



September 17, 2019

Board Meeting Minutes

Former SWAC Board Members Present: Matt Sackett, Kelley Gray, Brian Risley, Maureen O'Neil, Brian Forsyth, Justin Max, Rebecca Merritt, Theresa Crowel, Courtney Poswinski, Brian Forsyth

Former TRAC Board Members Present: Stephanie Eddy, Erin Armstrong, Jennifer Bair, Emily Cook, Jeff Henry, Missy Prochaska, David Weadcock

Board Member(s) Absent: Matt Ranochak

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

May 2019 minutes were approved.

President's Report – Matt Sackett

- Matt is excited for the new club going forward and the increased opportunity for all swimmers.
- The club is in a good position financially.
- We will decide in the first year which events we would like to continue and which we will stop.
- Matt explained that the way the Board operates is the following: Stephanie and Justin deal with the “wet side” of the club; that is, they make all decisions about what happens with the swimmers in the pool. The Board is responsible for the “dry side.”
- Matt encouraged people to bring issues to the Board. If someone has a pressing issue that they feel deserves Board attention, it is very helpful to identify the issue along with a potential solution.
- We do not send out an agenda in advance of our monthly board meetings.
- Matt Ranochak has agreed to be the Secretary of the SCA Board going forward.

Coach's Report – Justin Max

- Justin is pleased with how the merger is going so far.
- SCA had its first combined practices last Saturday, and he was very encouraged.
- The HS Camp Crosley was well-attended.
- Last weekend, there was a combined coaches' meeting with a few swimmers there to help demonstrate. These meetings are invaluable to ensure technique consistency across all locations.
- Eric McGinnis and Coach Stephanie will meet to so that he can explain his dry land plans and instruct her on the foundational exercises he uses with the Summit athletes.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Risley

- The fiscal year ended August 31, and Brian will have a new budget and review of the prior year at the next Board meeting.
- He is continuing to work on transition issues with Diane.
- The combined SCA payroll is ready to go.
- Currently, SCA has 189 swimmers registered. Last year, the two clubs separately had about 150 and 54 swimmers. We will need to have a few more swimmers sign up to keep consistent with last year's numbers.

- Now that Swim Camp is over, we might get another three or four swimmers to join the team.
- Some swimmers are doing a two-week trial, and they may also register for the team.
- Brian attributes the attrition to HS graduations, some kid choosing a different sport, and a few losses to FORT.

Secretary's Report – Maureen O'Neil

- Maureen asked if people wanted to keep the meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. There was agreement that this is a good plan, and a venue for the meetings will be determined. Summit Middle School has had a lot of other things going on, and consistent use of that space has been a bit difficult in the past year. Matt Sackett will investigate other possible venues.

Voting and Other Business

- The suggested changes to the by-laws were voted on. There was unanimous approval (ballot attached).
- Matt introduced the Board nominees. Ballots were distributed and there was a vote for the slate. Unanimous approval.
- Melyssa Stock has a travel agent that she has worked with in the past, and she suggested that maybe SCA could use this agent to off-load the hotel reservation responsibility from Justin. Her agent could also work on blocks of rooms so families could get discounts and more SCA families could stay together. Brian Risley will pull together the lodging expenditure data by the next meeting so that it can be shared with the travel agent.
- There was discussion about whether we want to continue calling the Helen P. Brown site HPB. After a general discussion about other possible abbreviations, it was decided that we should just stick with the name as is – HPB.
- Mike Hembree made a generous donation to SCA that will pay the swim camp workers directly.
- Brian Risley asked is there might be a way to bring more technology to the practice calendar. Another member suggested that we might want to look at an app called teamstuff. Right now, the info in Team Unify is not downloadable.
- Kelley Gray asked if we want to consider a mascot for the team. Many of our apparel orders have already gone in, so this would be something we could add to apparel later on. A member voiced concern that some of the older male swimmers would be unhappy about something too cartoonish. The mascot would only apply to younger swimmers and all swimmers will have the option to have apparel with or without the mascot. Matt thinks we should come up with three options and then have a vote.
- A member asked about volunteering responsibilities at swim meets. For the later November SCA meet, all families will probably be asked to work three sessions. For all other meets combined, it is likely that there will be a total number of sessions that must be worked, and then families can choose which meets they will work.
- A member asked if there will be dryland and AM practices at the HPB site. Some of this is still TBD, and all dryland info will be disseminated through the coaches. It is possible that the HPB swimmers could also work with Eric, but since this is currently not part of his contract, there could be an extra fee. Regarding AM practices, we need to see how many swimmers are interested from the HPB site. If offered at HPB, Stephanie would not be the coach. We might also offer the HPB families the opportunity to participate in Summit's AM practices.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40PM.