

## **BAM Booster Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**Virtual Booster Club Board Meeting via Zoom** (due to COVID -19 restrictions)

**Date:** February 17, 2021

**Attendees:** Tom Goodlin, April Cheadle (& Mews), Quynh-Anh Nguyen, Anne Voegtlen

**Unable to Attend:** Sheila Andrews, Jessica Dubey, Sara Tiff

**Time:** 5:00 pm – 5:49 pm

### **President's Report/Approval of Minutes (Tom)**

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft minutes of our last meeting, held on January 20, 2021.

(Before sending minutes to Sheila for posting, Anne corrected some typos on 2020/2021 dates.)

Tom raised the subject of our annual board elections and suggested that we begin thinking about possible candidates for those offices up for election in 2021. Anne agreed to generate a list of Board offices and their election times.

### **Communication Director's Report (Sheila)**

There was no Communications report, as Sheila was unable to attend.

We talked about how we might give Sheila more support in the short term, and the consensus was that we'll look for someone to assist her and learn the Communications Director role at the same time. A name was suggested, and we'll start our efforts there.

We've yet to get the "Tub Talk" newsletter off the ground, but will follow up on that this month. The production of content won't be added to the Communications Director duties, though she may be asked to send it out. Jessica has said she'd be willing to try getting this started.

Anne's been focusing on another part of the BAM social web in pre-pandemic times: the cards we'd sign for each other on deck before or after workouts. Anne will talk with BAM angels and Jessica about something that might fit into or next to a newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report (Sara)**

#### **Financial Report for Current Fiscal Year:**

There was no extended discussion of the written Financial Report, because Sara was unable to attend. Sara had submitted a written Financial Report covering expenses through January 31, 2021, together with notes to that Financial Report, both dated as of February 16, 2021.

We reconfirmed that we will manage the budget to arrive at year-end with a small positive balance, possibly around \$1,000, even though the draft budget shows a negative number. April confirmed that we

can hold off awhile on ordering **swim caps** (one of the significant costs in the usual Booster Club budget). Meanwhile, we're still not ready to ask the BAM swimmers for renewed Booster Club registration fees.

### **Coach's Report (April)**

Coach April reported that there will be no changes in the general timing or form of workouts in the next 2 weeks. Phase 2 doesn't affect us at this point.

Although it might be possible to go to more swimmers per lane, April doesn't yet see a way to do this without regrouping swimmers by ability level. And this would have the net effect of narrowing the available swim times for any given swimmer. So, we'll stay with the 2 per lane limits for awhile, possibly through the summer.

April also reported that she's unlikely to get approval for her to coach open water swimming this year. The difficulty is that the pool budget is close to the bone this year. Current rescue protocols would require two persons to effect a rescue. So BIMPRD would need to send another paid employee with April on any open water swim. This makes it too costly in pandemic times.

We talked about whether there are ways people could volunteer for support rescue roles, filling out that second slot. April believes that anyone filling the rescue role would need to be trained up for that – certified currently as lifeguards. And she also felt that parks would want and need to pay any people who did such work.

April said she'd love to coach open water this year – but she also accepts that it just may not work.

If we get the newsletter going soon, one topic could be an announcement that we are NOT likely to be able to do “coached open water swimming” this year.

April also talked about new swimmers. There are 12 new BAM swimmers at this point, the first wave since the pandemic began. April also has another potential member in the wings. She mentioned that the new swimmers are diverse in ages: mid-30's to 50's and 60's and 70's.

At this point we have 134 active swimmers!

April mentioned that it's still important to her, for scheduling swimmers within each workout, that we try not to make last minute changes.

She also said that vaccinations may not change our guidelines on travel or our entry questions at the pool. Because the pool is open under a web of interrelated policies and requirements cobbled together awhile back with various agencies and governing bodies, a change in policy for any one level of government or health agency wouldn't necessarily or instantly change the applicable rules for the pool.

We asked April about the chances for meets this year. Florida is having some. Some other teams across the country are doing it as well. But many teams are not yet in the water at all! Peer to peer, as April talks with other coaches, they're trying to be fair to all swimmers and not promote travel at this time.

It's unlikely we'll have BAMfest even this coming October, based on coaches' conversations so far. Maybe, it'll be possible to have some sort of intra-team BAM time trials in the fall.

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Based on what's happening elsewhere, even when meets return they might be minimally officiated. Meets might be officiated by as few as three people (referee, starter, stroke & turn judge), and rely on electronic-only timing.

**Next Meeting:** March 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm (St. Patrick's Day!)

For now, Board Meetings are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 5 pm, via Zoom.

We'll keep trying to keep them to one hour!

### **Attachments:**

Treasurer's Financial Report, dated as of February 16, 2021, re expenses through January 31, 2021; and

Treasurer's Notes to the Financial Report, also dated as of February 16, 2021, regarding our draft Budget for this Fiscal Year ending 8/31/21