

Haney Neptunes Aquatic Club

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 06, 2007

Present: Michelle Neale, Craig Todd, Heather Halliday, Cindy Kopp, Ken Bell, Al Yeo, Heather Stein, Paddy Perry

Meeting began at 7:10 P.M.

Agenda approved with the addition of locating the Blue Box.

Adoption of previous minutes (Craig Todd & Paddy Perry)

Business Arising:

- Anthony Marconato will not be our Treasurer.
- Registration for the winter sessions will be December 08 from 11:30 – 4:30 and December 9th from 2:00 – 4:00, in the pre-school room at the leisure center. Note, there is no water polo for the winter session. Craig will get this info up onto the Website and create a flyer that can be used for posting. We really need to market our programs as much as possible. Craig will see if we can set up a sign on the front desk at the leisure center and Heather Stein will talk to the school board and see if we can get some exposure through them. Everyone else needs to post and give out as many flyers as possible. Articles written to the news paper is also an excellent way of getting exposure.
- Gaming Committee Chair is required and this role is responsible for filling out the forms to apply for the Direct Access Grant. This is very important as we need a new clock system to support Provincials in 2009. Can anyone think of someone who can fill this role?

Outstanding Positions:

- We really need to get more involvement from Parents to support our club. Need to set up a phone tree to ask for volunteers and shadowers - Heather Stein to organize.
- Fundraising is proceeding despite the lack of a fundraising coordinator. Parents are pitching in and doing the fundraisers they did last time. However, we still need a coordinator to tally up points – they don't have to 'DO' all the fundraising, just coordinate what is already taking place. Parents have to realize that if there are no fundraising opportunities and no coordinator, then all of their cheques will have to be cashed.

Presidents Report – Heather Halliday for Kim Macey:

- Clothing – we should branch out and see what all is available to us at the discounted prices. It would be great to have everything up on the website with the discounts so everyone can take advantage of them. Craig Todd has everything outlined and ready to put up on the web but he needs the catalog of items and pricing – he has been waiting for this for some time now. It was also suggested that we create a clothing swap page for gently used items that could be offered to others in the Club. Jennifer Johnson needs to get the catalog and pricing to Craig right away – Kim Macey needs to facilitate this.
- Kim Macey wants to meet with the district to discuss support and partnership possibilities including getting our programs into the community services guide etc.
- The same pool times will be in effect for the winter sessions (excluding water polo). Starting January 5th: Swimming Sat & Sun from 2:00 – 4:00 and Synchro on Saturday from 4:00 – 6:00.
- We are waiting for the BCSSA update and will communicate when available.
- We need a meeting place for the next meeting – Michelle Neale has agreed to host the meeting at her home again on Thursday December 06th, at 7:00 P.M...
- Review of the proposed rule changes for the 2008 BCSSA season. These proposed changes are very difficult to understand and we need further clarification before we can vote on them. It was decided that Craig Todd would look into this and provide clarification if possible and then we will all send in our votes via email by the last Monday of November (Nov 26th).

Treasurer’s Report – Ken Bell

- The finances are looking good as the salaries and registration are fairly even.
- Summer fundraising cheques were cashed on November 5th and refund cheques will be sent out shortly.
- All of the annual reports have been completed for the fall.
- Bookkeeper & Treasurer’s update – interviews are taking place however, we want someone with experience. We may have a parent who is willing to do this for us free of charge. Ken will do the Treasurer’s job if we get a bookkeeper on board but he won’t be able to do the Registrar’s job on top of it.
- Payroll still needs to be decided on before cheques are due at the end of the month. Ken Bell and Kim Macey are working on this.

Bingo Report – Cindy Kopp:

- There is a meeting at the end of the month regarding voting issues and she will report back at the next meeting.

Communications Update – Craig Todd:

- Keep sending stuff for the Website (info, pictures, etc.)
- If you are sending emails to one or two people, please send them directly versus using Craig to forward them on.
- Craig will provide a list of all the executives' emails and phone numbers – can also check the website for this info.
- Need some pictures from Heather Halliday for the website.
- What is the contact number to be posted for inquires? It was decided that we use Kim Macey's number for now – Heather Stein to advise her.
- It looks like we are in conformance with the Swim BC Privacy Guidelines and there is now a link on the website.
- Hy-Tek has the capability for on-line registration and payments. We are going to table is option for now and pursue getting the information and forms up on the website for downloading.
- Brochure is pretty much ready, we need to get pricing for printing – Michelle Neale to check with her contacts for double sided, color and tri folded.
- Registration form needs to include a space to check if you DO NOT want you or your child's photo to appear on the website or on our printed material. Ken Bell to look into.

Swim Meet Update– Heather Stein

- Yvette Yeo and Heather Stein will be working over the next couple of weeks on organizing the Haney swim meet. Anthony Marconato booked the date already and Heather Stein will confirm.

Water Polo Update – Paddy Perry

- We are co-hosting the Bantam tournament on the last weekend of November.
- There is no scheduled water polo for the winter session.
- Looking at having Friday drop in scrimmages for \$5.00 for those who want to play.
- Paddy and Joie Kotylak are sharing the water polo duties.
- The B.C. Water Polo meeting and elections are taking place next Thursday.
- Coaching for the up and coming years may become a problem. Vicki Binkle is no longer available and we don't know how long Justin Mitchell

will be available as he is getting very busy with Fraser Valley. We need to start preparing for the fall.

Swimming Update – Al Yeo

- Membership access needs to be more liberal. Up to what point can we still take on new swimmers and prorate the fees. There are deadlines for sending in the paperwork but we should consider accepting everyone until that point. If registration is closed, then we need to accept their registration for the next available session and not 'lose them'.
- Heather Stein advised us that Josh Sanborn, Nathan Stein and Bridgette Skibinski now have their NCCP level 1 Coaching status. They worked very hard with Mark Fullner (top Canadian coach) on the swim skills course. We were able to capitalize on this amazing opportunity thanks to the Seahorses who funded most of the cost to bring out Mark Fullner.
- Coaches are lined-up for the summer; we just need to get the contracts signed.

Synchro Update – Heather Halliday

- Very busy and full.
- Pool size is becoming an issue.
- The Halloween theme day was loads of fun for everyone and our goal is to have 1 fun day per month.
- Coaching has been confirmed through the summer.

Fundraising Update – All

- Parents are jumping in to get fundraisers going but we still need a coordinator.
- Letter needs to be drafted to go after corporate sponsors. We should also include a sponsors section on our website including links to their businesses.
- Michelle Neale will look into the Sports Funder program and see if we can get any funds from there.
- Heather Stein is looking into getting the Husky cards again as we get a 2% rebate for all gas purchased when we swipe the card.
- We have been invited to participate in the Aquatics for Arthritis fundraising initiative. Much like a swim-a-thon, this event offers the opportunity for our Club to get media exposure and 50% of the funds raised go to support the Arthritis Society and 50% goes to our Club. To participate we must contact the provincial office and events are scheduled to take place in January 2008.

New Business:

- Where is the blue box? Craig will send out a mass email asking if anyone knows it may be.
- We should look at finding funding opportunities for low income families and post this information on the website and maybe include it on our brochures. This would help to make our programs more accessible for some families.
- We still need committee leaders for:
 - Sponsorships
 - Home show
 - 50th anniversary

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Next meeting is Thursday December 06th @ 7:00 P.M.
Location - Michelle Neale's 21488-126 Ave.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT
OUR CHILDREN ARE COUNTING ON US!**