

FINAL Minutes for the February 9, 2006 Water Rats Parents Club Board Meeting

Attendees: Bonnie Strittmatter, Chuck Katter, Barbara Wiederecht, Andrea Boissevain, Stephanie Belleveau, Suzy Valdes-Rodriguez, Pam Koss, Jeanne Bowles, Bill Krumm and Ellen Johnston.

Convening of the Meeting

The meeting of the Water Rats Parents' Club convened on January 5, 2006 in the Executive Director's Office at 7:25 pm. Co-President Bonnie Strittmatter presided over the meeting.

The minutes for the January 5th, 2006 Water Rats Parents' Club Board meeting were reviewed. The motion, made to approve the minutes, was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Chuck Katter presented the monthly financial report:

Budget Variance

Profit is \$2,545 ahead of budget through the end of January. Significant positive variances in equipment repair and purchases, volunteer non-compliance fees, professional fees and coaches expenses, as well as smaller positive variances in other categories are partially offset by the recording of a significant portion of the Travel Meet expenses without the accompanying receipts, a shortfall in Pentathlon income and the unbudgeted retirement gift for Bob Knoebel.

Cash Flow

Our cash balance at the end of January was \$97,356, up \$17,242 from December. Primary sources of cash were meet income of \$12,000, PET-WRAT receipts and coupon sales of \$7,000. The only significant use of funds was for meet expenses of \$2,600. The recording of expenses for coupon purchases in February will bring our cash balances down to the same level as January 2005 and in line with budget.

PET-WRAT Fees

PET-WRAT Fees, while ahead of plan, are \$4,400 in arrears from 26 families. Those with outstanding fees will not be able to participate in Championship.

The motion made to accept the Treasurer's report was approved.

USA Swimming Summary

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Barbara Wiederecht reported that January was all about paying meet entry fees. Year-to-date balance is \$29,919.42. There are very few families who will have to be invoiced; most families will break even on the new fee schedule. Overall, the increase on the older swimmer USA fees has worked out very well.

PET-WRAT Report

Stephanie Belleveau discussed the reconciliation of 1st qtr PET-WRAT fees. Forty percent (40%) of families have fulfilled their volunteer points. Calls went out to 30 families to inform them with several families saying they were not as knowledgeable about the program as they should be. New family orientation really needs to take place so that parents can get an overview. It was suggested that parents participate in an orientation while their kids are in try-out session. April try-outs are already scheduled.

Coaches' Report

Ellen Johnston provided a summary of events and happenings. Here are some of the highlights:

- Contracts have been signed with Courtyard Marriot for CT Senior & Age Group Championships & the Crowne Plaza.
- CSI LC bid package has been received. Senior Spring Invitational, 9/u meet and the LC Invitational.
- Try-outs for the 2006 LC season will be held week April 24th.
- Pancake Breakfast was held on Sat., January 27th with \$1097 raised for Y NATs. Kudos to Denise Farley for such a great event!
- WRAT stroke clinics have been scheduled.
- There was a request for parents to look at some online offerings. We'll discuss these next meeting.

Co-President's Report

Planning & Evaluation Meeting

The meeting had a fair turn out. Subsequent Town of Westport meetings will be posted on the web.

Officials

This is Ed Dunn's last year. He has agreed to referee at our home meets for next year per negotiation Monica Prangley has asked that the Board pay Ed \$100 per session. They have discussed asking him to commit to at least 12 of the 19 home sessions. Pam made the motion to approve Monica's request for 2006-2007.

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Nominee Committee

Coach Member will be Ellen Johnston. Board member will be Jeanne Bowles, David Blansfield, Drummond Grinalds, and Roger Parker will serve as general members.

Board Members for Senior Awards

Andrea Boissevain volunteered to serve on the Senior Awards committee to pick a graduating senior for the senior awards.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on March 7th, 2006.