

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

Date: June 23, 2021

Attendees: Tom Goodlin, Coach April Cheadle, Jamie Damm, Denise Dumouchel, Maggie Hansen, Sara Tifft Anne Voegtlen

Absent: Quynh-Anh Nguyen

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:05 pm

President's Report/ Welcome New Members/ Approval of Minutes (Tom)

Tom welcomed our new board members.

Vice President / President Elect **Denise Dumouchel**

Communications Director **Maggie Hansen**

Meet Director **Jamie Damm**

Member-at-Large **Quynh-Anh Nguyen (re-elected).**

As part of his welcome, Tom spoke about what the BAM Booster Club does.

Our core work is to serve as a social support network for the club. In non-pandemic years, we would usually organize two parties for the team – a summer party and a December party.

Our biggest fundraiser in non-pandemic years would be the BAMfest swim meet, held each October.

This did not happen in 2020 and will not happen in 2021, but we're planning for its return in 2022.

Tom mentioned some highlights from our past year: We offered about \$2,000 in financial support to swimmers who needed help paying the swim fees that were necessary to keep the program going during the pandemic. We also helped subsidize BAMmers in purchasing BAM logo parkas for those many months when swimmers needed to line up outdoors and had no access to locker rooms.

Tom also spoke about our process on the board. While our governing By-Laws refer to Robert's Rules of Order, we tend to follow those loosely, in most cases. We take care about procedure when money matters are involved.

After we welcomed the new board members, it was moved and seconded by those who were present at the last meeting, to approve the draft minutes of our last meeting, held on May 19, 2021.

Tom will follow up with our outgoing Communications Director, Sheila Andrews, to confirm the election tally.

Communications Director (Maggie)

Maggie reported that she'll be getting together with Sheila about getting necessary passwords and transition information in the week following this meeting.

There was a time sensitive communications project that came up from Megan Pleli at Bainbridge Parks & Rec. Parks & Rec has a plan to return to monthly billing via Team Unify as of July 1. Megan would like to have BAM Booster Club materials available as part of the Team Unify digital packet going out to the team. Ideally, Megan wants to have the materials live online by Friday, July 25.

The timeline proposed by Megan means that we need to update our BAM Booster text for the packet, and we need to check on workability of technical parts like the PayPal link buttons. There was a high level of concern about how to get this all to work better than it did in 2019, when Booster Club signups fell off initially during the rollout of Team Unify.

Maggie will try to coordinate with Jessica Dubey and Sara Tifft about technical issues, by Friday.

Anne will generate an initial draft text responsive to Megan's request, in the same timeframe. April will check with Megan about whether a delay of one week in the rollout is possible. Sara will try to clarify whether people can pay their BAM Booster Club fees by leaving a check in the blue box at the Aquatic Center, as an alternative to PayPal.

Treasurer's Report (Sara)

For the benefit of new board members, Sara explained some ways that this has been an unusual financial year. As the pandemic unfolded, we chose not to ask for Booster Club fees for our current fiscal year, which runs from September 2020 thru the end of August, 2021. We deferred most of our usual expenses. Now that we're ready to request fees again this year, the question is what those requested fees should be. Jamie asked what would be our normal dollar levels going into a new fiscal year. Estimates varied. One estimate was \$3500 from Booster Club fees, and \$2300 from BAMfest in October, or roughly \$5800 as a starting point.

Denise suggested that we continue to invite BAMmers to make additional donations, if they have the means and are so inclined.

We discussed the pros and cons of asking for donations linked to particular purposes, and the need this creates for special tracking. We decided for the time being to ask for additional donations to be for general purposes of the Booster Club. This allows us to allocate any excess donations as needed. Ultimately, it was moved and seconded, and unanimously approved: that we request \$40 per year donation and invite additional donations for general purposes from those who are able to do so.

Coach's Report (April)

April reported that we will return to monthly tiered billing on Team Unify, effective July 1. Monthly fees for each swimmer will depend on how many times per week a person wants to swim. People will be able to change their swim frequency and related fee levels on a monthly basis if they wish.

At this point, April expects to retain electric versions and paper versions of people's signups.

Because it's been 2 years since there were regular fee increases, we won't go back to pre-pandemic fee levels entirely. But we will be closer to those levels than we've been in some time. And the differences in fees are explainable by rising costs at the Aquatic Center in the intervening time, related to staffing and otherwise.

BAM will be open to additional new members, as part of this shift back to Team Unify billing.

April will still keep the Signup Genius process, and still cap swimmers at 4 or 5 per lane versus the old unlimited numbers. She'll still assign lanes and sees this lasting at least through year end.

Chairs will be gone. Locker rooms will be open.

A normal summer closure is on the horizon, also. The pool will close the first 2 weeks of August for maintenance. August fees will be adjusted for the planned closure time. April will use this period for some well-deserved vacation.

Our latest new numbers for new swimmers: 7 new BAMmers, and 5 people still on the waiting list.

April closed by thanking the board for all we've done in the past year.

Other News and Business

Tom reported that he has put his name in for the Park District board. He'll keep us apprised of where that goes. He also proposed that we consider putting together a BAM party by the end of summer.

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 21, 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 June 22, 2021, and

Treasurer's Notes to the Financial Report, from Sara's emails dated June 22, 2021