

Austin Ridge Swim Team
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2006
7:45 p.m., Wuzzer Rader's house

Board Members:

Present: Wuzzer Rader, President; Torry Clark, Vice President; Terri Monahan, Secretary; Lisa Ansley, RSL Representative; Kent Wineinger, Member-at-Large
Absent: Shari Miller, Treasurer

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. The Board has been advised that Shari's role as Treasurer is contingent on her daughter's participation on the team, which appears to be unlikely at this time. The Volunteer Coordinator position remains vacant as well as Concessions Manager. A few potential candidates for these positions were mentioned.

The Board unanimously approved the hiring of Thomas Cregan as Head Coach for the 2007 season. Wuzzer will contact Thomas by phone and follow-up with a written offer. Wuzzer will advise Thomas that the Board has approved Amalie Smith as Assistant Coach if he would like to work with her again.

A few potential concerns were discussed. Although the mandatory parent volunteering clause was clearly stipulated on the registration form and in the team handbook last season, there were some parents who did not fulfill their volunteer obligation. The Board will need to determine what course of action to take with parents who do not volunteer at meets in which their children are participating.

Another concern is the wording of the new bylaws with regard to non-resident membership. The bylaws were written to allow Rapids team members to return to the team, even if they no longer live in Austin Ridge. The wording, however, is rather ambiguous, because it states, "... *swimmers* who previously resided in Austin Ridge and wish to remain members ...". Terri noted that the Board may make amendments to the bylaws.

The Architectural Review Committee is evaluating the proposed concession stand, which would provide storage space for the team. The Board discussed approaching the HOA to request funding for blocks and/or lights. Wuzzer provided some quotes on starting blocks (attached). Terri mentioned that the Hampton Oaks Hurricanes purchased their blocks from WalterSwim.com.

The Board agreed to keep the team's domain name (www.arrst.org). The domain name and the website cost approximately \$110 a year. Kent will update the website with the new Board of Directors contact information and meeting minutes. He will also provide Board members with their own ARRST email addresses.

The mentor program was briefly discussed. The program was well received by most

families last year. The Board agreed that the program needs to be established prior to the beginning of the swim season, and the mentors need to understand their responsibilities. It was recommended that mentors sign up for the program during team registration in the spring. Some sort of incentive, like a pizza party, for the mentors was also suggested.

The Board agreed to meet once a month and unanimously approved voting on Board/team-related issues via email if needed.

Lisa will attend the January RSL meeting. New teams have until December 31 to declare their intention to join the RSL. The addition of new teams will likely create a fourth division in the RSL, and the Rapids could be bumped up into a higher division.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11 at 7:45 p.m.