

# Terrace Blueback Swim Club 2021

## Regular Meeting

**Date:** January 11, 2022

**Time:** 7:55pm

**Location:** Via Zoom Call

**In attendance:**

Dave Acal, Amanda Acal, Karen Bergstreiser, Lisette Calkins, Rebecca Greaves, Charlene Kereliuk-Constantinescu, Cecilia Mckay, Karen McMurray, Olgeird Ungehojer

**Regrets:** Ryan Kluss, Rebecca Costain

**Recording Secretary:** Sarah Grielens

### 1. **Coach Hires** – Rebecca Greaves

- Karen B. moves to hire 2 uncertified casual assistant coaches. Sarah seconds. None opposed. Carried.
- Karen B. moves to raise Juliette's wage to \$18.00/hr as her current status is Newly Certified Assistant Coach Post Probation. Rebecca seconds. None opposed. Carried.

### 2. **Communications Coaches and Parents** – Lisette Calkins

- The club recognizes that it may be prudent to send out communication update to the parents regarding Head Coach status and to introduce the two new casual coaches. This communication should also address waitlist information.
- **Action Item:** Karen McMurray to create Facebook and Email messaging
- **Action Item:** Karen McMurray to instruct Nic to send out latest Swim Meet results to parents in an email.

### 3. **President's Report**- Karen McMurray

- Productive discussion with Pool Manager Dani. She is in support of the club and would like to see our numbers grow. However, the City of Terrace wants to increase the amount of public swim and lesson offerings. Dani recognizes that our club is an important stakeholder of the Aquatic Centre.
- Our current contract with the Aquatic Centre is in place until Spring Break. Request has been made to extend until June 5<sup>th</sup>. We expect to have an answer this week and if we are denied, further steps will need to be taken to secure our current

revised swim schedule until the end of the season. Goal for next year is to have a year long permit for next season to ensure schedule continuity.

**4. Treasurer Report – Karen Bergstreiser**

- Projected deficit based on current approved wages and new hires.
- If Nic returns to full employment and casual coach wages are removed the club will save \$350.00 per week.
- We should explore ways to encourage athletes to raise more than min. fundraising amounts. Prizes could be offered to highest fundraisers as an incentive.

**5. Fundraising Report – Amanda Acal**

- The club raised \$1500.00 in the silent auction. This was a good learning experience.
- Bubble-a thon planned to run on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Global Fusion has agreed that they could operate that day and give a portion of their earnings to the club. This will be dependent on the arena availability as they only have space and power for one Food Truck to run at a time. If hockey and figure skating do not have events already booked for that day, we can go ahead with this plan.
- Discussion regarding having levels participate at different times to eliminate overcrowding in the pool. Perhaps senior swimmers could be asked to count lanes instead of parent participation. Coaches can be on deck to count lanes as well.
- Prizes could be awarded to highest fundraisers.
- **Action Item:** Karen M. to have Nic forward Bubble-a-thon pledge form to Amanda and to ensure that the pool is booked for the required date and time.
- Raffle to take place in April.
- **Action Item:** Cecilia and Karen B. to assist Amanda with securing gaming license and process for Raffle.

**6. Masters Swimming – Lisette Calkins**

- The pool is already visually checking Covid-19 vaccine passports for anyone 12 or over using the pool. The club does not need to take over the checking for our Master Swimmers.

**7. Swim Cap Distribution- Lisette Calkins**

- There are many swimmers who have not received swim caps this season or last season. Distribution of Swim Caps normally falls under Head Coach duty.
- **Action Item:** Nic to determine who still needs swim caps.
- Swim BC has offered free pink swim caps to clubs to support Anti-Bullying day. We have applied for these but have not received confirmation if we will receive or

when. Would be ideal to have these pink caps distributed in time for Bubble-a-thon.

**8. Bag Tags Budget Request-** Karen McMurray

- Athletes of the swim club currently do not need to present proof of Covid-19 vaccination to participate in swim club. If these protocols change we may need to explore the idea of creating bag tags that each swimmer receives each season that identifies them as Blueback members to the pool.

**9. Team Building Request for committee** -Lisette Calkins

- Following the mini-meet for our senior swimmers it has been identified that there may need to be some work done to foster a stronger sense of team that includes all levels.
- How is the club and the Head Coach going to foster this sense of team among all of our athletes?
- Work may have to be done to create a plan and communication strategy.

**10. Dryland Training** – Rebecca Greaves

- Simone Crook has approached the club regarding running dry land training. The club is allowed to offer dryland training at the pool but none of our coaches have expressed interest in running these sessions.
- Simone is a certified personal trainer and charges \$50.00/hr.
- If hired it would cost the club \$125.00/week and the current dryland fees would not cover this as we only have 18 swimmers who qualify for dryland.
- Nic could be asked to create dryland training videos that can be then shown to senior swimmers on pool deck to complete. Current coaches can supervise but won't be responsible for running the actual sessions.
- Discussion around virtual live vs pre-recorded videos.

**11. Cecilia Mckay**

- Cecilia is formally leaving the TBSC board as she is moving to Alberta.
- She will be available for questions and information still.
- The club sincerely thanks Cecilia for her time, dedication and enthusiasm for the TBSC and wishes her the best of luck in her new home!

**12. Final notes**

- Prince Rupert Swim Meet is still tentatively booked. Waiting on Prince Rupert Coach to confirm.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10pm

Next Meeting via Zoom Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm

