

2016 Ancient Mariners Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2016 at Cathy & Tom's house 4530 Everett Street

Dave Harmon, President, called the meeting to order at 11:18. He directed the attendees to the **minutes of the 2015 Board Meeting**, in the packet of distributed materials. He asked if anyone had any proposed alterations to the minutes. No one did. Nanci Sundel made a motion to accept the minutes as proposed, and Cathy Gainor seconded. All were in favor.

Next, Dave went over the list of job descriptions for **2016 ANCM officers** and asked if the present officers were willing to serve again and if there were any new nominations. Brent Peacock and David Friedland were removed as At-Large board members. David Cheney was a board member last year, but his name did not appear on the list. David Cheney agreed to serve again and his name will be added. Alex Goldberg, a new member also was nominated as an at-large board member. Tara Inverso was nominated as an Assistant Newsletter Editor and for the bulletin board task. All other officers remained the same, as listed in the attached table of Officer Positions: David Harmon, President; Cathy Gainor, Vice President; Mauricio Rezende, Treasurer; Holly Donnelly, Secretary; Dottie Buchagen, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster; Jeff Roddin, Recordkeeper; Pam Blumenthal, Registrar. Pam Blumenthal moved that the list of officers be approved, Nanci Sundel seconded and the motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the **Registrar's report**. Pam Blumenthal reported that, as of 10/31/2016, there were 258 Ancient Mariner members, with 50 new members this year, about the same as the last few years. Pam stressed the need to make sure that all the people who register with the Montgomery County Recreation Department also register with US Masters Swimming to obtain the insurance coverage. She said there are half a dozen people who do not currently have USMS membership. Cathy Gainor volunteered that the coaches need to communicate with these people and get them registered. Pam had plans to swim at Olney to get the word out.

Next, our President went over the **team's financial position**. Mauricio had prepared detailed documents listing actual expenses compared to budget, profit and loss, and detailed information on each individual expense. (See attached documents.) Although the board approved a \$96 loss in 2016, the team actually realized a \$1553 profit due to larger than expected revenue from the Albatross meet. The team has assets of \$17,110.

The proposed budget for 2017 was also attached. The Registrar and the president agreed that the budget should reflect 250 dues-paying members. Dave put in a \$100 place holder for gear sales and offered to adjust the budget for the small number of silicone caps still in inventory. Pam said that \$920 would cover latex caps for all members. The bank fee line was eliminated since that has not been a cost in the last few years. The team discussed paying fees for members to swim at the proposed tri-meet with the Alexandria Masters and University of Maryland Aquatic Club (UMAC). There was some discussion whether it was fair for all members to subsidize the few

who swim in meets. Some members thought that encouraging meet participation would increase team spirit. Tom Denes made a motion to set aside \$400 to cover the cost, and Nanci Sundel seconded it. All were in favor.

For the social, Social Committee co-chair Nanci Sundel estimated that \$2800 would more than cover the cost, and \$1500 for the winter party.

Pam Blumenthal made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the adjustments noted above. David Cheney seconded and the budget passed.

A motion to switch the alternate approved authorizer of checks from Nanci Sundel, the former VP to Cathy Gainor was made by Pam Blumenthal and seconded by David Cheney.

Nanci Sundel moved and Pam Blumenthal seconded the motion to accept all the financial reports and the board approved it.

Dottie Buchhagen gave an update on the website and newsletter. The fees to renew the domain name aren't due again until 2024. The new server is working fine and there have been lots of views of the slide show put together for the picnic and of newsletters and Albatross pre- and post-meet information.

An incident of attempted theft of team funds via a fraudulent e-mail to the treasurer to claim expenses was reported. Mauricio did not transfer the funds, checking with the purported sender (Dave) first and determining that the e-mail was not on the level. Dottie took most e-mail addresses off the web site to avoid that problem in the future. The only remaining e-mail addresses are those of Clay Britt, Dottie Buchhagen, and Pam Blumenthal. The team also passed a motion to remove budget information from the web site. Dottie said she would do that.

Dottie reported that printing and postage costs were down to \$80 per issue with paper copies only sent to people who opt in. Approximately 25 swimmers have opted in.

Social co-chair Nanci Sundel proposed January 7th at her house for the Winter Party. Promises of a craft ANCM beer by social co-chair George Humbert and Peter Johnson were made! Nanci also proposed moving the picnic from Seneca Creek State Park to Cabin John. The Social Committee needs to know ASAP to reserve the only pavilion that allows liquor. The Board agreed that the Social Committee could plan the date and location of the social events.

This includes the social after the Albatross Meet, tentatively scheduled for March 25 subject to Montgomery County Parks and Recreation approval. Holly Donnelly reported that we were awaiting that approval for the past few weeks. Pam Blumenthal suggested asking Clay Britt to assist.

In the last item of old business, the board agreed to put a reminder about the ANCM LinkedIn group in the next edition of the newsletter. Dottie Buchhagen agreed to make sure it got in there.

Another new business item was the discussion of whether to provide **free caps for members**. In 2014, only new members got free latex caps. Silicone caps were available for purchase. The idea of a 25th anniversary cap commemorating the 25th year of the team or the 25th Annual Albatross meet was suggested. It was agreed to do caps for all members since the 25th anniversary cap will be new and possibly a valuable collectible in the future. Cathy Gainor circulated two designs and the one commemorating the team's 25th anniversary was the consensus winner. Nanci Sundel moved, Tom Denes seconded the motion to order 275 commemorative caps and all were in favor.

A discussion of **team apparel** followed. John McCaffrey and David Harmon were in favor of ordering team baseball caps. Some others wanted jackets, bags or parkas. John McCaffrey and Pam Blumenthal offered to put together a SurveyMonkey survey to determine the level of interest for team apparel and put together a proposal for the board to approve.

Cathy Gainor mentioned that the team might consider sponsoring new starting blocks or lane lines for the pools we use in the future.

The Board approved the slate of officers as discussed above. Nanci Sundel motioned and John McCaffrey seconded.

Dave Harmon adjourned the meeting at 12:42.