

LONG BEACH AQUATIC ASSOCIATION
GRUNION SWIM TEAM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Agenda
February 18, 2024

Location of Meeting: Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: Kenny Brisbin; Kim Onisko, James Nelson, Michael Dirlam, Samantha Antu, Laura Serna, Liz Carlin

Board Members Absent: Anita Cole

- I. Call to meeting order Kenny
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 11:03
- II. Review of minutes
 - A. Bart moved to approve the January board meeting minutes. Jim seconded. The January minutes were approved unanimously
- III. Membership report Laura
 - A. Current Active Members

2024 USMS Grunions	149
Attended Workouts (February to date)	
Registered on Club Assistant (Including Coaches and Satellite Swimmers)	176 Note: This includes 3 members who pay yearly and 14 satellite swimmers (none of the satellite swimmers have paid yearly dues yet).
Registered on Club Assistant- Current monthly Dues Paying Members	122
Registered on Club Assistant- On hold	0
Drop in Swimmers (December 16, 2023- January 24, 2024)	0

IV. Board Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report Jim
 - 1. Organization is in good financial health
 - 2. December meet expenses and income have been fully accounted for. The club netted almost \$10,000 from the meet.
 - 3. Jim contacting satellite swimmers who have not paid yearly dues.
- B. Captain Report Kenny
- C. Co-Captain Report Michael
 - 1. Purchasing ankle bands for workouts. See three possibilities from swim.com [here](#) (ankle band; 7.50 ea.), [here](#) (knee band; 6.99 each), and [here](#) (ankle; 6.99 ea).
 - a. Michael made a motion to purchase 25 bands (half knee and half ankle) to try out with morning workouts. Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed

unanimously. Michael will purchase 25 bands and submit receipt for reimbursement.

D. Communications Coordinators Report Sam

1. Communications running smoothly
2. She is still following up on the handful of active members whose emails are bouncing.
3. She will investigate whether inactive emails count toward our Constant Contact tier level.
4. Bart asked if it were possible for Sam to help Steve with uploading content to the website. Sam to follow up.

E. Membership Development Coordinators Report Anita

1. Anita following up with 2023 Grunions who have not renewed their membership nor asked to cancel their membership.
2. April is Adult Learn to Swim Month. Request for Kim to reserve space for two nights/week for 1st two weeks of April. 7-8:30 or 6:30-8 pm. She will need volunteers.

F. Coaches' Representative Kenny

1. New Friday practice well attended. 12 swimmers the first week; 16 the second week.

G. Swimming Organization Representative Bart

1. Upcoming Meets:
 - a. February 25, 2024 – Palm Springs SCY (clinic scheduled 2/24/2024) (9 Grunions entered)
 - b. March 2-3, 2024 – QUAC ski-n-swim – Salt Lake City (2 Grunions registered)
 - c. March 3, 2024 – Mission Viejo Meet (no Grunions registered)
 - d. March 17, 2024 – Conejo Valley SCY (team meet, pentathlon)
 - e. April 5-7, 2024 – SPMS SCY Championship Meet –Encino
2. IGLA has sent out a pre-registration email to gauge interest from participants

H. Facilities Coordinator Kim

1. No new reports.
2. Kenny has followed up with Belmont about late opening last Saturday.

I. Open Water Coordinator Liz

1. She has not received enough interest to book a block of hotel rooms in Honolulu for the Waikiki Rough Water Swim in September.
2. Open Water to organize Alamitos Bay Clean Up event later in the spring

V. Old Business

A. Annual Awards Banquet – updates

1. Venue secured
2. RSVPs coming in.
3. SBR sending 100 trial packs and 9 gift sets to Laura for banquet. Trial packs for tables. Gift sets will be raffled to attendees. Laura and Liz will check storage for additional items (vintage Grunion wear for example) that can also be raffled. Kenny to donate items he has received for raffle.
4. Laura to order more stickers from Sticker Mule.

VI. New Business

A. CPR/AED for team – For March meeting.

B. Grunions Give Back (see next page for ideas that were submitted)

1. After an engaged discussion regarding ideas submitted the board decided to focus on community engagement and supporting our volunteer coaches. The board agreed to devote \$10,000 of our current funds to these projects.
2. Kim Onisko moved that we allocate \$3750 to the following projects: \$3,000 to waterproof our youth/Los Altos YMCA (to be supported with additional funds from Aquatic Capital of America); \$1250 to fund two scholarships for the Long Beach Junior Guards Program (cost of program of \$1110 and \$140 for required swim wear); and \$500.00 to support Long Beach Poly and Jordan Highschool Girls Aquatics in the form of training suits and other gear needed by swimmers who are eligible for free and reduced lunch. Sam Antu seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
3. Liz Carlin moved that we allocate \$2000 to supporting our volunteer coaches. Each active coach (8) to receive a \$250.00 check at the annual banquet. James Nelson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously (Ken Brisbin, Kim Onisko, and Michael Dirlam recused themselves from the vote because of their status as coaches).
 - a. Jim will have checks prepared and cards will be available at the banquet for swimmers to sign.
4. Laura to follow up with LBJG Program, LB Poly and Jordan High School, and with Queer Scouts United on a possible collaboration on free swimming lessons for queer foster youth.

C. Time and Date of Next Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held on Sunday March 24 at 11:00 am over Zoom

VII. Close Meeting

- A. At 12:18 pm Liz Carlin moved to close the meeting. Michael Dirlam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Grunions Give Back – Ideas for Giving Back to the Community/Team

- Support Los Altos Family YMCA Learn to Swim program/Aquatic Capital Waterproof our Youth
- The Center Long Beach – possible volunteer opportunity
- Queer Scouts (big projects this past year included putting together essential items for queer foster youth transitioning out of the foster care system and Valentines for Queer elders).
- Pay for Grunion Coaches to register to swim at all swim meets. Reimburse coach after he or she attends and swims at meet.
- Pay a swim instructor to teach adult swim lessons and rent pool space on a regular basis for a few sessions per week one month each year. Grunion volunteers would be encouraged to help. This would support ALTS in April or any additional month.
- Offer scholarship to pay for pool lifeguard training in local areas to help combat lifeguard shortages.
- Donate to sponsor one or more LB Junior Guards scholarship (\$555.00 per student for 2024)
- Support LB Poly Girls Aquatics by providing targeted equipment funds for swimmers/water polo players in need.
- Grunion team suits and caps for new dues paying members.
- Paying for dues paying Grunions food at social venue