

## **FINAL Minutes for the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Water Rats Parents' Club**

**Attendees:** Bonnie Strittmatter, Bill Loftus, Chuck Katter, Barbara Wiederecht, Andrea Boissevain, Suzy Valdes-Rodriguez, Stephanie Belleveau, Pam Koss, Madeline Lee, Matt Heisler, Bridget Lambo, Christine Zipper, Jeanne Bowles, and Ellen Johnston.

### **Convening of the Meeting**

The meeting of the Water Rats Parents' Club convened on September 8th, 2005 in the Breslin Room at 7:25 pm. Co-President Bill Loftus presided over the meeting.

The minutes for the August 2005 Water Rats Parents' Club Board meeting were reviewed. The motion, made to approve the minutes with identified changes, was carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Annual Financial Report**

Chuck Katter presented the 12-month fiscal year financial report:

- 1) Full-year Budget Variance: a positive variance of \$16,688. Meet-specific costs showed that overall we made money on meets. Coupon sales, reduced advertising income, unexpected costs for handbook printing, and donations to Tsunami Funds are responsible for much of the negative variances.
- 2) Profit & Loss Statement (September 2004 to August 2005): overall net is reported at -\$4258 favorable to budget by \$1,688..
- 3) Balance Sheet: Assets total \$81,511.60—as of September 9<sup>th</sup> (PET-WRAT checks were not booked as of 8/31/05). Coupon inventory is down around to where it was last year. We will need to work on reducing the inventory. With a new volunteer heading up Coupon Sales, we will be able to address issues.
- 4) Cash Flow Report: \$54,392 is our checking account balance as of 8/31/05.
- 5) Discussion ensued with respect to the outstanding fines that need to be collected for volunteers that did not meet their commitment. Invoices with a letter will go out next week. Then for those not received before EXPO, there will be a table set up (Chuck and Andrea) to collect those fees. If not paid, child will not be able to register for the Short Course season.

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

### **USA Swimming Summary**

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Barbara Wiederecht reported that she collected \$1,384 in USA fees for August. Overall, collections totaled \$32,506 for the year?. Account balance is \$12,700.72.

Housekeeping needs to be done by writing checks to those who have left the program.

### **PET-WRAT Report**

Stephanie Belleveau was welcomed as the new PET-WRAT Coordinator. She announced that Lisa Morio has agreed to be volunteer coordinator. She suggested that one of the first things she would like to do is evaluate the point system. For example, timers for dual meets need to get half the points vs. longer meets. Programs sales volunteer, cleanup and setup are all easier things to do and perhaps warrant fewer points. A meet management manual has been drafted and will be provided to Board members for review and then will be available to be handed out at the EXPO.

### **Coaches' Report**

Ellen reported on coaches' behalf. Bill Krumm is at the ACSA conference. She provided a summary of the events and happenings. Here are some of the highlights:

- Bridget Lambo was welcomed as the new Aquatics Director.
- A new CFO for the greater Westport Weston Family Y has been named.
- Registration includes for summer course 270 swimmers; 183 sent out for Long Course registration with high retention. Two families who will not be returning were two major volunteers timing system operator and age-group rep. Need to look for replacements.
- Mailing has gone out for the fees. Packets are nicely organized.
- EXPO is Saturday, September 24, 2005 for 1:00-3:00 pm in the Breslin Room. Picnic is scheduled for the same day at Mahackeno from 3:30 to 6:30pm.
- EXPO organization tables were discussed. Officials, apparel and fines table will be outside in the hallway.

### **Co-President's Report**

#### *EXPO Planning*

See above Coaches highlights.

Coaches dinner discussed "friend raisers" that are being held to educate folks about the Mahackeno campaign and identify opportunities to raise money for the Y.

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Tsunami fundraiser was very successful...an event similar for the Katrina is desirable. While nothing has been offered, we're sure to find someone who will like to take it on.

### *September Picnic*

Suzy Valdes-Rodriguez and Julie Mombello are chairing the event. See the WRAT web page.

### *Bob Knoebel Retirement Celebration*

Bob Knoebel retirement party is scheduled for October 22 at the Y. Jeanne Bowles has agreed to co-chair committee. *WRAT's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Hunt Club is the date set for the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Water Rats swim team. Save-the-date cards have been sent out and planning continues to make progress. Proceeds collected will be to support the Ann Atkinson fund, which is a guardian angel fund for those swimmers who have financial needs. Through the fund, they can participate in all aspects of team events.

### *Outreach Update*

Madeline Lee updated on our outreach efforts with the Bridgeport Barracudas. It appears that Carrie Crumm has not communicated with her (despite efforts over the entire summer). She recommends that the Water Rats no longer be involved with the team. Monies held in escrow will be released once there has been some accounting as to how monies have been spent and if there are any expenses that can be accounted for. As such, outreach is no longer a program that we will be involved in.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm. The next Board meeting will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005.