

Aspen Speedos
Board Meeting Notes
February 19th, 2004

Attending: Greg, Laura, Elaine, Kelley, Archie, Candice, Steve

ARC: Paul Kulik is now the Aquatic's Coordinator and Kim Viera is the program manager.

The pool was originally slated for closure to repaint from mid-April to early June. Now it appears it will only be closed for a couple weeks in late April/early May for maintenance with the repainting scheduled now for the fall. However, the acoustics may not be installed until this fall also, as it would require removing and reinstalling the panels. Tim Anderson is looking into those costs to present to city council. (Since the meeting, Tim has found this cost to be \$25K)

It was decided that the team would stay with its original thought that unless the acoustics' problem is corrected, we will not host a meet. There is a city council meeting next Monday. Greg will be attending.

The timing equipment will consist of a CTS System 6 with a full matrix board. The full matrix board will allow putting anything on it, even including lane by lane workouts for practices. The total cost for the system is \$33k. The city will be putting in about \$18K and the team will need to raise the remaining \$15K. Currently we have commitments for \$7,500 from the Gersons, Christensens and Karaus'. Laura is going to check with Alpine Bank and Kelley indicated that they may contribute also. Installation of the system is anticipated this spring.

1. An alternate pool was being looked at in anticipation of the pool closing. The Maroon Creek Club has indicated they would be willing to work with us on this.
2. The new swimmer orientation will not take place if it would have to be outdoors at the MCC in April. It would not be a good first impression of the swim team. There will be something done but it will have to be worked around the regular practices in the ARC.
3. The budget and team fees were reviewed. The team fees should be based more on our actual costs with little allowance for fund raising. A fee of around \$640 would cover the cost per swimmer. This would still be well under what the cost of other sports programs are.

We will look at scenarios of using this fee with a "Parent Work Fee" reimbursement, along with the ability for members to pay the total cost of the program with the excess being a tax deductible contribution similar to what AVSC does. It was thought that there is too much "required" fundraising for the team. The Ducky Derby would be an option for parents to lower their fees through the credits, along with working at the swim meet and/or triathlon for the parent work reimbursement.

The returning team members from last year will probably be around 44 but the team size is still anticipated to be around 60 with new swimmers. There is interest from 'word of mouth', but we will have informational meetings similar to last year.

Some additional budgets will be prepared based on having only 40 and 50 swimmers. A 'sign-on' bonus for returning coaches will be continued although the description for it may change. If we incur

any fees at the MCC, we will make it part of the team fees rather than having people pay individually as we did at the Snowmass Club.

4. The 2004 schedule was reviewed. It is likely that Craig will hold their meet the same weekend as Aspen. It is their typical weekend. It is an open meet with about 10 teams, but only 5 Western Slope teams. It should not have a big impact on our meet (if we hold it!) and should even allow us to offer more events. The WSC is up in the air. It does not appear Durango will be able to host it. Delta is considering but doesn't really want to do it. Rifle is also thinking about it but it would have to be held at Battlement Mesa. Gary Hinaman asked if we would be interested. We would consider it, but like our regular meet, the acoustics situation has to be solved first.

5. Sponsorships: We will pursue some type of mailing. Archie will check into some stationery. Laura will write up a beginning draft of a letter. Greg and Candice will get together and review letters she has from other organizations.

6. Swim Meet: Committees are being worked on. Laura and Elaine will be co-directors. Nona and Mary have volunteered for hospitality. Elizabeth will "co" with someone on the lodging. Laura will come up with a list of the committees and descriptions which will be posted on the website. Team members will be directed there for the information along with whom to contact. We are looking for meet/timing equipment operators that may be able to attend a seminar in March. Candice mentioned Sandra Pierce and Steve Wickes' name was also mentioned. There are some issues with camping alternatives as there have been no "takers" to date. Laura is going to check with SkiCo. Candice is going to check on the Difficult group site. Steve will check with his neighbor who manages some of the Highland's facilities. We may just end up with a list of alternatives for people.

7. No work done on the team banner yet.

8. Swim suits have been ordered and received. Elaine will check on some color alternatives for new caps; something that stands out. Sweats only take a couple weeks to get so we will take orders for these.

9. Practices will likely still be mornings in the summer, likely 7 or 7:30 to 9 AM. We need to be done by 9.

10. For team registration, Stan will be our Safety Officer. He can also then be a safety marshal at the meet, eliminating an extra \$50 registration cost.

11. The presentation for the Thrift shop grant is 3/1. We asked for \$1,000. Greg will be presenting. The Rotary could not contribute to us.

12. We have our state sales tax exemption. Copies of the certificate and our FEIN will be given to the board members for information and use as needed.

13. Scholarship requests should be done using a standardized form and reviewed anonymously. Laura has forms used for such.

14. Next meeting: Thursday 3/4, 5:30 PM at CMC.