nic has supplied old schedules and Karen is working in consultation with Rebecca to complete our proposal to the pool. The club budget will be based on these lane requests. The club needs to consider the direction we are heading in. Do we want to grow or just accommodate our outstanding waitlists.
- A new foreman/engineer position has been hired for the pool. This will allow Dani to focus solely on programming. As a result the current club office will be divided in half. Karen has been busy in this office labelling and organizing what club effects we will keep. The current office has been mostly used for storage although Charlene does still require a work space for apparel to be tried on and ordered. The swimmer's mailboxes are a priority to keep as well as a working space.

- Karen is working with the pool to choose one of three spots to put a trophy case. A new cabinet will be built that will look more modern than our old one. Pool is covering the cost and installation of this.
- **Action Item:** Karen to ask for a third lane on Wednesdays to split Red swimmers into two groups. We should have confirmation of this once current pool swimming lessons are over. This third lane would be additional to our current permit with the pool.
- The club has asked for 15 minutes on deck prior to practice for swimmer activation. This request was denied as the pool has slotted in COVID cleaning procedures during this time.
- **Action Item:** Karen to communicate to the coaches about the possibility of third lane on Wednesdays and possibility of conference room to be used for activation.

3. Registrar's Report – Rebecca Greaves

- 24 swimmers attended the Prince Rupert meet over the Jan. 29th weekend. Our club won 6 medals and placed second overall. Many best times and first-time swimmers. The Blueback team displayed great team spirit, encouraging newer swimmers and other clubs as well.
- Mask wearing while on pool deck was a challenge. The athletes were consistently reminded to wear while not swimming or eating, although it was noted that some members of the Prince Rupert team including the coach did not wear their masks either.
- The swimmers were very motivated by the prize baskets. Best times received raffle tickets towards gift baskets and each event winner was awarded a Gatorade or Power Bar. This was well received by all.
- The Prince Rupert Swim team gave out face masks for all athletes and medal winners received toques.
- An issue arose with a parent of a non-competitive swimmer, who wished to send their child to Prince Rupert but did not want to pay the upgrading fees. Swimmer had already participated in their one free event. Parent feedback was that communication was not clear at time of swim club registration and did not want to pay an extra fee. Nic was consulted who advised the parent not to send their child without the upgrade as their times would not be recorded and their progress competitively would be delayed. We have no policy around sending non-competitive swimmers to meets. Committee struck to create this language. Karen M., Karen B and Sarah G. volunteer.

4. Fundraising Report – Amanda Acal

- Motion to purchase \$150.00 in Sports Check gift Cards in the denomination's of \$100, \$ 30.00 and \$20.00 for Bubble-a thon fundraising prizes. Moved by Charlene C. Dave Seconds. Carried.
- Corrected date Bubble – a – thon flat sheet has gone out to parents.
- Amanda has been fielding questions from parents about the necessity for swimmers to attend this event and about their fundraising obligations.
- Currently volunteers are not needed as the senior swimmers have expressed interest in counting lanes for the younger swimmers.

5. Regional Coaching Expenses – Rebecca Greaves

- Motion to budget \$1000.00 for a coach to accompany the three qualifying Blueback swimmers to Penticton for Divisionals. Rebecca moves, Sarah seconds.
- Move to In Camera Session at 8:12 to discuss budget. Return to Regular Executive Meeting 8:39 Carried.
- Baylee has expressed interest in going, although she would be going as an assistant coach and not in a head coach capacity. This trip would not advance her coaching credentials.
- Crystal has also offered to attend if Baylee cannot.

6. Meet Photographer – Sarah Grielens

- Some parents have expressed interest to have a meet photographer.
- Olgeird has previously volunteered in this capacity but has been working in other capacities the last two meets. Added need for photographer to Meet Manager package.
- Nic has the results of the Prince Rupert meet and has shared this information with a reporter in Prince Rupert. Crystal has photos and plans to write an article in the Terrace standard.

7. Bubble- a-Thon Expenses – Amanda Acal

- Covered in Fundraising Report (see item 4).

8. Team Unify / Pool Que changeover- Karen Bergstreiser

- Team Unify Registration platform is hosted in the United States. Most swim clubs have or are in the process of moving over to Canadian Based Pool Que. Prince Rupert is already exploring its functionality and is using it parallel to Team Unify currently.
- Karen to liaise with our Team Unify representative about options to use until end of season in June and not renew for another year in March. We do not want to change registration mid -season.

9. Starter Platform- Karen McMurray

- City of Terrace Fire department has advised that the swim club had to move the platform away from secondary stairs on balcony. No room to house in swim office. Currently in the upstairs hallway at the pool.
- Options to house at a member of the executive residence, cut the platform down to a more manageable size, or have the pool find a suitable storage space.

10. Slack Communication Channel -Karen McMurray

- Slack is a platform for project and team building and communication.
- Karen, Amanda and Charlene have tested it so far and find it easy for communication on specific matters. Could be used to isolate different committee communications such as clothing, fundraising and meet management.
- This is a recognized tool for the working board that we are.
- **Action item:** Karen M. to distribute Slack to the rest of the executive to test.

Motion to Adjourn. Sarah moves. Rebecca seconds. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:56pm

Next Meeting Scheduled Tuesday March 1st 7:30pm