

DRAFT Minutes for the September 6th, 2006 Water Rats Parents Club Board Meeting

Attendees: Bill Loftus , Bonnie Strittmatter, Stephanie Belleveau, Cheryl Smiley, Chuck Katter, Barbara Wiederecht, Andrea Boissevain, Jeanne Bowles, David Blansfield & Drummond Grinalds.

Convening of the Meeting

The meeting of the Water Rats Parents' Club convened on September 6, 2006 in the Breslin Room of the Westport Weston Family Y at 7:30 pm. Co-President Bonnie Strittmatter presided over the meeting.

The minutes for the July 13th, 2006 Water Rats Parents' Club Board meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes with the appended and attached Treasurer's Report was passed.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Chuck Katter presented the appended monthly financial report. A suggestion to make quarterly expense reports was made. This will ease the burden of processing reports.

USA Swimming Summary

Barbara Wiederecht sent out 30 invoices to families that needed to pay outstanding balances. Most people have paid. Eleven outstanding families owe roughly 500 dollars. Letter sent out that said need to pay at EXPO. Some ways to streamline the process were discussed.

PET-WRAT Report

Stephanie Belleveau presented the report. Invoices will be sent out regarding how much families owe for 2005-2006 volunteer point deficits. Board agreed to inform people and to collect at EXPO. Solutions to get more opportunities for volunteer opportunities were discussed. Survey suggested communications flashes when opportunities become available. More opportunities need to be available. Job point values may be too low. Spirit of the program is to encourage volunteer participation. This principal will be stressed at new parent meeting. Andrea, David and Chuck agreed to contact families who are in deficit.

Coaches' Report

No coaches were present.

Co-President's Report

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Beth Becker passed away from breast cancer over summer. Board decided to send her childrens' college fund \$500

On line apparel store is still under construction.

For EXPO planning – Suit will be changed so ignore suit order. We need signs.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on October 5th, 2006.

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Budget Variance

Full year profit was \$9,877 compared to a break-even budget. The most significant positive variances were Pet Wrat fees from a higher number of swimmers than budgeted (\$3190), lower than expected Pet Wrat refunds (\$1147), volunteer non-compliance fees (\$1979), 55th reunion proceeds (\$1856) and lower than expected equipment repair and purchase expenses (\$1450). The most significant negative variances were the retirement gift presented to Bob Knoebel and the shortfall in profit from WRAT-sponsored swim meets (\$892).

Cash Flow

Cash balance at the end of August was \$43,693, down \$38,000 from July month-end. That balance was essentially in line with the August 2005 balance. There were no significant cash receipts, and significant cash disbursements were as follows: coaches travel expenses submitted from prior months (\$11,084), grocery coupon purchases (\$9500), WRAT quarterly reimbursement to the Y (\$7500), Pet Wrat refunds (\$4356) and the purchase of WRAT tote bags for fundraising (\$3858).