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

**Date:**  September 16, 2020

**Attendees:**  Tom Goodlin, April Cheadle, Jessica Dubey, Quynh-Anh Nguyen, Sara Tifft,

Anne Voegtlen

**Absent:** Sheila Andrews

**Special Guest:** Jackie Chang (for discussion of BAM parkas)

**Time:**  6:30 pm – 7:40 pm

**President’s Report/Approval of Minutes (Tom)**

There was discussion of two requested clarifications to the draft minutes for our August meeting. Subject to Anne making two agreed changes, it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of our last meeting, held on August 19, 2020.

**Communication Director’s Report (Sheila)**

Sheila is in NYC with family, so there is no Communications Director report this month.

During the past month, Sheila made updates to the BAM web site and alerted the team to published articles written by fellow BAMmers.

**Treasurer’s Report (Sara)**

Sara submitted a written Treasurer’s Report as of 9/15/20, which is attached to these minutes.

We had a discussion of customary expenses for BAM Boosters and how they’re affected by the pandemic this year:

* There will be no BAMfest, and so no expenses – or income – related to that.
* There are no coach’s travel expenses right now.
* BAM parties are on hold at this point, at least in the form we used to have them.
* The renewal of BAM swim cap designs had been on a two-year schedule of renewals, so this might come up during the year.

As our BAM Boosters fiscal year begins on September 1, Sara will work on a budget that considers contingent expenses for the rest of this coming fiscal year, and will present this at the October meeting. For instance, we might be able to hold an old-style, large group BAM party or some modified form of BAM party by next summer. She’ll also consider our revenue side, based on current projections.

Sara also discussed our scholarship swimmers and mentioned that two swimmers would like an extension of the scholarships. April mentioned that she’s had no new requests for scholarships, but some swimmers who might need them have not yet come back to the pool. She believes that we’ve made the process friendly enough that people will be willing to ask, if they need assistance.

After discussion, the board unanimously agreed to leave the $10 per swim scholarship program intact. Sara was authorized to confirm availability of assistance to affected swimmers through December of this year.

**Coach’s Report (April)**

April confirmed that we’re up to **90 BAM swimmers** who worked out in the pool during the past week.

April and Parks and Rec staff have continued to work hard, responding to recent wildfire smoke and air quality challenges on top of the ongoing COVID-related precautions. Their goal is to make the swimming experience productive and safe for as many swimmers as possible.

At this point, the plan is to have 156 BAM slots available each week for our swimmers. Swim workouts will be available Monday thru Saturday each week. April is now able to bring back Kate Meyers as a coach, to cover an extra swim day. So far, Stretch is not comfortable coming back to coach.

Because it’s not mathematically possible for all active BAM swimmers to get 2 workouts each week right now, the signup process will reflect that.

April also discussed her need to fill the spots she now has for BAM swimmers, in order to keep those spots available for us. Basically, at current pricing with the current number of BAM slots, she needs to fill 95% of her available slots, to be confident about keeping them.

The end of October is the time when there is the next planned review of the schedule and potential changes to it. April is pointing toward keeping her numbers up through that time. She believes that BAM might lose some slots before we’d lose the whole program, even if numbers are not met.

Although it’s time for the usual Fall re-registration for BAMmers, and Parks and Rec will need new waivers at some point, no formal paperwork is needed now. Team Unify as a billing system is on hold.

About BAM membership, April mentioned that she would rather not add new BAM members until we are in Phase 3.

**Old Business:**

Because April needs to keep the slots full to keep them available for BAM, we talked about ways that BAM Boosters could help April reach her necessary numbers. Jessica suggested that we revisit this at the next meeting, and we agreed to do this.

**New Business: BAM Warmup Parkas for Winter**

Jackie Chang joined the Zoom meeting to give a report on the prospects for BAM parkas.

As more of us come back to swimming, and the weather turns cold and wet, a lot of us will be waiting outdoors at the Aquatic Center in all kinds of weather. This has created interest in the possibility of BAM logo warmup parkas.

Jackie is a BAM swimmer who’s fired up about what a good parka might look like. She approached Anne after a workout one day, with an impressively detailed wish list for what a BAM workout parka could be. She also connected with Quynh-Anh about the issue. For Jackie, a good look for the parka would be: dark blue; yellow lining; with the old BAM swim cap logo on it (dark BAM letters).

Prior to our meeting, Jackie and Quynh-Anh investigated possible sources and pricing. Jessica provided the swim cap logo art.

