

Ravensong Waterdancers

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

Aug 18, 2025

on-line



Present: Mark, Sam, Becky, Jessica, Debbie, Krystal, Jenny, Julie, Erin, Lisa, Kimberly, Anya

Regrets: Carol

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02

Review and discuss Aug 18, 2025 AGENDA

Review and accept April 14, 2025 DIRECTORS MINUTES as circulated:

NOTE: some of the points under old business were too brief, and it wasn't clear what they were referring to (point A, C and G). **ACTION:** Becky to follow up and add additional notes for clarification.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Julie / Krystal

See 2025-06_TReport.pdf

MOTION: Julie / Krystal moves to accept the May/June Balance Sheet showing \$19,132.38 in General and \$11.39 in Gaming, and the Financial Report as presented.

Revenue was normal, May was \$2800.00, June was \$3400.00. Expenses in May were \$7000.00 which is typical because we had a swim meet & travel expenses. June expenses were \$600.00. The bank accounts for the end of the fiscal year are approaching "too healthy".

Mark clarified that "too healthy" means that we can have trouble getting grants if we have too much money in our bank accounts.

Regarding the healthy account balance, Julie mentioned that (per gaming) if the club is saving for a big expenditure, we have to pass minutes (at the start of saving) documenting proof that we are "planning a savings program".

MOVED: Jessica / Mark

Confirm the origin of the \$400 filed in "interest & other": \$400 money came from Sport BC. Krystal has been waiting for money from a swimmer that was getting subsidised. Possibly from SOS or Sport BC.

ACTION: Krystal to double check.

Confirm amount of extra revenue generated from the bump in fundraising quota: BallPark amount for the bump in fundraising (\$200 bump) roughly \$3400 generated. **2 options: 1)** hire help to reduce the workload on the board, or **2)** reduce the bump. Could the money be used to alleviate the board members? Help with bookkeeping? Financing? The bump is good incentive, and has been effective in getting more meeting attendance. Can we use the extra money for swim suits? Pay a social media coordinator? Offsetting costs for equipment? Jackets/suits? Sound system with head phones? It would

be good to put the money back in the club. If there is surplus next year we can look at reducing the bump. Look into the cost of a new earpiece sound system. Sam, agrees. **MOTION: Sam: we are actively saving money towards an earpiece sound system. Jessica second.** No one opposed. Unanimous. **ACTION: Sam** will look into the costs. **ACTION: Lisa** will check with Pacific Wave to see if she can get some info on what they use, and will relay the info to Sam.

Ideas/resolution for RAMP payments/accounts: Ramp recommends a provider for payments. **ACTION: Mark** will go ahead and set up on-line payments. Krystal, will set up each account to be month by month (instead of the whole amount owing for the season all at once) which should be easier for the treasurer to see outstanding balances. Jessica suggested setting it up for the 15th maybe? And also check to see if there is a contact person at RAMP to give them feedback on how confusing the system was last year. Krystal will have it ready to go for Sept 1st.

HEAD COACH REPORT: Carol absent, Mark presented report.

See 2025-08-18_Head Coach Report.pdf

NOTE: See It Try It will be Sept 30th (if we do it)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mark

See 2025-08-18_Presidents Report.pdf

NOTE: Thanks for summer camp involvement! Try for regular club communication. Short sweet email. Once registration is up, we'll send out sign up emails.

FUNDRAISING REPORT: Jenny

NOTE: We have 5 smile cards, 3 SaveOn cards, and about 141 Panago cards. **ACTION: Jenny**, come September she will start getting the word out on Facebook about gift cards. Will probably start out with Gunter Bro's meat fundraiser (which runs year-long and no minimum), and do a raffle again. Possibly an event for buying tickets, and/or 50/50.

ACTION: Mark to create a running google doc to keep notes for communication (fundraising etc).

