

NRATS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2012

Prelim. NRATS Official Version Minutes

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Present: Paula Andersen, Lisa Boyd, Michelle Wilson, Nate Olson, Dawn Coerber

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. at Paula Andersens Home, New Richmond WI

**Secretary Report:**

Approval of Minutes: Michelle Wilson distributed December Official Minutes. Board reviewed and approved. Michelle will provide an official version to Paula to be posted to the team website.

- Board approved December minutes – Michelle will provide Paula a final web version for the web site

**Coaches Report:**

- Thank you for the Visa gift cards!
- Christmas practices went well, had fairly good attendance
- Kids have come back excited and they seem rested and ready to take on the second half of the season
- Hudson meet cancelled; no other options that weekend, we looked into the other meets. Also no other options the following weekend either
- Rest of the seasons meets should be as scheduled
- Would like the last night of practice for all swimmers to be Friday February 24 (unless qualified for A/B finals or state)
- Will not be awarding a swimmer of the month for the month of December because of shortened month for most groups
- We would like to have a parents meeting to get them info on some general information. (swim meets, replying to e-mails, etc...) we also think this would be a GREAT time to go over the swim-a-thon stuff. Ideally, from now on, we will be doing this the first week of practice. This helps ensure that we can answer any parent questions. Also, help eliminate some of the swim meet anxiety that they often feel.
- We will be splitting meets, each of us will attend one day, instead of one coach doing the whole weekend
- On a separate note, we think that we need to start looking at how we are going to advertise for the summer season. (In the past, we have done the community ed program guide, big board by radio shack and one in Somerset, been a part of the NR youth sports association registration night, fliers at schools, etc...) We think we need to start laying out our plan sooner than later so we don't miss any deadlines we may need to meet. **This will be added to the February board meeting agenda to address.**
- We would like to look at numbers to see what they need to be to support our coaching staff and compare that to the pool time and space we currently have.
- U of MN Pack the Pool Night - Gopher fans, the University of Minnesota Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving is hosting their annual Pack the Pool Event Friday, January 27th at 6 PM! We need your team to come out and support the Golden Gophers as the Men take on Purdue and Wisconsin, while the Women face Wisconsin, Purdue, and Illinois.

**President's Report:**

- Banquet Date in March – Targeting for Thursday March 22
- Parent Meeting – Lisa will work with Darian & Melissa and Ryan to see if the Teen Center is open on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 – Swim-a-thon is Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Paula will communicate with Val to see her interest in continuing on with maintain the web site after the season ends in March.

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- Open board positions – Stan is working on contacting potential Board members. We need to check the bi-laws to see what the rules state if we do not get enough board candidates.

**Vice President's Report:**

- None at this time

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Michelle Johnson will create the 1099's for the coaches.

**Fundraising Report:**

- Newsletter topics: Swim-a-thon, Board of Director openings
- Lisa will check with Melissa and Ryan to see if we have credit with Speedo
- Gift Baskets – silent auction
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> date for raffle basket interest
- Birthday's
- Last day of swimming
- Last meets scheduled

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15

Next - Meeting: Thursday February 2 , 2012 6:30