

Subject: Minutes from Montgomery Ancient Mariners Annual Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 4, 2012

Place: La Madeleine Restaurant, Rockville, MD

Participants:

- Jeff Roddin, President
- Peter Johnson, Vice President
- Tom Denes, Past President
- Mauricio Rezende, Treasurer
- Dave Harmon, Board Member
- Cathy Gainor, Board Member
- Greta Ober
- Brent Peacock
- Holly Donnelly

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Roddin.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Jeff Roddin, who has served as ANCM president since 2005, announced that he is seeking a replacement for himself or at least help with some of his many duties (primarily ANCM club dues). We came up with some solutions (discussed below) to help ease his burden and Jeff agreed to continue for one more year. Cheers all around!! Dave Harmon indicated an interest in taking over for Jeff after he retires—hopefully soon. Peter Johnson announced that he would like to pass his VP duties to someone else next year. Jeff then announced that Kate Fisken has resigned as Secretary after many years of loyal service. Is this a trend? Tom Denes was immediately nominated to her position for the next year. (So now any errors in the meeting minutes can be blamed on him.) All the other officers present agreed to remain in their current position. Collective sigh of relief. Brent Peacock, a new brand new ANCM swimmer, agreed to serve on the board. Thanks, Brent!

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Jeff Roddin, President:

ANCM Dues. This is the most challenging of Jeff's numerous duties. He has to deal with two of the following three payments, each done under a separate system: USMS yearly dues and ANCM annual dues. (The third payment is to Montgomery County Recreation Department for each masters swimming session. We agreed that fearless Head Coach, Clay Britt and his intrepid band of coaches should continue to be responsible for this.) Approximately 80% of our members paid ANCM annual dues in 2012—about 25 of the 270 ANCM folks did not pay dues. We agreed that Jeff should discontinue hunting down swimmers who register under ANCM but don't pay the \$12 annual due (which is used for parties, picnics, newsletters, swim caps, etc.). Rather he will send out a quarterly e-mail of all ANCM swimmers who have paid their dues with a gentle reminder that ANCM swimmers' names that do not appear, should follow up. We called this the "soft approach." (This is as opposed to the "hard approach" advocated by certain other presidents--by the way, there is no truth to the rumor that President Jeff Roddin's recent ride on NASA's Zero Gravity aircraft was training for his motorized hang glider flight to lead a flock of newly released migratory Yucatan storks home to Mexico.)

Other Issues. These are listed below under old and new business.

Peter Johnson, Vice President: Nothing to report.

Kate Fisken, Secretary: Not present.

Mauricio Rezende, Treasurer: See details below.

Clay Britt, Registrar: Not present.

Dottie Buchhagen, Webmaster & Newsletter Editor: Dottie, who was out of town, submitted a written report which included the need to update the coaches' bios on the website. She also gave kudos to Lisa Wolf for helping with the website.

FINANCES

Balance Sheet: Mauricio presented ANCM's 2011-2012 financials. The ANCM balance sheet indicated that we had an account balance of approximately \$20,200. Jeff noted that in spite of our best efforts to stick to our budget, we keep missing year after year after year. But unlike the federal government, we miss in the right direction—we keep building up our surplus. Yeah!

Budget: ANCM's 2012-2013 Budget was reviewed in excruciating detail. (It takes a lot of effort to create a surplus year after year.) Some highlights include:

- Removed free national shirts from the budget.
- Included \$750 to buy kick boards. (Cathy will work on this.)
- Included \$500 to buy a clock at the Bethesda pool.
- Included a \$50 donation to the Red Cross to support Super Sandy victims.
- Included \$750 to buy bright new team t-shirts to sell at a discount. These were a big hit in 2011.
- Note that we don't believe we paid for the pool rental last year (\$960) for the Albatross Open even though the County insists that we did. Therefore, we will approach them about donating about \$1,000 to buy a piece of aquatics equipment that both we and the County need.

A motion was passed to accept our 2011-2012 budget with a deficit of about \$1,750.

OLD BUSINESS

Holiday Party: The ANCM Winter Party date has yet to be finalized, but Kathy Kirmayer (aka Turbo) has offered up her palatial home once again. The party committee will consist of Kathy, Cathy, and Jeff.

Albatross Open: The date for the 2013 swim meet is March 16, 2013 at the Shriver Aquatics Center. Cathy, who long ago eclipsed the record for most meets directed, will host a planning meeting soon (probably January). Jeff suffered greatly last year fielding many problems with the Club Assistant program. He also had to do a lot of post-meet cleanup because some timing pads didn't work. Jeff will approach Linda Raab or Carrie Tupper to see if we can pay one of them (about \$1/swimmer) to take on the onerous meet registration duties. We also discussed holding some of the relays in the middle of the meet so we don't have to do them all at the end. This would also give the national record seekers some rest between relays.

NEW BUSINES

Coaching Protocols: To ensure consistency, discussed guidelines for all our fearless coaches to follow and submitted them to Coach Clay for his review.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All of the officers nominated were elected. Our pool of hardworking officers for the next swim year are:

- President – Jeff Roddin
- Vice President – Peter Johnson
- Treasurer – Mauricio Rezende
- Secretary – Tom Denes
- Webmaster/Newsletter Editor – Dottie Buchhagen
- Record Keeper – Jeff Roddin
- Registrar – Jeff Roddin
- Past President – Tom Denes
- At-Large Officers – Dave Harmon, Cathy Gainor, Kate Fiskin, Brent Peacock

The annual meeting was adjourned so that people could scurry home and get their hearts broken—once again—by the Redskins.

Submitted by:

Handwritten signature of Tom Denes in black ink, appearing as 'TAD' with a vertical line through the 'A' and a flourish at the end.

Tom Denes
ANCM Secretary

Approved by:

Handwritten signature of Jeff Roddin in black ink, appearing as 'Jeff Roddin' in a cursive style.

Jeff Roddin
ANCM President