



SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
AQUADARTS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

➤ **Meeting commenced: 7:36 pm**

Attendees: Steve Nadler, Ona Micke, Tracy VanDeynze, Greg Stoner, Kathy Csaposs, Kerry Halsted, Debbie Gritts, Amy Rieger, Billy Doughty, Brad Winsor

AQUADART 50TH ANNIVERSARY – Kathy Gill:

Next summer (2010) will be the 50th anniversary of the Aquadarts. Stu Kahn had started working on an anniversary celebration when he was head coach. Do we want to continue to plan a celebration? Kathy is willing to work on the background with help from other previous Aquadart members. She would gather historical data and help to spearhead finding past members. The current board and membership would need to do the event planning.

The board agreed to have a 50th Aquadart Anniversary celebration sometime in September or October 2010. Kathy Gill will go forward with her end of the planning. The board will look for someone to head up the event planning.

COACH'S REPORT – Billy Doughty (reference copies)

1. Swim Clinic –

Randall Bal, the current World Record holder for the 50 meter backstroke, has offered to run a clinic for the Aquadarts. This would run approximately 2 hours; include a DVD and T-Shirt all for \$25.00 per swimmer. There is a 40 person minimum.

He would present a motivational speech; show his medals and model technique. This is NOT a one-on-one coaching clinic.

- **A motion to accept having Randall Bal hold a clinic on October 10, 2009 was made and seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously accepted.**

2. National Level Swimmers-

Aquadarts needs to have a policy in place for reimbursement to national level swimmers to help with the financial end of attending these events.

Currently Sierra Nevada Swimming has three standards. If a swimmer reaches:

1st Level - \$200.00 is reimbursed per swimmer reaching this level per season

Jr. Nationals - \$400.00 is reimbursed per swimmer per season

Sr. Nationals - \$700.00 per swimmer per season

These reimbursements are made to the team and the team can use them to help the families of these swimmers as needed.

Currently to attend the Jr. Nationals the cost to the family is approximately \$1,000.00. This reimbursement would help swimmers to attend to represent the Aquadarts.

It would be advisable to have a policy in place before having swimmers who qualify. Billy will work on some policy ideas to present at the next meeting.

3. Group status.

Things are going well with the Red and Blue groups. The group structure works great with the staff and has a good progression through the groups.

The Bronze group is a little off. There are a lot of kids in the level with a wide range of ages. There are at least 3 distinct groups in bronze right now. This group has 4 coaches on deck. We are not creating a flow at this level. There isn't any real route, competitive or recreational. Billy would like to work out a better progression through this large bronze group.

4. Currently have 219 swimmers in the water. This number is taken from the attendance records.

5. **Meets** – The first candy meet had 118 swimmers.

The Davis meet has over 137 Aquadarts signed up to attend. The meet is closed and over the cap. We may have as many as 340 swimmers at this meet. There was some confusion with the new families between the team website event commitment and actually entering the meet on Swim Connection. All Aquadarts who wanted to enter were allowed in.

The meet should run under 5 hours. The volunteers are filling up nicely. Nor-Cal Swim Shop will be the vendor.

6. Website

We are working on updating and expanding the website. Working on newsletters and communication.

We need to make it clear to the parents that the candy meets do not count towards official USA times. These are intended to help those swimmers who do not attend regular meets and give guidelines on progression.

The annual awards will be based on the USA official times taken from Swim Connection.

8 Week Fall Special -

On October 23, 2009, the 8 week special will end. How do we handle those swimmers that want to continue with the team? There will be only 1 month of the fall quarter left. Should we charge half or third or? It was agreed that we would charge one-third of the fall fees to those swimmers who want to continue from the 8 week special. An email will be sent to those families only.

➤ **A motion to charge the swimmers from the 8 week special program who would like to continue with the fall quarter one-third of the regular fall fees was made and seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously accepted.**

May 2010 Meet –

Will be held at Arroyo Pool

Kerry Halsted will work on job descriptions for the volunteer positions for meets. We will put those on our website.

END OF REPORT

INSURANCE PROPOSAL

Duff Devine has forwarded answers to the board's questions from the August meeting. Duff recommends this policy. The cost savings to the team would be approximately \$14,000 per year over the existing Summerdart policy

Discussion followed.

- **A motion to accept the proposed insurance policy with the modifications to the SafeKids verbiage discussed was made and seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously accepted.**

REGISTRATION:

There have been a couple of families requesting reimbursement of fees for various reasons. All will be returning at some time. Our normal policy of issuing credits towards another quarter is acceptable in these instances.

We will invoice in advance for this year's registration night.

AWARDS BANQUET:

The annual awards banquet will be held Sunday November 1, 2009 at the Senior Center from 5pm – 8pm. The facility has been reserved. Billy will send an email with the date and time. He will also talk with Brad and send out the information on which families will bring desserts/salads.

VOLUNTEER ISSUES:

There was a discussion on revising the amount required for unworked volunteer hours. Debbie Gritts suggested a higher hourly amount to motivate members to work their 15 hours per year. Some felt this may inhibit some people from joining the team.

Discussion followed.

Currently the volunteer hour records run on the calendar year not the swim year. Kerry Halsted suggested it would be easier to track if we were to sync the volunteer hours with the swim year and have both from September 1st through August 31st. The board agreed.

The 2009 volunteer hours will run through the end of December. At that time we will track for 2010 from January 1st through August 31st (8 months). We will then begin the new policy of tracking volunteer hours with the swim year. This begins September 1, 2010.

- **A motion to accept an 8 month volunteer year beginning January 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010 at which time the new swim Aquadarts will begin tracking volunteer hours with the swim year, September 1st – August 31st was made and seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously accepted.**

50 METER POOL – Greg Stoner

Greg has been researching the possibility of having a 50 meter pool built in Davis at the Community Pool area. He has contacted Myrtha Pools. The board agreed this would be a great idea. It would require many organizations to help with funding. Greg will continue to talk with Myrtha Pools and try to get an initial proposal.

BOARD MEMBERS

Three board members will be ending their 2 year commitment this December. Steve Nadler, President, Greg Stone, Vice President and Debbie Gritts, Secretary.

Debbie Gritts has agreed to continue with another 2 year position as secretary.

Steve Nadler has agreed to work with a new president for the first year.

There were suggestions by the board for individuals to fill the vacant positions. These will be presented at the annual meeting if possible.

Ona Micke, Tracy VanDynze and Kathy Csaposs will be officially voted in at the October Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Meeting Adjourned 10:07pm