

**Blueback Swim Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2026**  
**7pm via zoom**

**In attendance:** Sarah Meijer, Chris Street, Leah Sells, Marina Downs, Olgierd Ungehojer,  
Nadia Gemeinhardt, Carin Henschel

**Regrets:** Nola Sambo, Mike Prest, Keith Goldsworthy, Trish Goldsworthy

**Recording Secretary:** Sarah Grielens

1. **Call to order-** 7:08pm
2. **Adoption of agenda** - Carried
3. **Old Business**
  - 3.1 **Motion to approve minutes December 4th, 2025.** Marina moves. Leah seconds. Carried.
4. **Reports**
  - 4.1 **Coach Report/ Podium Mind update** - Chris and Olgierd  
Only a few swimmers have yet to sign in to the platform.  
Considering offering some unused accounts to other swimmers who would benefit.  
  
50 athletes competed in the Kitimat meet. 65% overall best times. Including divisional and Man/Sask A times.  
Recent Terrace meet 75% best overall best times with new divisional and Man/Sask A times.  
  
7 swimmers going to Divisionals in Penticton.  
  
Feb 28-Mar 1 Smithers meet. Declarations to open.  
April 24-26 Prince George Meet - using downtown pool facility  
May 1 Whitehorse meet- could consider one coach between Prince Rupert and Terrace to attend for both teams

Need to choose a time for Mini Meet. Not a lot of weekend availability between now and May. Could run without Chris on Saturday April 11- this date has the least chance of conflicting with Pacific Northwest Music Festival.

12 and under training camp in Kitimat Feb 7-8  
Hoping to run a 13 and up camp in Terrace weekend of April 17

Bubble-a-thon Friday April 17th

Sequoia should be compliant now and can take over Karen's group but should shadow a few other coaches a couple of times before taking over solo.

Thinking of ways to increase attendance in Dryland sessions. Could consider visiting sessions of other disciplines ie. Kickboxing. Will need to consider the targeted to swimming training given at dryland and would need to find something that would not cause injury.

#### **4.2 Registrar Report - Sarah M.**

Currently 99 swimmers. Started with 107 at the start of the season. 14 Masters More room in Green as they are being moved into higher groups. Local advertising / posters. Hoping to boost our numbers.

#### **4.3 Treasurer Report**

Tabled. Action Item: Sarah M to send out an updated budget by email.  
Gaming grant prep

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.1 Fee Increase for next season - Sarah M.**

Considering the coaching increase and tied with fee increase.

The club has not had a fee increase in 4 years

Projecting to raise 10% over the next two years.

Considerations: Parent Notification, Lower levels utilize less resources than higher levels - should each level have the same increase? Encompass this increase in an equipment and or facility fee.

Want to have next year's fees published before end of Spring.

#### **6.2 Swim Meet Learnings - Marina D.**

Officials training is going well. Lots of time spent organizing Volunteer Binder and recording in the online portal.

Timers who cannot take the timing course should at least be given the timing slide deck prior to being on pool deck. Some mistakes noted from first timers.

Food on deck and boys changeroom cleanliness an issue

Should consider raising the entry fee for Terrace as it is the only one offering a heats and finals.

Should also consider purchasing a printer with a photocopier option. So many changes and photocopying the new heat sheets is much faster than re-printing.

### **6.3 Committee Updates**

#### **6.3a Equipment/Clothing - Sarah M.**

We have purchased a false start system, stop watches, deck away storage and bench storage. Total cost \$11,000. Equipment line in the budget was passed at \$18,000. Will re-distribute the rest of the funds. Next purchase plans to be towards electronics and waiting on new flag quote.

Consider purchasing a large screen where swimmers can watch their playbacks from over and under the water. Should be mobile and would have to think about where this can be stored.

Consider purchasing a large water resistant speaker for practises.

#### **6.3b Fundraising- Carin H.**

Pre Covid the club's fundraising mandatory amount was \$300.00 per swimmer per season. With raising pool and Covid costs, this amount was raised to \$450.00

Consider lowering mandatory amounts -reducing based on level:

Silver/Gold \$400.00

Bronze \$350.00

Blue \$300.00

Green/Red \$250.00

Consider charging three times throughout the season and adding to the monthly fees:

Oct \$100.00

Jan. \$100.00

Mar. \$100.00

This additional fee would not have to be paid if the swimmer already fundraised that amount up to that time.

This would combat losing the budgeted amount of fundraising money if a swimmer leaves the club mid season.

Consider Volunteering for Points:

Executive Position, Swim Meet Volunteering, Hotel booking etc. could generate different points towards a maximum allowable.

Consider removing mandatory language out of fundraising amounts Ease of tracking and succession planning. Should consult with the Bookkeeper.

Action Item: Carin to send presentation out to the board for review.

### **7.00 Adjourn Meeting adjourned 8:30pm**

Next meeting April 2nd 7pm

