

Parkland Polobears Water Polo Board Meeting

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 15/2018

Time: 6:35 PM

Note Taker: Geeta Sudan-Lewis

Location: Stony Plain Room, Transalta Tri-Leisure Centre

- 1) Review objectives for 2016/2017 season and 2017/2018 season
 - Goal to register 40 participants
 - At beginning registration, 44 participants registered
 - 10 additional participants register through season
 - Final number of participants was 54
- 2) Board Members Turnover
 - Board members resigning
 - o Jody Kyfiuk
 - o Jodie Cowan
 - o Mike Fillinger
 - New board members
 - o Kelly Babineau
 - o Katrina Rea
 - o Jeff Deptuck
 - Continuing board member
 - o Geeta Sudan-Lewis
- 3) Acknowledge coaches/ Jr. coaches for hard work in 2017/2018 season.
Discuss coaches for next season
 - Head Coach – TBD
 - Assistant Coaches – Jason and Melissa Krivoshein, Carson Mills (tentative)
 - Jr. Coaches – Grace Cowan, Ian Fillinger, Ella Cowan, Chelsea Webber, Blake and Wyatt Daly
- 4) U14 Girls Provincial League –
 - Unable to compete in provincial league for 2017/2018 season
 - Refunds given to rebate players for fees
 - Plan to collaborate with Edmonton Water Polo League (Tsunami's), this will allow for required 4-5 practices per week.

U16 –

- Unable to sustain U16 team, players will need to go where facilities provide resources (training facility).
- Plans for Lewis Estates to get training facility in the future could open potential to U16 parkland Team

Marketing

- 5) Thanks to Kelly who is taking over the Parkland Play program from Don
- 6) New executives to meet to discuss marketing plans in the future and direction of marketing of the club (suggestion to maintain registration of 50 participants to ensure games can be played)
- 7) Swim Like a Dolphin Program –
 - Initiated by AWPA – they provided the materials
 - Additional pool time was added to 2017/2018 season (Fridays 4:00pm-5:00pm) in leisure pool (2 lanes)
 - Started in Jan (program is 6 sessions, 45 min.), 2 sessions run and potentially a 3rd session. Full registration with a max. of 8 participants. With a Jr. coach can increase number to 15 participants.
 - Cost of program breaks even with registration fees. Matching the fees to cost of Tri-Leisure Centre fee as it is a collaborative program.
- 8) U10 Winter Fun Festival –
 - Provided increased experience of game play
 - Was challenging but a fun learning experience in tournament style setting
 - Provided learning experience to Jr. referees
 - Was held on Sunday, and in the future look to try to hold on a Saturday to increase province wide participation.

Treasurers Report

- 9) We were able to build consistency with honorariums
- 10) Casinos will be given every 3 yrs. Instead of 2 yrs., next expected casino will be 2020
- 11) Budgets are completed with a 3-year window
- 12) Club is financially in a good place, allows us to offer honorariums, increase registration without increasing fees.
 - Breakdown
 - o U8 - \$5.50/hr
 - o U10 - \$5.25/hr
 - o U12 - \$4.50/HR
 - o U14 - \$4.50/HR'
 - Plans to cover AB Open fees with surplus

Financial Plan

- 13) Casino expected in 3rd quarter of 2020
- 14) New executive to discuss fundraising needs
 - Set targets
 - Laps for loonies
 - Bottle drive

May be able to forgo fundraising if registration numbers are maintained.

15) Plan to maintain and sustain coach honorariums

Registrations

16) Find ways in the future to streamline the process.

17) Discuss parent expectations for volunteering and having minor officials for tournaments (no required training, only there to assist)

Team Communication

18) Team Snap

- changed from having individual age group teams to one team
- updated only if there are changes to practice and tournament schedules
- downgrade subscription as we don't need all the features
- learn to utilize the app better and explore differing ways to use app (suggestion: to add U8/10/12/14 designation to players' names to streamline communications)
- issues with gaps in communication

Questions/Suggestions/Notices

19) Introduction of new executives

20) Suggestion to have team managers for each age group/gender to communicate directly with parents

21) 2017/2018-year end celebration with kids vs. parents' game and pizza party at Shotz lounge on March 22/2018

22) Will send email reminders for registration for 2018/2019 season

Meeting Adjourned 7:35PM