

Minutes of the Executive meeting aug 31 2017

Call to order 845 pm.

Present : Francine Vickery, President, Maric Tse Vice President , James Hooper Treasurer, David Ferguson Registrar. Pat Buckley Secretary.

Approval of the minutes for the July 14 2017 .. all have approved.

This is a short meeting to address pressing issues.

1. Report on progress with pool management on our club status and fee structure.

Three meetings with Stephan Delisle and the executive have taken place. The meeting on Wednesday Aug 30 is summarized as follows..

a) our win-win collaborative proposal of June 19 2017 has been rejected.

b) Stephane and Steve Price put forward two options for us.

i) continue to rent the pool as UBC Masters Swim Club but we would be a third level user group and would not be given preferred times to rent our lanes.

or

ii) become part of their newly developing program, which would see a name change to UBC Thunder Masters Swim club (or similar). This swim club would be under UBC Athletics and Recreation (UBC-AR) department. It would be UBC branded. Swim times would be determined by UBC-AR, in the as yet undetermined time slots, and we would be sharing pool with other UBC-AR clubs. They are discussing same model with Vancouver Pacific Swim Club. Professional Coaches would be provided by UBC-AR, and would be shared with other clubs taking part at the same swim times. Our swim club would not have "membership" in the aquatic centre as we requested. There would be no pricing discount from current rates, but we would have much better pool access than in option "i" above. We would contribute to UBC varsity team, helping at meets. We would get access to UBC preferred swim camps. Our workouts would be for competitive and noncompetitive swimmers. It would be a collaborative model. We would like to maintain "autonomy".

Timeline is 1-2 years to get this program going.

Following up on our Aug 30 2017 meeting, Stephan Delisle sent an email dated Aug 31 2017, requesting that we as a club work with the pool, to realize the aquatic centers model. He asked for some information from the club, as follows :

- a) What are the club's overall values?
- b) What are the club's performance objectives?
- c) What are the club's financial objectives?

After discussion the executive has developed the following criteria for the pool management , as to what we see as our requirements for a masters swimming experience at ubc aquatic center.

The must haves::

- Regular swim practice schedule with a group of people that you would swim with on a regular basis
- reasonable swim times with a goal of being out and finished practice before 8:30 p.m. in the evening
- a variety of workouts that encompasses All The Strokes of swimming
- 4 workouts minimum with a minimum of 5 hours of swimming per week
- consistency in coaching in that they are familiar with the swimmers and master swimmer training programs
- input into workout schedule, coaching staff and workout styles,. For example : we are not a triathlete club
- We wish to continue as a Non profit society as a Masters Swimming Club with our affiliation with MSABC.
- swimmers of comparable ability in the lanes
- no overcrowding in Lanes, up to 6 swimmers in a lane for short course is reasonable and up to 12 swimmers is acceptable in the long course pool
- ability to provide feedback to pool management and a reasonable timely response to this feedback.
- reasonable fees similar to current fees and fees with other Masters Swimming clubs in the city of Vancouver.
- year-round swimming

- financially viable model for the Masters nonprofit Society as we cannot run a deficit. Our goal is to break even as we are a member funded society and are not eligible for Grants
- outdoor swimming in the summer at other pools.
- Longevity of the masters swimming club.
- A collaborative, respectful, and enduring win -win relationship of ubc masters swim club with UBC Athletics and recreation.

nice to have:

- long course for some swim workouts
- extra morning or alternative swim times this may include the coach swims and fit swims that are on offer at the Aquatic Center with free admission for Masters swimmers
- preferred and discounted parking for master swimmers
- UBC UBC-AR to shield the masters swim club from UBC bureaucracy
- If UBC wishes Drop-in swimmer's, then they would put in an extra Lane at no cost to Masters Swim Club

Our value statement could be as follows:

UBC Masters Swimming Club Is an inclusive club that values friendship, community and cultural connections, as well as competition and fitness, and we encourage camaraderie amongst our members.

We are an inclusive Club in that we include people of all genders, and sexual orientation, people with disabilities, people from all cultures and race, we do not require proof of performance, anyone who can swim laps are welcome into our club. We are not however a beginner or learn to swim program. We encourage participation in swim meets and strive for excellence in swimming , while respecting each individual's goals.

We are a flexible Club, we do not require the people attend any set number of workouts, we do not require that people attend meets, we tailor workouts to our swimmers needs

We encourage all our members to achieve their individual goals, we celebrate their achievements, we are a club that values tolerance and respect. Social interactions and getting to know one another is an important part of our swimming experience.

Club performance objective:

Our club as a whole does not have a performance objective. We have great diversity in our club. Our individual members set their own performance objectives and the club facilitates achievement of these objectives. We do encourage our members to participate in masters swim meets and we encourage volunteering.

Financial objective.

We are a non profit society, our goal is to break even and not run a deficit.

Action items:

Francine will reply to Stefan's request for information and indicate we are willing to work with pool management to devise a model that would be a win-win-win situation for all concerned.

It was determined that the club would reach out to pool management and try and set up a meeting in the next couple of weeks to continue discussions with them . Francine is on vacation so Maric and David and Patricia will attend.

2. Planning the provincials with EBSC and the timing system

Marc and Francine attended the timing system training session. Their conclusion was that the setup was very complex, some parts are missing, and there were computer issues. We do not want to be responsible for swimmer's records not being accepted because of timing system issues. It is not feasible for us to run the timing system on our own. It would be prudent to have experts run the system for any swim meets that we host.

UBC Aquatic Center has not yet provided a quote for the swim meet.

Action item:

Francine will be contacting English Bay Swim Club for further discussions on hosting a swim meet in conjunction with them.

3. Christmas break in pool closure should we plan for swims elsewhere

Our Christmas break this year is from December 9th to January second. It was determined that we would book two Sundays at Lord byng pool for 1 hour on December 10th and December 17th.

Action item:

Maric will book the above

4.Registration and administering the registration system.

Maja will be taking over registration as registrar.

There are 44 members signed up so far.

David has developed a manual on administering the system and reviewed the basics with the current executive ,he will also be doing a tutorial for Maja.

Next meeting Oct 12 2017

Post workout , pats place

Adjourned 1045 pm