Based on these efforts, Jackie recommended that we get parkas from Swim Outlet. Given some sale pricing available there, Swim Outlet offers the best price point for our swimmers. Jackie will work with Jessica and Quynh-Anh as a subcommittee to try to finalize terms with Swim Outlet, get a sizing kit, deal with the potential issue of Parks & Rec wanting a logo on the parka, and see if it’s practical to do this in a timely manner. Once we have cost numbers, we’ll also be able to assess whether the Board wants to help buy down the price to keep it affordable for all our swimmers.

We mentioned to April that we’d want to buy her a Coach’s parka, if the idea goes forward.

**Other News:**

April showed us a Pete Saloutas photo with her as model, which was chosen to be the cover photo for the 2021 Cancer Care Alliance calendar. We should remember to ask Pete for the whole story of how the photo got made.

**After meeting notes:**

**PARKAS:** In follow-up emails after the September meeting, the Board also confirmed the following:

We offered Coach’s parkas to all three of our coaches — April, Kate and Stretch.

We offered a $20 subsidy for every parka, to help keep them widely affordable for the team.

With Jackie’s energetic help, we gave swimmers a chance to try on sizes before placing orders, and extended the order deadline once, when more people wanted to participate after missing the first deadline.

**SWIM SLOTS:** There was a significant increase in overall swim slots based on regulatory changes. April will tell us more about this at the October meeting.

**Next Meeting:** October 21, 2020 at 6:30pm

For now, Board Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 6:30pm, via Zoom.

We will try to keep them to one hour in length!

**Attachments:**  Treasurer’s Report as of 9/15/20

 BAM Mailing to Swimmers re Warmup Parkas / Ordering Process

**BAM Booster Club Treasurer’s Report - as of 9/15/2020**

**Kitsap Bank Account**

Bank balance as of 9/15/2020: $5,302.02

Uncashed checks: $ 0.00

Pending expenses: None

**Net cash: $5,302.02**

**Expenses cleared since last board meeting:**

Zoom: $16.33 (automatic via credit card)

Fin Asst $70.00 (chk # 1081 BIMPRD)

**BAM MAILING to Swimmers re Warmup Parkas / Ordering Process**

**Hello BAMmers!**

**Suddenly, it’s fall and in lieu of another t-shirt sale, we’ve decided to design BAM parkas. After getting a couple of quotes, we decided to go with Swim Outlet to design a Sporti navy blue parka with gold fleece lining with the BAM logo as it provided the balance of quality and price. (Picture of design to follow)**

**The BAM Booster board will underwrite all orders at $20 per parka providing that your order is placed with our “bulk” order and not individually (see individual order information below).  Parka's (after discount is applied) will be $81.00 each, but if we get 24 people or more to order the bulk order, the price will go down to $76.00 dollars.**

**(The price to you will be further discounted by $8.00 if you do not want to have your name inscribed on your parka)**

**For those who need more time to make a decision there will also be an option to place your order individually through the BAM “Team Store”  which we will set up with Swim Outlet. The BAM Booster Club discount will not apply, however for “individual” orders.  Swim Outlet’s price is $111.78 per parka when ordered individually (depending on other potential sales).**

**Check out this link to see what it looks like:**[https://www.swimoutlet.com/p/sporti-comfort-fleece-lined-swim-parka-8117648/?color=55902](https://gmail.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0a65abab1006aff7a5fc61f08&id=150eb83e15&e=e36c19f7b4)**and here for sizing:**<https://www.swimoutlet.com/size-charts/sporti/sporti-unisex-parkas-sizechart_s1276/>

**We’ve also ordered a sizing kit and Jackie Chang will meet with those who want to try on a sample parka before placing their order. Weather permitting, she’ll be at the Waterfront Park on the following days:**

* **Friday, October 2nd, 11:00am – 1:00pm**
* **Tuesday, October 6th, 11:00am – 1:00pm**
* **Thursday, October 8th 11:00 – 1:00 pm**

**She’ll have hand sanitizer and gloves on hand for those who want to try on the different sizes. If you can’t make either of those days, please call her at (805) 248-5658 to make separate arrangements.**

**We hope to place a bulk order by Thursday evening, October 8th as it will take about 2-3 weeks to process and deliver the order.**

**In the meantime, if you have any questions, please forward them to Jackie Chang at**Jacqueline.d.chang@gmail.com**or feel free to call/text her at (805) 248-5658.**

**Thanks!**