

**FINAL Minutes for the May 4, 2006
Water Rats Parents Club Board Meeting**

Attendees: Bonnie Strittmatter, Bill Loftus, Chuck Katter, Barbara Wiederecht, Andrea Boissevain, Stephanie Belleveau, Jeanne Bowles, and Pam Koss.

Convening of the Meeting

The meeting of the Water Rats Parents' Club convened on May 4, 2006 in the Board Room of the Westport Weston Family Y at 7:20 pm. Co-President Bill Loftus presided over the meeting.

The minutes for the April 10th, 2006 Water Rats Parents' Club Board meeting were reviewed. The motion, made to approve the minutes with the changes duly noted, was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Chuck Katter presented the following monthly financial report:

Budget Variance: Year-to-date profit is \$29,414 ahead of budget. Non-operating positive variances of \$3,042 for Y-Nationals fundraising, \$1979 for the collection of volunteer non-compliance fees and \$1,569 for the 55th Reunion supplemented operating positive variances of \$3,672 in equipment purchases and service, \$3,190 in PET-WRAT fees, \$3,876 in PET-WRAT refunds and \$1685 in professional fees (both timing related) and \$1,598 for the "Q" meet. Significant unfavorable variances are \$1,854 for the Pentathlon, an unbudgeted retirement gift for Bob Knoebel and timing of coaches' expenses. Positive timing-related variances which will be eliminated in coming months include Y Nationals expenses of \$4,400, equipment purchase and repair of \$4,000, PET-WRAT refunds of \$3,000, short course banquet expenses of \$2,000 and professional fee expenses of \$500. Taxes are completed and filed.

Cash Flow: Our cash balance at the end of April was \$80,459, down \$6,160 from March. There were no significant receipts during the month. Primary uses of funds were for coaches travel expenses, coaches' short-course gifts, Y-National expenses and the Bob Knoebel Scholarship Award.

PET-WRAT: PET-WRAT fees remain for only 3 families.

Y-NATS Accounts: Bonnie provided the accounting for Y-NATS. Pam Koss suggested started fund raising now for next year's team.

USA Swimming Summary

Barbara Wiederecht reported that nominal activity for April since we've had very little activity since our last meet. USA fees for long course are being processed.

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PET-WRAT Report

Stephanie Belleveau sent \$2,100 in payouts to Chuck Katter for processing. She also sent "friendly-reminder" notices to those families who still owe more than 10 points.

Coaches' Report

Bonnie presented the following highlights of the coaches' report:

- Thank you to all your parents for their generosity in providing the coaches' gift at WRAT Recognition night.
- There are three major meets for the upcoming season: Senior Invitational May 12-14 at Wesleyan; 9/U meet (here) June 29; and WRAT LC Invitational (June 10-11) at Wesleyan.
- WRAT Recognition Night was a great success.

Co-President's Report

New Parent Orientation

Bonnie reported that there were 10-12 parents at the session. It seemed parents were more bewildered about the tryouts, getting their children where they need to be, etc. than concerned about absorbing information about how the swim team or the Club operated. She suggested that it was a good effort, but a bit premature. It is a meeting that still should take place once the swimmers have been accepted.

WRAT Recognition Night

WRAT Recognition night was quite successful. Helene Weir attended and was well received. She was glad to come. There was a general appreciation that she was willing to come to our meet. We should be sure to invite her to a few meets over the long course season. The slide show was spectacular.

Memorial Gift for Jeffery Bacon

A motion was made to donate \$500 to the Bacon Children's Education Fund and was unanimously approved.

Parent Survey

Bonnie, Andrea and Barbara will plan to meet to discuss the Parent Survey.

Nominating Committee

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Jeanne Bowles reported that the Nominating Committee will meet on Saturday and plan to have a slate by Monday.

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee has only a few issues such as budgeting for certain meets.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on June 8th, 2006—the annual meeting.