

President Report Nov 7, 2022

The season is well under way and we are actually at the halfway point for our first go-round with AquaGo! Session.

I have updated policies (to be approved this eve) and looked over and updated club documents including Codes of Conduct and Guidebooks. I managed to get the ViaSport Rally Together Grant applied for, with help from Julie, and have my fingers crossed we will hear good news back in the near future. If we get approved for even $\frac{1}{3}$ of what we asked for - we'll have a lot of things to do in the next year!

I have also been looking at another grant called the Spotlight Grant, but am not sure we will be eligible as 80% of our membership must identify within specific categories, and that information is not what we collect typically at registration. We would need to know about families ethnic identification and financial status...I am not sure I am comfortable asking our membership to supply that information though (and EVERYONE would have to be willing to participate)

I am working through some recorded conference videos from BCAS (they were held at the same time I swim on Tuesdays for a few weeks in October) including Conflict Management, Financial Considerations and Employee Contracts, and plan to implement some of this incredibly helpful information into our resources to better aid in the smooth operations of our club. This may mean changes to our policies in the future, or just supporting documents to help club members in the future understand operations.

We are starting to track hours for main club positions as we look into hiring a Club Manager. Already, we are aware there will be a significant cost, but with dwindling volunteerism (apparently an issue across the board these days - everyone is so busy!) we must look into, and prepare for, the future sustainability of the club.

Finally, I look forward to figuring out what our 'Winter Watershow' will look like this year and on what scale. I would love to have the newspaper do a write-up for us (they often do as long as we submit) to help get our numbers higher for the January session, if we have a Bring A Friend and See It Try It. We can also include news about our Competitive athletes in the submission to share what their season has been like as well. It would be great if we could get a fun/good photo of the AquaGo! Athletes to have them print as well.

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