

Minutes from the Terrapin Masters Swim Club board meeting: March 11, 2006, at the Campus Recreation Center (CRC), University of Maryland

Attendees: Carolyn Voorhees, Diana Corbin, Mike Lee, Jim Nealis, Andy Ellis, Bill Shipp

The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting (Feb. 4, 2006) were accepted and approved.

The by-laws that had been adopted at the 2/4/2006 meeting by team vote were finalized, with a few minor changes: 1) The Board of Directors cannot incur debt over \$500 without notifying the team, probably via e-mail. 2) We anticipate costs generated in hosting/running swim meets will be reimbursed to the team account from revenues raised at those meets. However, we acknowledge there may be some meets or special events which may only break even or perhaps even lose money. As Treasurer/Secretary, Jim Nealis was asked to sign the by-laws for submission to the appropriate agencies. The by-laws were duly signed.

The board has officially appointed members to fill needed positions: President-Andy Ellis, Chairperson – Mike Lee, Vice-Chairs – Diana Corbin and Carolyn Voorhees, Treasurer/Secretary – Jim Nealis.

Bill Shipp notified us we may have to pay a fee, possibly about \$100 per year, to register as a legal corporation in Maryland. However, since we are non-profit, he is checking to see if the fee is reduced or waived. Bill has incurred some expenses in filing paperwork and forms for the team, and the board will consider reimbursing him when all such work is finalized.

Relations with CRC continue to run smoothly. The issue of coaching was raised. The new morning coach has received generally favorable comments. The evening coaching situation is more complicated, with three different evening coaches for three different practice sessions. For now, it was decided to preserve the status quo, since swimmers seem satisfied with the coaches we currently have on deck. We may revisit this issue in the future if the need arises – such as coaches departing for the summer, etc.

A question was asked about the possibility of a “discount” for purchasing extra swipe cards. Mike Lee indicated that CRC had expressed a desire to end this discount at a meeting last year. So it was decided not to pursue that issue at this time.

Terrapin Masters has given approximately \$1,700 in donations to the varsity swimming program since last summer. The new coach, Dave Durden, has become more familiar with our Masters program, and hopefully with the possibilities that exist if the Masters and varsity programs can continue to build a great working relationship. Andy will speak with Dave to see if he can order an additional box of “Terps” swim caps we can distribute to Masters members. Our team will pay the Athletic Dept. for the caps, and will use them for such purposes as “Welcome to the Team” gifts for new members, team unity symbols at meets, etc. Diana has suggested the purchase of team water bottles in place of, or in addition to caps. We will investigate the cost of the bottles and decide later.

We again want to host a team banquet this spring or early summer. We have budgeted \$350 of team funds for this event, to defray costs for awards, food and non-alcoholic beverages. We may ask for a small donation from attendees to cover additional costs, should there be any. Attendees will be asked to provide their own beverages if desired. We may have a few new awards – such as “Active Terps” awards, “Terrible Triple” awards for those completing the 200 fly, 400 IM, and 1,650 free. Diana has proposed awards for those participating in “Open Water” swims also.

Planning continues for hosting the Terp Cup long-course meet in July, and a short-course meet in December, as reflected in the 2005 proposal to the University of Maryland Campus Recreation Center.