

Kachemak Swim Club

Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2011

I. Call to order

Paul Castellani called to order the regular meeting of the **KSC** at **4:15 p.m.** on **Tuesday, August 30, 2011** at the **Homer High Pool**.

II. Roll call

Nancy Hannan conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Paul Castellani, Mike Yourkowski, Danielle Nagle, Mei Mershon, and Nancy Hannan

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Nancy Hannan emailed the minutes from the last meeting. Danielle motioned to accept the minutes, Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. Open issues

- a) Summer Swim Program – Paul heard from Bridget that summer swimming was going well; high school kids were able to continue their training and younger kids were able to have some fun and continue work on skills. Mike has numbers (but they were unavailable for the meeting).
- b) Fundraising: We discussed not having a Fall Spaghetti fundraiser and auction but focusing instead on Grant writing to Rasmussen and Homer Foundations (\$3000 goal).
 - Mike brought the instructions for writing grant proposals to the Homer Foundation. Grant proposals need to be project-oriented (equipment, special projects, scholarships).
 - Paul applied for a Homer Foundation Young Council grant last spring for scholarship money, but it was denied.
 - We discussed asking coaches for KSC's equipment needs. Possible funding needs are 1) a grant for Coach's training, 2) equipment for meets (timers)
 - Paul mentioned that Anne Poso may be willing to head up fundraisers for our local meets from local businesses, as she has in the past.
 - Paul and Mike agreed to work together on applying for a Homer Foundation grant.
 - We also discussed other methods of fundraising for KSC swimmer's travel funds, such as selling a KSC Monopoly board game, as has been done in the past at Christmas time, or using a fundraising program online such as Current. (see <http://currentfun.com/faq.asp>). Nancy will look into options.
- c) KSC still has a vacancy for the Vice President position on the Board. Board members agreed to keep their eyes open for a suitable person from among parents of KSC to fill this position. Paul will also add this to the Newsletter.

V. New business

- a) Fall pool contract – We discussed opening dates and scheduling, but agreed to hold off discussion until Coach Anna’s report.
- b) Newsletter – Paul will send a newsletter via email, attaching KSC registration information so parents have the option of printing them out and bring them in to registration. Nancy will get KSC’s group emailing info to Paul. Possible information to be included in the newsletter is people making past-due payments prior to starting the new season; having a pool party on Sat. Sept. 10, 3:00 p.m. for early Registration; announcing Vice President vacancy; attaching swim schedule and dues; Regular registration Sept. 13 at 6:00 p.m.
- c) Registration packets – Danielle and Anna are working on updating these packets. We discussed having people pay past-due amounts prior to allowing kids to swim, and sending this info out in the newsletter as a fair warning. We also discussed emailing the packets to parents in our newsletter to save some paper and for easier access for parents during the year. Nancy will contact Corise to get the flyer from last year so we can update it and add it to the school newspapers. Mei agreed to help with this. A copy of the flyer will also be sent to Tom Kerns to post on the website. Nancy will also ask him if he can post our minutes. Danielle will help Connections swimmers to get funding approval with Connections’ forms during registration. Mike will send Danielle a list of Connections swimmers from last year.

- d) Coach Anna reported --

Meet Schedule – Area coaches will soon meet for a regional meeting to agree on swim meet dates and locations. Anna suggested that KSC host the following three meets:

1) Nov. 18 (Fri,Sat) “Turkey Time”

2) Apr 13,14 (Fri,Sat) “April Showers”– This meet will be a “last chance” to qualify for JOs which is on April 26-29 this year; registration due by Apr 18). Seward would probably host “March Madness” this year.

3) May meet – Anna stressed that this Final meet is necessary and will be well-attended as a final wrap-up to the season. It keeps kids swimming and motivated until the end of practice. This would be one day only.

Swim Schedule & Dues – Anna suggested the following fall schedule:

Sept. 13 – Nov. 5

Bronze, Silver, Gold/Srs: Tuesday, Thursday,

Bronze 6:00–7:15

Silver 6:00–7:30

Gold/Srs 6:00–8:15

and Saturday, 11–12

Dolphins: Saturdays, 10-11

Dues will remain same as last year, but Paul will look into possibility of lowering them this year.

Other issues –

- USA Swimming does not require that teams have a **lifeguard** on duty for practices if coaches are up-to-date on their credentials; only Dolphins would need a lifeguard. Anna discussed this and the scoreboard (see below) with HHS Dr. Gee. According to him, pool rental should then drop down to \$15/hour. Paul will discuss this with Bridget.
- The **KSC scoreboard** was condemned by the borough; Money was in the HS budget last year to replace the old one, but the expenditure was axed because other teams who also need a scoreboard weren't budgeted for new ones. Dr. Gee agreed to have this reintroduced into the budget and provide budgeting in consecutive years for new scoreboards for each team. Anna asked that KSC consider making a donation to the HS to help defray costs. This could be included in a grant request.
- A **CPR/First Aid** refresher course should be offered by Oct. 10th for coaches and any interested officials.
- The School District has asked for a copy of KSC's **Insurance Policy** for their files.
- Monica Brown (her phone number is available in past Registration packets) has **numbers for summer registration**. Danielle needs this information for Registration.

VI. Adjournment

Paul Castellani adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Nancy Hannan

Minutes approved by: KSC Board