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. *2023-24 Annual Financial Report accepted:* reviewed previous AGM to see if this financial report had been accepted, and it has.
- b. *Summer Camp* - Successful! 8 advanced swimmers, 7 new swimmers. Hope to do it next year. **ACTION: Mark** to reach out to the pool to see if we can get pool space for summer camp next year, and to follow up with the pool or Carol about space on Sunday? Wednesday Coaches meeting before Carol goes away. **Did the board make a decision to give an honorarium to the assistants?** Julie says we

need to propose it in an email, which will be put to a vote by the board. **ACTION:** **Jessica** to draft an email regarding honorarium for AquaGo assistants. FOR NEXT YEAR, if we have enough kids to support, we have to figure out the logistics to pay summer camp helpers. Debbie sent the number of hours of each participant to Carol.

- c. *Sound system:* Mark hasn't taken the system into the guy yet. Maybe we just move to a different earpiece transmitter system? Lisa/Sam starting to look into options. One transmitter and 6 receivers is about \$429, Pacific Wave system was about \$600.00. 2 transceivers and head sets, minimum 8, if the system could do 2 different channels that would be best. **NOTE: The head-set option isn't a replacement for the sound system.** It was suggested to take our current sound system back to the original guy for tweaking or into Long & McQuade for a complete overhaul. The underwater speaker is working, but not loud enough. Debbie took her sound system home at the end of summer camp. She can lend her system if needed, but we need a system at both locations. **ACTION:** **SOMEONE???** to deal with getting the sound system fixed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. *Team Jackets / Practice suits:* Projected costs of custom team jacket is \$100 taxes included (if Jessica and Becky sew them), or \$70 as an option to take it home to sew themselves. Opted not to add names to the jackets, but we can add "Coach". Got the go-ahead to proceed with Jackets. Question: Is this something that could be added to Ramp to have people register to opt in/out for Jackets? **ACTION:** **Mark** to add notation at registration for ordering jacket? **ACTION:** **Becky** to message Santi to order Sizing Kit for October 1st if possible, and prepare graphics for new team shirt.
- b. *Proposal from Diamonds, 13+PS team routine:* this is for the board. Proposal from the Diamonds, because they have limited participation, is for Comp 13-20, to combine the 2 groups together, train separately, but one day a week train together. 2 coaches, some benefit to the athletes, more competitive, more athletes. Don't know for sure what the financing would be. Diamonds proposing their pool time on Saturday morning 3 hs of pool time 1.5hrs of dryland. Not sure

if the Sat pool is shared or gifted. Because this is a special circumstance, would we be able to have an exemption if not everyone wants to swim with this opportunity? If we are swimming on Saturday, do we give up our Sunday time? Sunday is needed for extra routines, so Lisa doesn't think we'd be giving up the Sunday time. IF the diamonds gift the pool time, the only extra cost would be Lisa's extra time. We can't jeopardize the Sunday time at NAC (or we might not get the space again a following year). If the Sat pool time is gifted, we keep our fees the same, but would pay the extra money for the solo's/duets ect.

Encourage the team aspect, would compete under a combined, multi club team. Is it good for the girls to only practice together once a week? We're used to dealing with small numbers. Lisa should talk to the parents before involving the kids. Anya asked what would be the main benefit to doing this? We don't need to make this our problem. Not sure our kids are striving for performance. Could be a career ender. Don't want to alienate kids who don't want to do more. Lisa has no stake in this - 7am Saturday practice. Afraid that if we put this out there, they'll split up. From the board's perspective, the policy referred to, the swimmers/skill levels of the swimmers, fee structure, team first, 2 hours teams, last hour, Lisa coaching duet and solo at the same time which breaks up to 15mins. Written in the policy, to stay a team if possible. Insurance wise - would this not work? Are we all covered under our own insurance? Is there a rationale to say no? If we do it, we always have to have a RWD coach on deck? We couldn't let them train under Kiana' without a RWD coach unless we got an exemption from BCAS. Lisa/Parents to discuss later.

- c. *2025-26 Fees & fundraising Quotas:* Are we changing fees? Wait until next year to reevaluate after BCAS initiates their 2 small increases. Julie says we should reduce our registration fees because of how BCAS now wants their registration fee paid through RAMP up front. Deduct the BCAS fee from our registration amount. **ACTION: Krystal** can check what the fee was last year so we can adjust our registration fee.

Will open registration 2 weeks from today. SITI decision has to wait for the coaches meeting and to know the registration numbers. **ACTON: Mark** to confirm first day for Competitive.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday Sept 15th 7PM

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:21