

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

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

**Date:** April 21, 2021

**Attendees:** Tom Goodlin, Sheila Andrews, Jessica Dubey, Quynh-Anh Nguyen, Sara Tiff, Anne Voegtlen

**Absent:** Coach April Cheadle

**Guests:** Jackie Chang, Maggie Hansen

**Time:** 5:05 pm – 5:55 pm

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft minutes of our last meeting, held on March 17, 2021.

Tom welcomed our two guests, Jackie Chang and Maggie Hansen. Jackie attended to give an update on prospects for a BAM team store. Maggie wanted to learn more about the board and the Communications Director position, with the possibility that she'll work with Sheila and transition into the position.

We discussed various recent conversations with people who might want to serve on the board, and people who are willing to help out on special projects. While we have some very good people for special projects, we need to keep talking with swimmers who might fill the remaining board positions.

Our positions up for election this year include:

Communications Director                      currently Sheila Andrews.

Member-at-Large                                currently Quynh-Anh Nguyen.

Meet Director                                    currently Jessica Dubey.

Vice president/President Elect              currently open.

In the context of upcoming elections, Tom talked about the functions of the Board generally. We help the team and support our coaches. We steward the money donated or raised in a given year. We manage special projects involving team equipment, gear or apparel – like last year's parka project, carried out with such great energy by Jackie.

In addition to talking about what we do as a board, Tom also focused on what we could not do during this past pandemic year. We couldn't hold the Christmas and summer parties we'd ordinarily organize for BAM swimmers. We couldn't organize and host BAMfest, our longstanding October swim meet, and also our biggest BAM fundraiser in non-pandemic years.

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

Sheila introduced Maggie Hansen. Then Maggie further introduced herself to the board, and we learned about some of her many swimming, professional and service activities.

Maggie has talked with Sheila about the position of Communications Director. Maggie, Jessica and Sheila will continue to chat about the Communications Director role and will try to locate or develop a description of the job.

One of the current goals in the communications area is finding ways to fold in the new BAM swimmers. Sheila will coordinate with April about ways to welcome and include new BAMmers.

We shared news of a death in our swimming community. Lisa Lund, a long-time swimmer and all-around athlete, recently entered hospice care and died. Although Lisa had been ill for some time, her death came as a surprise. Lisa was a personal friend and lane-mate to many of us, and she'll be missed. Quynh-Anh will bring flowers to Lisa's family from BAM.

Talking about Lisa Lund led into a discussion of BAM Angels. The Angels have a long history of quiet support for BAM swimmers going through tough times. The Angels like to do their work in small ways, in the background. They are very sensitive to privacy, wanting to publicize themselves only rarely, and wanting to preserve privacy for those they help. We'd like to highlight their work, or possibly help expand on it – but haven't yet found the best way to do this.

Tub Talk. We still hope to get something going in the way of a newsletter here.

Team store: Jackie Chang carried out last year's special project on parkas, and will do some more work to set up a team store for those who want to buy parkas in the future. Jackie and Sara will talk further about the team store, but Jackie briefed us all on some ways that the store could function. For instance, it might be set up to generate some small cash back that the board could use for team equipment, based on future orders.

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

Sara submitted a Financial Report on our current year Budget and notes to that Financial Report, both dated as of April 21, 2021.

On financial assistance, we confirmed that Sara can extend our existing offers of financial assistance for another 12 weeks past April, 2021. It also was moved and seconded, and unanimously approved, that we will fund an additional swimmer at 100% for up to 2 swims per week, for up to 12 weeks, based on financial need.

### **Coach's Report (submitted in advance)**

Because April couldn't attend this month's board meeting, she gave her coach's report by email on April 19. Here are the highlights:

We have more BAM swimmers! Three more new BAM members were added to the team in the last invitation cycle, bringing our current membership to 132.

Bainbridge Island Swim Club ("BISC") Head Coach, Carolyn Ackerley, has resigned and will complete her coaching commitment by end of June. April's been asked to be on the hiring committee for a new Club Coach, and assures us she has no plans on applying for the position herself.

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April has sent Sheila the e-mail addresses given to Parks and Rec by all new BAM swimmers, so Sheila can include them in a welcome offer to join BAM Boosters.

We are still on track to add more swimmers per workout and more time in the water by the end of the school year, but April has no updates on what that will look like just yet, as everything is still in drafts.

The Aquatic Center is looking to hire more lifeguards, also. If we know anyone who would be a great fit on the pool staff, we're invited to connect them with April!

**Next Meeting:** May 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm

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

We'll try to keep them to one hour.

### **Attachments:**

Treasurer's Financial Report, dated as of April 21, 2021, and

Treasurer's Notes to the Financial Report, also dated as of April 21, 2021