

Blueback Swim Club
Minutes
Thursday May 16th.
7:30pm In person
4109 Temple Street

In attendance: Sarah Meijer, Nola Sambo, Dave Acal, Trish Goldsworthy, Karen Bergstreiser
Regrets: Karen McMurray, Angie Coolin, Lisette Calkins, Tracey. Braam, Kelly Swain
Chair/Secretary: Sarah Grielens

Agenda Item

1. **Call to order** - 7:34pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda** - Sarah M. Moves, Nola S. Seconds. Carried.
3. **Old Business**
 - 3.1. **Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2024-** Dave amendment to notation regarding his knowledge that he was approved to purchase a table for the relocation of the tech area to the balcony. He was not aware. Should have been an action item.
Sarah M. Moves with amendment, Trish G. Seconds. Carried.
Action Item: Secretary to amend minutes for publishing and advise Chair.
 - 3.2 **Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2024** - Dave Acal moves. Sarah M. Seconds. Carried.
4. **Reports**
 - 4.1. **Coach Report** - As submitted Chris Street.

Sarah M. Confirmed that lane ropes have been ordered. Current maintenance and use is and issue. Theses replacements may not arrive before home meet and perhaps Prince Rupert could be asked to bring one rope with them. The pool may have a new attachment piece to replace existing one as well.

Action Item: Confirm ropes prior to meet.

Final list for BC Summer Games is out. Paige, Reid and Thomas and Zion is the 1st alternate.

5. New Business

5.1. **Home Meet-** Meet is sanctioned, Girard is confirmed. Pool is booked. No invoice has been received for the sanction yet. Karen B. Confirms that the club is up to date with any fees owing. Amanda Acal had previously ordered ribbons so this set the club up well for this meet. Medals ordered from the vendor previously found by Amanda Acal as well. Lots of good feedback on these. Volunteer campaign going well. Need to find pit parents and timers. 1500 and 800 on Friday night. Individual emails have gone out to current and potential stroke and turn judges. PR parents may have to be enlisted to help. We have 174 ducks left. Might explore the idea of more and smaller baskets with the option of swimmers either keeping the duck or trading it in for a ticket for basket raffle. Idea to have duck messaging out on posters to help younger swimmers families understand the process! Looking good in terms of electronic table coverage as well.

5.2 Competitive Fee Upgrades -Passed by email.

“That the TBSC will cover the increased Swim BS fees for any swimmers who registered as developmental swimmers and who will be charged competitive fees from Swim BC due to their registration in meets from May 10 – June 2nd.”

We did not notice a big increase in Prince Rupert meet registrations as a result of this motion. But we may see for Terrace home meet. Many swimmer families are not aware of the upgrade fee and this was a good way to get the swimmers into the Terrace meet without having an additional financial discussion. There is limited space in Red 2. So this limits the amount of competitive registration.

5.3 **Tech Budget Expenditure-** Confirming that backstroke wedges have been ordered out of the budget previously approved. Wedges are on backorder and won't arrive until July. Ordered through Team Aquatic \$240 per wedge. We have the option to cancel due to delay in order processing but keeping the order as is. Other sources are considerably more expensive. It is also better for the swimmers to practise with these at a mini meet before a sanctioned one.

5.4 **Northwest Scholarship motion** - All agree that we want to continue to fund a scholarship in some form. Some clubs run scholarships internally but this then means that it would need to be maintained consistently by a volunteer. Some club also give a set amount per graduate, regardless of number each year. Does the club want to be solely attached to Caledonia? Does this exclude other swimmers?

Current endowment fund is managed by Caledonia, very little work on the part of the club. Current criteria is the swimmer has to be active with the club and swam during grades 10 -12 and demonstrate volunteerism. Head Coach currently decides and swimmers apply through the school.

All agree that we should fund the endowment while we have the funds to do so. Recommend increase donation to \$10,000 to fund 2x \$500.00 a year. However those present would like to see current financials and compare against equipment need costs.

Also recommend reviewing current scholarship guidelines and explore the option of having swimmers apply through the club directly to ensure other high school attendees can also have access.

Also need to know what the timeline is to decide.

Recommend table to either June or early new season meeting , perhaps a sub committee needs to be formed at that time.

6. **Adjourn 8:20pm**

