

Austin Ridge Swim Team
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2007
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

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. The December minutes were approved. Shari Miller's verbal resignation was noted. Wuzzer will contact Shari to request an official letter of resignation. A few potential candidates were named to fill the vacant Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator positions. The team bylaws stipulate that "unplanned BOD vacancies can be filled by volunteers selected by majority vote of the remaining BOD or until a replacement can be elected by the general membership. A special meeting of the general membership is not required to fill vacancies so long as at least four elected members remain on the BOD." The Board agreed that if one or both positions remain vacant, an email will be sent to the team membership announcing the vacancies.

A team parent has expressed an interest in becoming the Concessions Manager. She would like the Board to consider requesting \$5.00 from each family in the beginning of the season to purchase concessions for home meets. The Board approved charging each family a \$10.00 Concessions Fee. This fee will be paid with the registration fee and will be incorporated into the Registration Form. The Board will extend an invitation to this parent to attend the February Board of Directors meeting.

Thomas Cregan is working on his Masters degree, and therefore, may not return to the Rapids as Head Coach this year. Wuzzer will send Thomas an email and offer Thomas the opportunity to return as a co-Head Coach with Amalie Smith. It is hoped that this will allow Thomas more time for his studies. The Board discussed salaries, but will hold off on making any final decisions until Thomas makes a commitment. Amalie has expressed an interest in returning as Assistant Coach. She is not interested in the Head Coach position. Wuzzer will request an answer from Thomas before the end of the month. If he declines, the Board will need to work quickly to fill the Head Coach position. Potential contacts include the Mountain View swim coach, the Brooke Point swim coach, and anyone Amalie may recommend.

Lisa attended the RSL meeting on January 2. Massad Y will join the RSL this summer, however, the number of RSL divisions will remain at three. Three options to incorporate this new team were presented at the meeting. Two of the options have the Rapids moving up to the middle division. A vote will be made at the February RSL meeting. Terri asked Lisa to order team improvement ribbons through the RSL and to ask if the RSL Waiver/Release of Liability from last year will be used again this year. Once the three RSL divisions have been approved, it is hoped that a meet schedule can be established quickly so the pool can be reserved for home meets.

Wuzzer will attend the next HOA Board meeting to inquire about the status of the concession stand and to request funding for lights and starting blocks. If plans for the concession stand are not progressing, ARRST will pursue the building or purchase of a storage shed.

Wuzzer proposed establishing a volunteer point system to keep track of a parent/family's volunteer obligation. Although the volunteer obligation is clearly stated on the Registration Form and in the team handbook that was distributed to every family last year, there were a few families that did not fulfill their volunteer obligations.

A team announcement for the Austin Ridge quarterly newsletter (spring issue) will need to be submitted this month. Kay Stevens, the Austin Ridge Property Manager, believes the deadline for the newsletter is around February 1. Wuzzer was given last year's insert and the email address of the newsletter editor. Torry indicated that she has some photos that can be used to accompany the team article.

Anthony Burns Elementary School will not be available for Registration Night this year, and Hampton Oaks Elementary now charges a custodial fee. Based on last year's minimal turn-out at Registration Night (due to pre-registration opportunities for returning swimmers), the Board agreed the Austin Ridge Community Center would suffice. Terri will try to reserve the building for the evenings of Wednesday, April 25, and Thursday, April 26. She will also try to reserve the pool for Saturday, June 2, 8-9 p.m. for a parents meeting and season kick-off, aptly named Rapids Round-Up.

There are just a few remaining team t-shirts that were used for incentives last year. There are several hooded sweatshirts with the old team logo. A suggestion was made to sell the sweatshirts for \$5.00. Returning swimmers who bring a new swimmer to the team will have the option of receiving a latex team cap or a "meal ticket", good for a hot dog, bag of chips, and soda at a home swim meet. "Swimmers of the Week" will receive a certificate and a bag of Skittles.

The Board agreed that no changes will be made to the by-laws prior to this year's swim season.

It was recommended that now is the time to begin requesting donations and soliciting team sponsors for the swim season. Many businesses need to submit requests to their corporate offices. An ad acknowledging the businesses that supported the team last year was in the RSL Finals heat sheet. It is believed that Edith Rader would have a copy of the ad.

Terri requested that Board members review last year's Registration Form, which is available on the website, and the red team handbook, and bring any suggestions/changes to next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, at 7:45 p.m.