

BAM Booster Club Board Meeting Minutes

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

Date: March 17, 2021

Attendees: Tom Goodlin, April Cheadle (& Mews), Sheila Andrews, Jessica Dubey, Sara Tiff, Anne Voegtlen

Not Present: Quynh-Anh Nguyen

Time: 5:05 pm – 6:25 pm

President's Report/Approval of Minutes (Tom)

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft minutes for our meeting of February 17, 2021, as those minutes were revised to fix typos.

As requested at our last meeting, Anne shared a short summary of the offices and officers up for re-election in 2021, and the general timing of BAM Booster Club elections each year. A copy of that summary is attached.

The positions up for election in 2021 are:

- Communications Director,
- Member-at-Large,
- Meet Director, and
- Vice President.

We talked about what the duties for these positions might be, as we move out of the pandemic. Tom reported on some discussions he had with a potential candidate, and reminded us to be talking to people who might be interested in filling these spots. We'll send out a message soliciting expressions of interest, but also will continue to talk with people who might want to serve.

Because our By-Laws require that BAM Booster Club members be paid up on dues, in order to qualify to vote, we passed a resolution to clarify how this will work in a pandemic year. We have not yet asked for dues payments or re-registrations from members for our current fiscal year ending August 31, 2021.

Jessica offered a resolution, seconded by Sara and passed by unanimous vote of all present:

Resolved, anyone who has previously been a BAM Booster Club Member by paying dues is eligible to vote in the 2021 BAM Booster Club elections.

Communication Director's Report (Sheila)

In addition to the election talk around the Communications Director job and other BAM Booster positions, someone mentioned a "must-read" article from the March-April 2021 issue of PNA's The WetSet. It's a very funny piece about the challenges of coaching in pandemic times.

Jessica confirmed that she'll take on "Tub Talk," an occasional BAM newsletter.

Anne reported on discussions with Beth Howard about the BAM Angels.

We also discussed how to add new BAM swimmers to the BAM Communications list. Sheila will send a link to April or coordinate on other ways for new swimmers to get onto our distribution list.

Treasurer's Report (Sara)

Parka Sales in the Future: We discussed the prospect of Jackie opening a team store where people could purchase BAM parkas in the future. We confirmed that such purchases should be at cost, based on whatever terms Jackie might negotiate with our provider from time to time. BAM Booster Club does not plan to subsidize future parka purchases at the store.

Financial Status: Sara offered an oral report on our financial condition for the current fiscal year.

Financial Aid: Based on Sara's report, indicating dollars still available for financial aid, we voted to continue to make financial aid available on the existing terms through the end of July, 2021. This aid is open to existing or new applicants. The intention is to make it easier for everyone to plan. Sara will check with our current recipients, to confirm their needs and timing.

Coach's Report (April)

Fresh from her milestone birthday on Tuesday, March 16, Coach April thanked everyone for the Kudoboard postings in honor of her big day. She reported that some energetic BAMmer even brought a cake to the pool on her birthday!

On March 22, all of Washington State will enter Phase 3 of our Covid reopening plan. This offers exciting new opportunities to get more people back into the pool or to lengthen workouts for BAMmers who are swimming now.

April asked for our reactions to various ways she might try to increase the number of swimmers per workout or extend workout times. Each change will involve different demands on her time and different specifics around the structure of workouts, signups, eligibility, and so on. April is trying to maximize swim times for everyone, and maintain a diversity of swimmers within each workout. As always, she is willing to do the work to make these things happen. But she also needs to work within her own coaching and organizing bandwidth.

After she develops proposed models, April will run them by Megan Pleli and Mark Benishek, for ultimate approval. As the workout shapes evolve, April expects that she'll still be required to keep records of attendance.

Our clear message to April: Longer workouts will be welcome – and extremely beneficial. We're grateful for that prospect.

On related fronts, April gave some other updates: Open water swimming this summer remains unlikely (in terms of her ability to participate as coach, with the support of BI Parks and Rec).

Coach Stretch will be returning to the pool deck soon!

April now has 15 new BAM swimmers, and feels it's going well with our new teammates.

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Next Meeting: April 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm

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

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

Attachments:

Current Officers, Terms and Projected Election Dates, March 15, 2021.

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