

Nanaimo White Rapids Swim Club

Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

29 May 2003

The following Directors were present at the meeting that was brought to order at 710pm: Rick Heikkila, Lana Fitzpatrick, Mike Silverton, Steve Beerman, Karen Conway, Bob Simpson, Kevin Bourgeois, Nancy McGuire, Marise Wickman. Visitors were: Joan Lutes, Leslie Sutton. Coaches present were: Brian Nishi and Sheila Galloway.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** A couple of items were added to the Agenda: Commonwealth Pool fees, press coverage.

2. **Approval of Minutes** from the previous meeting (15 May 03): Rick made a Motion to approve the Minutes that was seconded by Karen and carried.

3. **Correspondence:** Lana passed on the bills to Pool Operations.

4. Reports:

a. **Presidents':** Marise reviewed the brief report that was sent out by email (on file). The Esquimalt Meet package has been received and passed on to coaches. Mike has been looking into complete certification of our coaches for NCCP Level 1. Rachel and Tiffany are in the last stage of completion. Both Brian and Sheila have their Level 2 Certification. Correspondence from Port Alberni indicated that they will be needing help to run their meet due to low membership.

b. **Treasurer's:** no report

c. **Pool Operations:** Steve reported that the paving project is completed. There are some concerns about the chlorine management and roof leaks. Talks are ongoing with the City. An information brochure about Kin Pool programs for the summer will be out to the public in about one week.

d. **Coach Selection:** Lana made a Motion that was seconded by Rick and carried.

"The BOD ratifies the appointment of three junior coaches for the 2003 season: Simon Baldwin, Kiala Silverton and Kimberly Beerman, who will be paid an honorarium of \$1000 each."

e. **Registration:** Karen reported that registrations are still coming in and will probably hit 225.

f. **Fundraising:** Joan reported that Tag Day made \$1346 at two locations. The next Car Wash will be on May 31st. Unsold chocolates will be sent back May 30th (~40 cases). The next Pasta order is due back June 4th. Raffle ticket sales are going well. Cyber City golf night is on June 3rd. Nancy made a Motion that was seconded by Kevin and carried.

"Proceeds from the Cyber City Golf Night will go towards water activities at the Bowen Park Kin Pool to be used by the Harewood Family of Community Schools during the Summer 2003."

g. **Water Polo:** Leslie reported that over 60 players have shown up for polo practice recently. A letter outlining possible Mainland tournament dates went out. T-shirts will be ready by June 5th. Pool time for winter maintenance has been booked. Signs for the new floating nets are finished and will be installed soon. Signage for the other nets will have to wait until the end of the season.

h. **Coaches':** Brian and Sheila both commented on coach activities. There are 44 swimmers signed up for the Duncan Meet. The deadline for signing up for the Port Alberni Meet is Sat May 31st. The coaches went over the coaching objectives and agreed with all but two points. Two parents have been chosen to be on the Coach Liaison Committee, and await confirmation. The new practice schedule for June was out on May 26th. Worker of the Week has started up this week. Coaches are planning activities for Spirit Week (the week before our Meet).

Rick made a Motion to accept all the reports that was seconded by Bob and carried.

5. Old Business

a. **Swimmer's Handbook:** Lana reported that the 2003 version of the handbook is completed and coaches have begun to distribute them to the swimmers.

- b. **Nanaimo Swim Meet:** Marise reported on recent developments. It was decided that there will be no social event on Saturday night. It was also decided to re-instate the I. M. but only 100m, and there will be no 100m Fly. Novice events will take place on Saturday (25m free) and Sunday (25m back). There is a maximum of 4 events per swimmer with heats and finals for all events. All deck entries will be charged \$5 each, including Nanaimo deck entries. There will be a “Cap Caper” event at midday both days where teams of swimmers try to fit inside a swim cap. Rules will be included in the meet package. Marise and Leslie will be the co- Meet Managers. Steve will take care of Officials work. A draft of the meet package will be out in the next week for review.
- c. **Blue & White Meet:** Brian commented that about 120 swimmers attended with a large number of them being new to the club. Many decided to sign up for the Duncan meet after their positive experience at the Blue & White. It was a good “dress rehearsal” for the Nanaimo Meet in one month’s time.
- d. **Provincial Heat Sheet Ad:** Lana asked for direction from Mike on what should be included in our newsletter about the need for advertisers for this ad. Mike will have something ready for the next newsletter.

6. New Business

a. **Resignation:** Arlene sent out her resignation by email to the BOD, citing possible conflict of interest between the BOD and her new position with WCB. Mike made a Motion that was seconded by Rick and carried.

“The BOD votes to accept the resignation of Arlene Ward from the Board of Directors for the NWRSC.”

b. **Commonwealth Pool User Fee:** It was noted in the Esquimalt Meet package that a \$5 per swimmer per meet “user fee” has been put in place starting this year. Marise commented that no one in the Region outside of Victoria knew about this issue in advance. More information is needed, but the user fee will be used to provide funding for maintenance on swim equipment in the building. No one knows how the fees will be collected or for how long. Lana expressed the hope that some kind of subsidy for Regionals could be offered to our swimmers, as the club currently subsidizes meet fees to encourage swimmers to attend.

c. **Free Press News Coverage:** The local paper plans to do an article on our club in the near future.

7. **Upcoming Club Events:** Marise reviewed the upcoming events and where help will be needed in the next two weeks. The Cyber City Golf Night fundraiser is June 3rd. The Family Picnic / Photo Day / Freezie Meet is June 11th.

8. **Calendar of Events:** Lana reviewed items for the month of June. All is in order.

9. **Adjournment and Date for Next Meeting:** The next BOD meeting is Thursday June 12th at 7pm. Rick made a Motion to adjourn at 8:39pm that was seconded by Karen and carried.