

Titans Water Polo Executive Team Wednesday, June 15, 2005

On deck classroom, Nepean Sportsplex

Present: Pierre Tremblay, President
Cathie English, ILWP Executive Member
Nicole Le Saux, Special Events Director
Carolyn McGill, Registrar, Secretary
Hurd Stein, Competitive Program Director
Ed Sennema, Finance Director
Doug Hodgson, Treasurer

Call to order at 7:30 p.m.

This was a special Executive meeting to review Ed's in-progress template for the 2005-06 competitive program budget. The template broke out revenue and expense items, based on information Ed has gathered so far. He will prepare the 2005-06 budget from 2004-05 actual expenditures (rather than previous budgets). His aim is to publish quarterly financial statements next season.

Some points from discussion of the framework.

- Members of the Executive team have individual action items to supply budget figures for their areas. Pierre will forward all employee contracts to Ed.
- Projections for registered athletes are key to budgeting revenue.
- City of Ottawa pool rental costs were increased 5.2% after the ILWP budget was finalized. That creates a budget deficit of \$5500 for next season.
- David has proposed a significant increase to competitive program coaching costs.
- The budget needs a line for expenses related to NLS/First Aid/CPR recertifications
- The referee clinic in conjunction with the 2005 Cadet Titans Cup was financed by the Trillium grant. Ed will check with David about whether this event will be repeated next season.
- Pool rentals should be costed in three phases (early season before the Sportsplex is available, main practice season, and post-tournament season)
- Ed has found a number of discrepancies related to pool costs in the past. Pierre will research U. of Ottawa and Sportsplex pool costs; Ed will do Carleton U.
- The club will not book U. of Ottawa pool time for the Thursday afternoon Coed House League unless there is a firm commitment from athletes before the season starts. The pool is expensive, and bookings cannot be cancelled.
- The Executive will discuss and provide consolidated feedback to David on his Saturday game day proposal.
- Allocations of the head coach's salary and recruitment costs between the ILWP and the competitive program for 2005-06 were agreed upon during preparation of the ILWP budget. In the future, these may be adjusted; and in addition the two programs will share club administrative costs.

Adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

**ILWP and Camps Report for
Titans Water Polo Executive
June 10, 2005**

'I Love Water Polo' - Winter/ Spring Session 2005

The Winter/ Spring session of ILWP has wrapped up. Coaching staff have been paid their honorariums. Files are being closed and loose ends tidied up.

'I Love Water Polo' - Fall 2005

The database for Fall is in place, and we have received one registration form and payment to date.

Contact has been made with day camps who will be offering Free Introductory Water Polo clinics as part of their summer camp programs. So far, 17 clinics have been confirmed with camps (clinics in U of O and NSP day camps, Ashbury College day camp, etc over the course of the summer). Carleton U has not yet specified exact dates, but have indicated they would like 7 clinics. Still waiting to hear back from Ottawa Athletic Club and various community centres who offer aqua camps during the summer. We don't charge these camps for the clinics, but they must agree to allow us to distribute fall brochures. Next steps will be contacting our coaches and older athletes to see who is available to run these clinics. A good lesson plan available to them, and I am open to sending two youth out together to do a clinic jointly, before they do them on their own.

3 Free Introductory Clinics are scheduled in August at NSP for the general public (shallow end of pool, during Stay in Shape sessions). Additional clinics will be scheduled in September.

Free Clinics scheduled one week pre-season for each of the 9 ILWP sites.

The clinics that are open to the public are posted on the Titans website. As August draws nearer, we will also ensure we get into the (free) listing with the Citizen's Local Sports Calendar (alternate Saturdays).

With John Chinneck's help, the ILWP pages of the Titans website have now been updated. Fall brochure, registration form and Loblaws explanation are now posted. Still to be finalized is the ILWP refund/ late registration policy. Deanna and Cathie English will bring this to a future Executive meeting.

Inquiries are now being made with existing ILWP coaches to check their availability for Fall 2005.

If there are any opportunities that our Board is aware of for getting brochures and posters out, please advise!! Setting up a table at an event or tournament is not generally ideal (tough to find volunteers, even if we pay them a nominal amount, and hard to get people's attention), but great if we can distribute brochures through

goodie bags at tournaments, through teachers/ classrooms, etc. WORD OF MOUTH CONTINUES TO BE THE VERY BEST RECRUITMENT TOOL!

All the pools have received packages with ILWP and Summer Camp information to post. Many (not all) have agreed to distribute ILWP brochures to interested participants in learn to swim programs.

Summer Camp registration is going extremely well. There are 95 players registered to date, and we are close to 80% of capacity (a full camp would be 120 players). The break even point was 77 players, so the camp will run for sure. To ensure a 10:1 camper/ staff ratio (includes David Hart and Deanna Barry), an additional staff will now be hired for each 8 additional players that register, as per the approved budget. The breakdown of registered players is as follows:

13 ILWP

14 Academy Developing

29 Academy Advanced

34 Cadet

5 Youth

A 50/50 split of boys and girls (similar to previous years)

22 players registered from out of town (so far, 18 of these players require billeting. I have found host families for all but two to date, and shouldn't have a problem with these. The host families still need to be linked up with the billets). All participants who paid by cheque have been receipted.

David Hart has begun hiring of the coaching staff team.

Erin Bickerton has once again agreed to do a small contract, as per the budget, to plan the dryland activities (sports, activities, crafts, guest speakers, etc), in advance of the camp. Deanna will be working closely with Erin to ensure a high quality program.

Camp planning is well under control and going well.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Barry