

Board Meeting Minutes: 12/2/02
Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

- 1). Discussed updating all members contact info., Rick to send out email regarding that and with a reminder to renew USMS cards ASAP.
- 2). Rick reviewed the FINS account: Total amount available after bills are paid: \$15,024.70. Board voted "yes" to pay Jim R. \$500 for 4.5 days of work as FINS on deck coach in Sydney. Jim R. was the only FINS coach present at GG that really coached.
- 3). Holiday party: 12/14/02, Stacy has offered to host.
- 4). Team Phila. party, 12/13/02, Bill Biskup's home.
- 5). Pool time/availability: Joe S. contacted John C. about doing a demographic survey of the team to find out where members live, in order to target pool time in new pools. It was suggested that where members live is less important than where members come from before they go to practice during the week (i.e. many people come right from work).
- 6). FINS board is looking for members that are Drexel alumni to help form a Drexel pool committee. This committee would lobby Drexel to use their pool.
- 7). FINS will host a swim meet in 2003, it will be 5/3/03. Loads of volunteers needed!!
John C. offered to recruit a FIN to be meet director (he's done it and knows what's involved. Merrill volunteered to chair the registration committee with Angela and Carolyn helping.
John C. to send out emails asking for volunteers for other committees.
- 8). Discussed Sunday swim clinics at Arcadia, along with the hour swim in January. John to check for the availability of coaches before dates are scheduled. Hour swim may be scheduled on a Saturday, Joan to check with Leslie at Arcadia about availability. Also discussed having the team vote on a beneficiary to split the hour swim profits with 50/50. Added the possibility of opening up our swim clinics to the local USMS community, non-FINS would pay a fee to attend clinics. Potentially a good fundraiser and good way for FINS to get involved in our local USMS community.
- 9). FINS need a new Team Philadelphia rep., Pat Rooney is stepping down.
- 10). IGLA reps.: FINS can have 4 reps based on team size. Reps right now are: Merrill, Carolyn, Jim R., and ?? Joan or someone Joan finds to do this. Reps must attend the annual IGLA meeting at IGLA Championships.
- 11). USMS rep.: has been Jim R., local USMS wants FINS more involved in USMS events.
- 12). HEAD COACH: Jim R. no longer wants to be head coach, he needs a break and has a shoulder injury to attend to. John to email the team. Currently, Jim R. will continue coaching on Tuesdays until a replacement is found, and John C. will coach Thursdays. The board will research and seek out a new head coach for 2003. Suggestions from team members welcomed.
- 13). Brief discussion regarding a change to the FINS policy of offering "three free swims" to new potential members. Currently, new swimmers may swim for free for the first three swims, after that, they must pay. Merrill suggested changing it to one free swim, concurrent with what most other teams, clubs, gyms do. The majority of the board was not in agreement, and the discussion may be revisited in the future.

Next team meeting: 1/19/03, brunch after practice.
Next board meeting: 1/13/02, or thereabouts.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.
Minutes submitted by Merrill Hilf, Sec.