

Nanaimo White Rapids Swim Club

Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

20 November 2002

The following Directors were present at the meeting that was brought to order at 7:05pm: Arlene Ward, Linda Shorting, Nancy McGuire, Karen Conway, Rick Heikkila, Marise Wickman, Mike Silverton, Steve Beerman, Lana Fitzpatrick, Kevin Bourgeois, and visitor, Brian Cruise.

1. Agenda: Additions were made to the Agenda: 4f. Apparel, and 6c. Retreat. A Motion was made to accept the revised Agenda by Arlene, seconded by Rick and carried.

2. Approval of Minutes from 9 Oct 02 BOD meeting: A Motion was made to accept the Minutes by Arlene, seconded by Rick and carried.

3. Correspondence: Lana distributed the mail and commented on the Hydro bill for around \$350 from Sep 10-Nov 8.

4. Reports:

a. Presidents': Mike welcomed the new directors to the Board. He then reviewed the Regional Meeting that took place on Nov 17th. The Region voted that Powell River will host the B&C's Meet, but our club was given the option to host an "A and high B Meet" sometime during 2003. The switch back to Powell River for the B&C's was discussed and Steve commented that this decision will not necessarily benefit the Region, but Powell River really needed the extra dollars from this meet and came prepared to lobby for it. The Region made about \$2600 from holding B&C's in Nanaimo in 2002 and much less from holding them in P.R. in 2000 and 2001. The Island Region will be hosting Provincials in 2003 and our club will be asked to provide significant volunteer support for this event. The Region is also asking for club contact persons. Mike suggested that we inform the Region that we'd like to purchase the back page of the Provincials Heat Sheets. After some discussion Arlene made a Motion that was seconded by Rick and carried.

"The NWRSC will endeavour to purchase the back page of the Provincials Heat Sheet for a sum of \$2000 as a fundraising opportunity."

Steve will e-mail the Region about our request and report back at the next meeting.

Mike continued on his report by discussing the BCSSA "Strategic Plan" that is still in the draft form. He and Steve felt that there is a lot of frustration on the regional level about their BCSSA affiliation, along with talk from other clubs about splitting from the association. There has been a fee increase from BCSSA and the Region felt that it had little say on Provincial mandates under the current structure. There was also discussion of an "A and B Meet" hosted by our club, perhaps as a one-day event on Tuesday July 1st, 2003. One of the speakers at the Regional Meeting commented on the Region's low profile at Provincials. He encouraged Island clubs to send groups of "A" swimmers to the Mainland for meets during the season. This would also open up competition for low A and B swimmers on the Island.

b. Treasurer's: Marise presented the 2002-03 Budget (on file) using a projected enrolment of 175 swimmers. It is a budget with a small deficit and must be approved by the BOD before being submitted to the Gaming Commission. The BOD decided that fees would not be increased even though expenses (including BCSSA fees) have measurably increased. However, as noted in the budget, the BOD felt that fundraising will need to be even more important in 2003 (with a projected revenue of \$25,000, up from last year.) Karen made a Motion that was seconded by Arlene and carried.

"The BOD approves the 2002-2003 Budget as presented by Marise Wickman and Linda Shorting, Treasurer."

c. Coach Selection Committee: Steve reported on the meeting on Nov 19th. Four individuals have been short listed for the Head Coach and Asst. Head Coach positions for swimming. An interview process will hopefully take place on Dec. 1st here in Nanaimo on five different levels. There will be an informal question period that the BOD is invited to attend, a formal interview with set questions, an administration and management skill assessment session, an 'in-water' skill assessment session, and LUNCH. The committee is looking for leadership and human

qualities in the coaches, along with an approach that will bring the swimmers and coaching staff to a higher level of excellence. It was noted that these people have skills in swimming and that our club will still need to recruit a leader for water polo. Karen made a motion that was seconded by Steve and carried.

“The NWRSC approves the expenditure of \$250 for the coach selection process in 2002-2003.”

d. Pool Operations Committee: no report

e. Water Polo: Marise presented the report that Leslie Sutton prepared. Work is proceeding on the construction and/or purchase of two floating water polo nets. There are three options: build two nets locally using soccer netting for about \$2900; build two nets using water polo netting for \$3300; and, purchase nets through Team Aquatics for \$5358 a pair. The BOD preferred option two for \$3300 and will inform Leslie. Also, Leslie and Steve Elwood have plans in the works to host a high school water polo tournament in Spring 2003, along with other W.P. clinics.

f. Apparel: Arlene said that she'd like to order the apparel size kit once again for about \$2000 and will add Boy's Jammers to the kit. All apparel will continue to be sold at cost. She also discussed options for a team shirt in 2003. The BOD decided that the 2003 shirt will look similar to last year's but will include the 2002 Regional Champ's logo on the sleeve.

5. Old Business: none

6. New Business:

a List of Officers and Directors: The revised list has been sent out to the BOD by e-mail.

b. Committees and Coordinators: Lana reviewed the list of committees and asked for support in the form of chairing these committees and/or providing a liaison with the committees and the BOD for 2003. Directors made their commitments. A revised list will be sent out by e-mail.

c. Retreat: Mike talked of interest in holding a one-day RETREAT day in the New Year to plan and prepare for the 2003 season. Members of the BOD and other interested parties will be invited to participate. Sunday January 19th or January 26th are suggested dates. Mike will report back on this item by e-mail. It was noted that **2003 Registration Day is Sunday April 13th**.

7. Calendar of Events: Lana reviewed the Calendar and items that needed attention.

8. Adjournment and Date for next Meeting: There will be no December meeting. The next meeting is set for **Wednesday January 15th, 7pm at the Telus Building**. Rick made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. It was seconded by Kevin and carried.