

Aspen Speedos Board Meeting  
January 20, 2004

Attending: Kelly, Mary, Archie, Candice, Steve, Victoria, Elizabeth, Laura, Nona, Greg, Elaine

1. Work in Progress or Completed

Non-profit: We are officially a non-profit organization. We have D &O Insurance and workmen's comp. We have opened a new checking account. Aspen Swim Club is our official name, although we are also listed as the Aspen Swim Team, the Aspen Speedos and Aspen Speedos Swim Team. We have a team credit card. We are applying for a state sales tax exemption which will allow us to save taxes on hotels, etc.

2. Grants:

We have received \$3500 from the city, \$1500 from the Elks and we are expecting about \$1000.00 from the Thrift Shop. We have also submitted a request to the Aspen Rotary for \$2000.00. This is still pending.

3. ARC Committee:

Timing System: The city has approved \$16,000 for the timing system which we believe will cost about \$21,000. This means we are short about \$5000.00 so we are looking for a sponsor for this.

Acoustics: A system of hanging fabrics to soften the loud acoustics in the pool area has been approved. We should know next month when this will be done. It will cost about \$75,000.

Rusting: It hasn't been decided but they may wait until October to re-paint the inside of the ARC.

4. Budget:

There was a lot of discussion on the budget. With the figures that Greg has come up with it seems we are left with needing to raise about 50% of our money through some kind of fundraising. Swimmer fees have not yet been decided, but it was decided to eliminate the sibling discount. And it seems that most people agree to increase swimmer fees to make up for some of the money we are short. It was also decided that we will somehow purchase kickboards, pull boys and fins for each swimmer. This will probably be added to the swimmer fees. The kickboards and pull boys would be kept at the pool, but the fins would be the responsibility of each individual swimmer.

Cash Reserve: Mary suggested that we keep a minimum balance of \$5000 in our account.

High School Team Support: Peter Fornell is currently funding the high school team. We decided that we wouldn't make any commitments right now to help with their funding. The high school will pick up the funding after two years.

#### 5. Sponsorships:

There was a lot of discussion on Sponsorships. We are trying to figure out how to approach companies to be sponsors for the team. Candace has been talking to Rick Newton who works with the Jr. Hockey program and she is also looking at possibly mailing letters asking for donations and sponsors. We are open to any ideas on this subject. We hope to get a sponsor to fund the amount we are short for the timing system.

#### 6. Locker Room Naming

Kelly Purnell has suggested that the locker room be named the Buzzy Tamora Memorial Locker room. Buzzy was very involved with the swim team. A possible fund raising luncheon for this might be planned for this spring.

#### 7. Coaching

Currently it looks like we have Grant and his future wife as assistant coaches. We think because of our finances we may have to keep the coaching staff to 3.

Coach certificates: Victoria is meeting with Kim to set up coaching certification which would include about 6 parents as well.

Job Descriptions: Victoria and Greg are putting together their ideas on what should be expected of the assistant coaches.

#### 8. Swim Meet

Elaine and Laura will be co-directors of our swim meet. The meet is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Laura passed out an outline of the committees which will be needed to run the meet. A copy of this could be obtained for anyone who is interested in reading it. She wants everyone to be thinking about what areas they would be most helpful in, as well as whom we think could help us in different areas. We will be talking about this at our next meeting.

Lodging: Laura is talking to the local chambers to see about blocking rooms for the meet, as well as areas for camping. Pat Buettow is already working on getting some information on what it would take to get camping worked out in the city.

Concessions: We think that the company who runs the concessions at the ARC would handle this for our meet. We may also be able to get a % of the concessions.

#### 9. Fall/Winter Practices

No further practices are scheduled until we start again in the spring.

#### 10. Spring/Summer practice Schedule

No definite times yet have been decided.

11. 2004 Meet Schedule

A tentative meet schedule is now posted.

12. New swimmer orientation

No date yet has been set for the new swimmer orientation, but it will probably be held in April.

13. Training and Conditioning:

Elizabeth discussed the importance of training and conditioning for all swimmers. We talked about having some professionals in this area come in; possibly pre-season to talk to the athletes, as well as parents.

Meeting notes prepared by Nona