

Ottawa Titans Water Polo Association
Board of Directors
Meeting held in On-Deck Classroom at Nepean Sportsplex
1900 to 2100 hrs

Approved Minutes of August 8, 2007

The Board of Directors of the Ottawa Titans Water Polo Association met at 19:00 in the on-deck classroom at the Nepean Sportsplex Facility, the President, Jean-Philippe Caron, presiding.

Directors & Executives present: Nicole Le Saux, Director Special Events; Marinka Ménard, Adult Programme Director; Pierre Tremblay, Past President; Deanna Barry, General Manager; and Alka Steenkamer, Secretary.

Regrets: Deb Wilson; Paul Massel; Hurd Stein; and Damian Laflamme.

1. Review and adoption of the proposed agenda
On motion of Pierre Tremblay, seconded by Nicole Le Saux the proposed agenda was adopted.
2. Adoption of the Minutes from the meetings of 16 May, 2007.
Note: No minutes were taken, as Board members were making last minute adjustments to the Proposed Programme for 07/08 presented to the Membership on 31 May 2007. Letter from the President with proposed programme to be published and additional presentations to be held in August.
3. Follow-up actions:

Agenda # 5-1 CIAF Grant – Executive noted special thanks to Heather, Deanna, Nicole and others for successfully securing the CFIA grant for the Club. The Executive will ensure that proper publicity and recognition (including usage of Logo) is given to the province for supporting the Titans House League.

Agenda # 5-2 Equipment Status & Coordination – Executive noted special thanks to Philippe Boisvert for repairs he has made to the floating nets at NSPLX.

Agenda # 5-3 Trillium Foundation Proposal (New Pool) – The development of this proposal will be linked to the duties of the Long Term Planning/Club Development Committee. (See item 8-11).

Agenda # 5-4 OWPA AGM Post Report - (Highlights in attached General Manager's report.)

Agenda # 5-5 During the September 15th Open House a presenter from either York University or Ottawa will offer a presentation on sports related concussions to Club members.

Agenda # 5-5 May 31st meeting record of decisions will be sent out a month before AGM.

4. Financial Status: Some preliminary discussions took place on next year's budget but detailed discussions were deferred to future meetings as Treasurer was not in attendance.

5. Director's Report:

Agenda Item # 7-1.2 - No report on the adult or competitive program.

Agenda Item #7-3 – See attached General Manager's Report.

Highlights of report:

The Stay-in-Shape program is running well.

21 children are participating in the Intake program and have been sent letters of invitation to participate in the 2007-08 Competitive Program.

The Summer Camp is fully registered at 121 children. Celso Rojas, from Pacific Storm, has been invited to coach the older boys during the summer camp. In addition to visiting coaches the camp will offer mental training, strength training, discussions on physiotherapy and a nutrition workshop.

ILWP brochures have been updated and approved, ads will be placed in community papers and a number of clinics/open houses will be scheduled to boost participation in the ILWP. Three clinics have been scheduled for August 9th at NSPLX, Dovercourt and an outdoor pool.

6. Action Items, Priorities & Decisions

Agenda Item # 8-1 Executives for 2007-08 season:

JP Caron, Herd Stein, and Alka Steenkamer will stay in their current positions. The Executive requested that Alka consider taking on the Registrar duties in addition to the Secretarial duties. Alka will consider this request and get back to JP Caron.

Agenda Item # 8-2 Strategy & Plan of action for recruiting new players:
(See Item #7-3 regarding three clinics held on August 9th.)

Agenda Item # 8-3 Communications Committee:

The Executive recommended creating a Communications Committee that will report to the General Manager and will help enhance and refine internal and external Club Communications. Some of the responsibilities of this Committee would be to enhance the Club web-site, continue to foster regular communications with the

members, create surveys and feedback tools to enhance Club operations, media communications, etc.

On motion of Marinka Ménard, seconded by Alka Steenkamer, it was recommended to create a Communications Committee. A number of Club members have already expressed interest in participating in this Committee and JP Caron will confirm a Committee Chair.

Agenda Item # 8-4 Finalization of the Proposed Programme for FY 2007-08: JP Caron walked the Executive through the proposed programme for FY 2007-08. A number of minor changes were proposed by the Executive, mostly clarification related. However, the Executive proposed that applications be requested from Cadet and Youth girl athletes that are interested in being considered for the National Development Centre Training Programme. The selection process and criteria will be transparent.

On motion of Alka Steenkamer, seconded by Nicole Le Saux, it was recommended that applications be requested from all Cadet and Youth girl athletes that are interested in being considered for the National Development Centre Training Programme.

Agenda Item # 8-6 Club Official Clothing:

On motion of Pierre Tremblay, seconded by Alka Steenkamer, it was recommended that a Corporate Clothing Committee, with representation from athletes, parents and coaches, be struck to decide on the new Club bathing suit for tournaments in 2008. Deanna will inform Christine that the Titans black suits with logos should continue to be stocked as a practice suit.

Agenda Item # 8-11 Long-term Planning Committee:

On motion of Nicole Le Saux, seconded by Marinka Ménard a long-term planning committee will be created, lead by a director, that will give direction to the Executive and the Club on longer term issues such as recruitment, pool options, alliances and partnerships, communication strategy, etc.

Agenda Item # 8-13 OWPA Host Bids

Deanna will complete that standard bid form and submit to OWPA indicating the Club's interest in hosting the Cadet Boys Provincial Tournament April 18-20, 2008. The GM will ensure pool time is secure for this event.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2100 hrs.