

# Nanaimo White Rapids Swim Club

## Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

### 6 June 2002

The following members were present at the meeting: Arlene Ward, Steve Beerman, Mike Silverton, Karen Conway, John Conway, Marise Wickman, Mike Gossland, Joan Lutes, Leslie Sutton and Lana Fitzpatrick. Laurie Crossan arrived at around 8pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm.

**1. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed and equipment was added under Old Business. Mike S. made a Motion to accept the Agenda. It was seconded by Karen and carried.

**2. Approval of Minutes** from 23 May BOD meeting: The Minutes were reviewed. Karen made a Motion to approve the Minutes. It was seconded by Mike S. and carried.

**3. Correspondence:** Some bills arrived in the mail, along with the \$100 donation from Weyheuser. There was some discussion on that cheque and why the club only received that \$100 amount. The club will try again next year to obtain financial support from Weyheuser. Thanks to Pete Sutton for approaching Weyheuser about the donation.

#### 4. Reports

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** Marise presented the June Account Balances. Although there is a large balance in the General Account at this time (\$33,952.97) the Projected Expenses and Projected Additional Revenue will clean the account out. Major expenses include payroll not covered by Bingo \$\$, pool rental, and BCSSA fees. Marise mentioned that there is about \$773 left in the equipment fund and \$500 in the promotion fund from last year, which needs to be spent. Ideas were discussed.
- b. **Pool Operations Committee:** Steve had no new news to offer at this time about pool op's. The "eye wash availability" issue from the Riptides Meet was discussed.
- c. **Head Coach's Report:** No coaches attended this BOD meeting, so there was no report.
- d. **Apparel:** Arlene spoke on her experience with suppliers and difficulties with them. But, in general, she felt that most people have been satisfied with the clothing, and delivery of the goods has been fairly good. The BOD was very pleased with Arlene's efforts this year. She plans to buy a stock of 50 silicone club caps, so that they are available this year and next. The BOD approved that purchase.
- e. **Water Polo:** Leslie updated the group on her plans with Michelle for water polo tournaments. There will be a **tournament on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-930pm** for all ages. Another tournament is planned for mid July. She asked the BOD for money to purchase some new water polo balls. Apparently there are different sizings for balls and the club doesn't have any junior sized ones. The BOD asked for some clarification on ball sizes for P1, P2, P3 and P4 teams. Balls range in price from \$40 - \$60 each. Ball wear and tear was discussed. A motion was made by Mike S., seconded by Arlene and carried.

**"The NWRSC approves the expenditure of \$500 to purchase water polo balls."**

Leslie also asked for approval for a small gift certificate to go to Steve Elwood who has agreed to referee the June 21<sup>st</sup> tournament and who has been helpful in many other areas. It was approved. Michelle and Leslie are getting a roster ready for this tournament. Junior level teams will play earliest on that Friday night to allow for reasonable finish times. The BOD discussed our **team for Provincials**. It was decided that we would not offer space on our team to players from other clubs.

- f. **Bingo:** Laurie restated the importance of defining club policy with regard to "**Bingo Cheques**." Discussion centred on ideas for volunteer work. It was mentioned that these jobs should bring in money to the club or make a reasonable commitment to the club in some way. The following list of possible jobs was brainstormed. More work needs to be done to fine-tune the list.

- recruit donors for public swims
- become a member of the BOD
- bring in ad's for the heat sheets at our Meet
- become a coordinator or chairperson for a Committee
- work at the concession at the BC Summer Games (if we get the license)
- work at the concession at the B&C Regional Championships
- bring in a certain amount of donations for the Mile Swim

Discussion focused on what to do NOW. Mike S. agreed to write up a simple questionnaire, asking families what they would prefer to do at this time. Three options would be available: 1- cash the cheque to fulfill the fundraising requirement, 2- remain on the list and perhaps end up working a Bingo shift, 3- perform one of the volunteer jobs (something like those listed above.)

- g. **Fundraising:** Joan reported that the July 15<sup>th</sup> car wash was cancelled due to low numbers of participants. The Port Alberni meet is on the same day. There are three other car washes planned. The June pasta order has been completed and pasta pick-up night is Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm.

## 5. Old Business

- a. **Nanaimo Invitational Meet:** Mike reported that the **Meet Package** will be posted on Sunday. The BOD has reviewed the draft over the last few days and everything looks good. No one has come forward to do the **heat sheet ad's** so, it will probably not happen this year, with a significant loss in fundraising. The **Silent Auction** is moving along well with new people involved this year. The **P.A. system** is now working well, thanks to Mike G. John is looking into purchasing new speakers and perhaps a CD player. This may be one way to use the equipment money left over from last year. We will need to rent tables and chairs this year since the City will not be providing them free of charge. Costs will be around \$150 and it was suggested that we use Triple T since they have donated many things in the past.
- b. **Triathlon Workshop:** Lauren was not available to report on this event, but it is happening this Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>. She sent out a notice to all families and has a sign up sheet.
- c. **Awards/Incentives Committee:** This group has not met so there is nothing to report.
- d. **Corporate Fundraising Committee:** Sucha Ollek has agreed to take this project on and has talked with Leslie regarding the ideas presented at the last BOD meeting. They are making progress and will report back to the BOD soon.
- e. **Regional Issues**
  - **BC Summer Games:** Discussion centred on the usefulness of the present method (Time Trials) for picking swimmers for the Games. It is a very labour-intensive way to pick a rather small number of kids (16). Using Best Times from a sanctioned meet last year may be a better way.
  - **winter maintenance time limits:** Steve stated that we must be clear on our club position with regards to the new limits. There's a possibility that the decision to increase limits may be overturned at the BCSSA AGM.
  - **B&C Championships 2002:** There have been no negotiations between the Region and NWRSC about this meet and also the fundraising options. Steve showed the BOD his copy of the Vancouver Island Regional Guidelines (which were last revised in 1999) and thought that they would be helpful. It was decided that maybe we as a club could put together a package with costs for hosting the B&C Meet including pool, electronics, administration, etc. and present that to the Region.
  - **Regionals 2003:** dependent on the outcome for Provincials 2003
  - **Provincials 2003:** There has been no contact between the NWRSC and the Island Committee regarding the site for that meet. They have been negotiating with the City of Nanaimo and the City has dropped its charge-out rate for the N.A.C. by 25% to entice event organizers. The other possible site is the Commonwealth Pool in Saanich. Steve has been assured by Frank Ball that Provincials will not happen here without our club's approval, but the process for negotiating a deal has seriously failed. This decision is in the hands of the Island Committee that has taken on organizing Provincials and we will wait the process out.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Date for Club Photo:** Mike agreed to phone Oceanside to book a date. The first choice is Wed Jun 19<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm, the second choice is Tue Jun 18<sup>th</sup>, and the third choice is Thu Jun 20<sup>th</sup>. A family picnic and swim will happen on the same day. Mike will notify the BOD when he has secured a date.
- b. **T-shirts for Special O swimmers:** It was agreed upon that when the Special O and Special Needs swimmers actually pay their fees and officially join the club, they will receive a free T-shirt.
- c. **Mini Rapids:** This is a program for kids that are too young to join the club but want some swimming instruction during the months of July and August. This program is still in the planning stages.
- d. **BOD Minutes availability:** It was agreed that the BOD Minutes be made public on the web by Mike, and in a binder by the red bulletin board by Lana.

7. **Calendar of Events:** Lana read out the calendar for June and July.

8. **Adjournment and Date for next meeting:** The next meeting of the BOD will be on **Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm**, unless there is a conflict with photos. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.