

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

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

**Date:** December 16, 2020

**Attendees:** Tom Goodlin, April Cheadle (& Mews), Sheila Andrews, Jessica Dubey, Quynh-Anh Nguyen, Sara Tiff, Anne Voegtlen

**Time:** 6:30 pm – around 7:35 pm

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft minutes of our last meeting, held on November 23, 2020. This was subject to one requested change to the last paragraph on page 1 of the minutes, to reflect that we will manage the budget through the year to result in a small but positive year-end balance.

We discussed changing our meeting time to better fit Board members' and April's schedules. In January, we'll try the same date (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month), but we'll begin at 5 pm rather than 6:30 pm.

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

Based on a note from a BAM swimmer who recently lost a loved one, Sheila led a discussion of ways we might better communicate team news and events to the BAM community.

Some of the possible news includes members' own health, losses of loved ones, new ventures, art shows, and the like.

Right now, the BAM angels are still covering some of this. They gather and respond to news about health issues and losses of loved ones. They've set up Meal Trains for swimmers with health issues. But in the pandemic, the group cards the BAM angels used to offer for signature at poolside by the larger BAM community haven't been an option.

April talked about the origins of the BAM angels group, originally a collection of 9 am, lane 5 & 6 swimmers who swam with Cynthia Hiebasko, who was a great spirit and lane-mate. Cynthia developed cancer and died of it. April also mentioned that the BAM angels were the ones who set up a group signup genius to schedule BAMmers to swim with Michael Silves as part of his rehab after his stroke. His partner Mary later took over that signup process, and kept it up until the pandemic.

The question we talked about was how to enhance communication about swimmer news of various sorts, without duplicating what the BAM angels already do. Our concept centered around maybe developing something like a church bulletin format, with various types of announcements gathered together. Because, in the pandemic, this might serve something of the function served in other times by hot tub conversations, Jessica suggested a catchy name: "Tub Talk."

We didn't resolve this, but plan to revisit it in the future.

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

### **Revised Draft Budget for this Fiscal Year (September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021):**

By email dated December 16, 2020, Sara submitted updated Budget notes as of December 16, 2020, and a revised draft Budget as of December 14, 2020. As with the prior draft, this Budget still contains some items which are speculative because of the uncertain course of the pandemic, and this Budget still shows a slight negative cash balance at fiscal year-end, August 31, 2021.

Since the year remains uncertain in its shape and costs, due primarily to the pandemic, we will continue to follow Sara's preference to treat the Budget as an evolving thing, subject to change as the year unfolds. We plan to manage the finances to result in a small but positive year-end balance.

## **Coach's Report (April)**

April reports 51 US Masters registrations for 2021 to date.

She is working on projected budget numbers, and assessing which swim times remain under-subscribed. It may be that Megan will take over those times for lap swimmers.

More people continue to return to the pool. Three more came back this week.

At this point, April has been approached by more than 10 people interested in beginning to swim with BAM. She is not yet ready to open up BAM to new member swimmers, though. She wants to honor the fact that existing BAMmers got the pool through a tough summer. Along these lines, she wants to leave space for the existing team, and for returns to the pool by those BAMmers who've so far felt they needed to stay away. This is a push/pull with April's ongoing need also to fill the available swim slots and meet her own budget.

We discussed equity and inclusion issues, for BAMmers and those who may wish to join. April has a meeting set up with Megan to discuss these issues as well. One idea is the possibility of creating alternative access pathways for new swimmers.

## **Other Old and New Business**

### **BAM's Virtual Christmas Party:**

Jessica, aka "Ruby Dubey," is working on details for the shape of our virtual Christmas party. Jessica will set up the format and chat rooms, and will be the host. Anne will develop a slideshow and provide it to Jessica. There'll be a welcome by Jessica, a chance for April to speak, a moment of special remembrance for Don Myrick, recognition of other losses and landmarks for swimmers, sharing of the slideshow and possibly other videos, and chat room time for people to gather and talk.

### **Next Meeting:** January 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm

In January, we will try a new meeting time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, beginning at 5:00 pm instead of 6:30, but still via Zoom. We'll keep trying to keep the meetings to one hour!

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### **Attachments:**

**Treasurer's draft Budget**, as of December 14, 2020, for Fiscal Year 2021 (9/1/20 through 8/31/21)

**Notes to this draft Budget**, as of December 16, 2020