

**FINS Aquatics Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday 14 March 2002, 9:00 – 11:00 pm
Jim Harper's House**

Present: Jim Harper, Jim Pope, Rick Hausch, Shara Neidell, and Angela Ledgerwood.

1. Approval of minutes from 21 February 2002 board meeting

The previous meeting's minutes had been distributed and reviewed via email before the meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously without discussion.

2. Installation of Joan Buehler as Vice President

Joan was recognized *in absentia* as the new team Vice President.

3. Budget Expenditures

Rick reported that the team's IGLA membership has been renewed.

The costs of the video clinic totaled \$131.00. The Board decided that a second video clinic will be held later in the year.

The budget for coaching at the Gay Games was increased to \$600.00 to reflect the addition of a sixth day of competition.

4. Committees

Coaching: Several issues regarding coaching were discussed:

- Jim Robles was recognized *in absentia* as the new head coach.
- Jim R. submitted via email the coaching schedule for the next three weeks.
- Rick stated that for \$1,000 (the amount currently budgeted), the team can get 5-6 people certified as lifeguards. Jim H. said that the current candidates are Cindy Skinner, Blake Marshall, Gabriel Nieves, and Jim Pope. Jim H. also suggested that we could ask Mark McCandless, John Roman, Pat Lee Loy, and/or Scott Campea if they would be interested. The Board decided that Gabriel would not be a good candidate because he is only available to cover Sunday workouts. Jim H. will contact Cindy, Blake, Jim, and the alternates to assess interest and to start scheduling the training.

By-Laws: Angela presented a first draft of changes made by the by-laws committee. Some of the biggest areas of concern are summarized below.

- Major changes will be made regarding the use of email for meeting notifications and general team communications, as well as for Board decision-making.
- Descriptions of Board positions will be updated, especially that of the Head Coach.
- The election procedures that were adopted by the team in 1999 will be incorporated by reference, and the by-laws will be amended so that they do not conflict with the procedures.
- Language regarding the compensation of coaches will be added.
- The article describing standing committees will be removed.

Angela stated that the by-laws committee will have a new draft ready for presentation at the Board's May 2002 meeting. Rick also mentioned that once the by-laws are finished, he will be able to add them to the Articles of Organization for the team, which is part of the submission sent to the IRS to achieve 501(c)(7) status.

Social: Jim P. presented several planned social events.

- The highest priority right now is scheduling restaurants for Dining out for Life on March 21st. The women have made a reservation for 12 at Lemon Grass Restaurant in Powelton Village. Jim P. will call Bistro St. Tropez and Sawan's and will have reservations made next week.
- A bowling night at Adams Lanes is scheduled for May 11th. Jim P. will call to reserve four lanes. The cost will be \$240. Participants will be charged \$10 for bowling and \$3 for shoe rental.
- A canoe trip and overnight campout is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of July 12th, with a rain date of August 16th.
- A practice day at the beach is tentatively scheduled for August 4th, with a rain date of August 18th. Board members asked that the date not conflict with any open-water competitions.
- Movie/Game Nights are proposed for April 12th and May 17th. Scott Campea has offered to host.
- Dorney Park group rates are being investigated.
- Jim P. will also investigate costs for chartering a bus for the team to go to New York City Pride and TNYA's June meet.

Pool: Several proposals for an increased workout schedule were discussed.

- Via email, Jim R. outlined a proposal for splitting the Tuesday workout into two sessions, 6:30-7:45 and 7:45-9:00. Jim H. suggested extending each session to 1.5 hours, so that the times would be either 6:00-7:30 and 7:30-9:00 or 6:30-8:00 and 8:00-9:30. This suggestion would not require any extra coaches and would require only modest spending increases.
- At the team meeting on March 10th, the suggestion was put forth to institute a Friday practice. Several possible venues for this additional practice were discussed, with the conclusion being that a Center City location would encourage the best attendance. Jim H. was going to ask Jim R. to contact Friends for pricing information. Rick estimated that a fourth practice would cause a \$23 per quarter dues increase.
- Jim R. will be asked to find out if practice will be held on Easter Sunday at Arcadia.

Gay Games: Nothing to report.

Fundraising: Angela had nothing to report. Jim P. will contact Team Philadelphia to check out their plans for fundraising activities such as the Raven pool party.

5. Team Merchandise

The Board deferred this discussion to the next meeting.

6. Calendar/Meets

The upcoming schedule was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Ledgerwood.