

BAM Booster Club Board Meeting Minutes

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

Date: May 19, 2021

Attendees: Tom Goodlin, Coach April Cheadle, Sheila Andrews (calling in), Jessica Dubey, Quynh-Anh Nguyen, Sara Tiff, Anne Voegtlen

Guests: Maggie Hansen

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

President's Report/Approval of Minutes (Tom)

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft minutes of our last meeting, held on April 21, 2021.

Maggie sat in to learn more about the board and the Communications Director position, with the prospect that she'll run for election and transition into that position.

We discussed various conversations with people who might be willing to serve on the board, or help out on special projects. Our positions up for election include:

Communications Director currently Sheila Andrews.

Member-at-Large currently Quynh-Anh Nguyen.

Meet Director currently Jessica Dubey.

Vice president/President Elect currently open.

Ideally, we would like to complete the election before our next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16 at 5pm.

At this point, Sheila plans to step down from being Communications Director; Jessica plans to step down from being Meet Director, but remain available for special projects; Quynh-Anh is willing to stay on as Member-at-Large.

As the first step toward the elections, Sheila and Maggie will craft an announcement inviting expressions of interest in the above offices. For this, they will locate or develop rough descriptions of each position. Everyone on the board will keep talking with swimmers who might fill the open positions. Any expressions of interest will be referred to Tom.

As the next step toward the elections, Sheila and Maggie will prepare and send out a ballot form, with the names of all candidates and a short blurb from each candidate.

Communication Director (Sheila)

Sheila asked for clarification about April's BAM waiting list and potential new swimmers. It's still best to refer interested swimmers to April, as she continues to maintain a short waiting list.

Treasurer's Report (Sara)

Sara submitted a Financial Report on our current year Budget and notes to that Financial Report.

There have been two more requests for financial assistance, including one new request in the last two weeks. Sara has been consulting with Tom as requests come in. We've been using donor funds and our own board earmarks to provide assistance to date. While we are close to using up all those allocations, there is still a large budget item for swim caps that remains on hold. So we have the ability to meet the financial assistance needs we're aware of at the moment.

We would rather get through this fiscal year (ending August 31) without asking BAMmers to pay Booster Club fees. We do plan to ask for fees again in the ordinary course this fall, as we start our new fiscal year and activities begin to ramp up closer to pre-pandemic levels.

We're excited that we may be able to consider a BAM party in December, though the summer party remains on hold for 2021.

Coach's Report (April)

We are on track to get closer to our old BAM monthly billing systems after June 30, or maybe closer to mid-July. April is looking at 3 or more billing tiers, possibly keyed to a choice of 1, 2 or 3 swims per week.

At this point, April has no updates on exactly what things will look like after June 30, as everything is still in drafts. It's possible we might be able to go to 4 swimmers per lane, but nothing is definite. And after the school year ends, we may be able to have more consistent workout times across the weekdays.

Even though COVID numbers may shift before the Governor's key transition date of June 30, we probably won't need to roll back our workout lane groups below 3 swimmers per lane or our swim times below one hour per workout.

We have a few more BAM swimmers! Some new BAM members were added to the team, bringing our current membership to 135. There is also a waiting list with a few more swimmers on it.

Going forward, April may have Kate or Stretch help out during some of her longer workdays, to give her a bit of a break during those busy days.

Looking at other swim teams in our area, April reported that some Seattle teams are still out of the water entirely – their pools drained for now, and unavailable to them.

Coaching Equipment: As we move to more swimmers, April is finding that she needs to deploy more whiteboards with the workout outlines on them. We authorized funds for one or more additional large whiteboards, to help with this.

Time Off for April: As the intensity of COVID winds down a bit, April plans to try to take one Saturday off each month. She also plans to take a couple weeks off in August, but this may be transparent to BAMmers, as it may line up with the annual maintenance closure for the Ray pool.

BAM Losses: Near the end of the meeting, April mentioned a recent family tragedy for a long-time BAM swimmer, who wants the team to know about his family's loss. The swimmer's request is time

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sensitive, based on when he plans to return to the pool. Sheila and Maggie will draft a message to BAM members, as soon as possible. Anne will coordinate with the BAM Angels as well.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 16, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 5 pm, via Zoom.

We try to keep them to one hour.

Attachments:

Treasurer's Financial Report, dated as of May 19, 2021, and

Treasurer's Notes to the Financial Report, from Sara's email dated May 17, 2021