

LONG BEACH AQUATIC ASSOCIATION
GRUNION SWIM TEAM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2025

Location of Meeting: Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: Kenny, Bart, Jim, Kim, Sam, Stephen

Board Members Absent: Liz, Michael, Alisha

Called to Order 11:00 am

Board Meeting Summary: Updates and Planning

- **Minutes, Membership, and Financials**
 - June minutes were reviewed and approved.
 - Membership report showed **7 new members**.
 - Treasurer's report noted **Constant Contact rates increased** from **\$56 to \$62**.
 - Jim will correct formatting issues in the financial report.
- **Grunion Report Format Revisions**
 - The team suggested reorganizing the report to move **time-sensitive items to the top** and improve overall readability.
- **Swim Meets**
 - Bart gave meet updates and confirmed contacting the **IGLA Board** about delayed results posting on the USMS website.
 - Kenny clarified the delays were due to staffing changes at USMS.
 - The board agreed to note in the Grunion Report that the **Gay Games will be a long-course event**.
- **Transgender Swimmer Policy Discussion**
 - Kenny outlined the situation at **USMS Nationals in Texas**, where two transgender swimmers' participation sparked complaints and a policy review.
 - IGLA has circulated a letter opposing USMS's current transgender competition policy.
 - The board discussed but decided **not to sign** the IGLA letter.

- Kenny emphasized the importance of inclusion while acknowledging the challenge of balancing fairness in competition.
- **Facilities**
 - Kim reported a **scheduling error at Silverado Pool** (practice started at 4:30 instead of 4:00).
 - Ongoing **late openings** due to staffing issues were flagged as a growing concern.
 - The board discussed moving workouts to the **deep end at Belmont Pool**, with Kim following up with management.
- **Open Water**
 - The board confirmed **Liz has funds in her open water budget** for team captain payments at the **La Jolla meet**, so no formal motion was needed.
- **Membership and Event Planning**
 - The board reviewed **membership tracking** and plans for the **“8 Days a Week” event (July 28–August 11)**.
 - They agreed participants may **swap out one workout** during the event.
 - **Stephen and Samantha** will create promotional materials.
 - Year-to-date, **60 trial participants**, with **6–7 new members** joining recently.
- **Volunteer Event Planning**
 - Stephen presented **four venue options**, ranked **Alex's Bar** highest for its open layout and game space.
 - The board favored **Alex's Bar** for its vibe and the owner's support.
 - Stephen will obtain a **formal proposal with set date and price**.
 - The board agreed to use the **\$10,000 unallocated social budget** for the event, covering **food, drinks, and possibly karaoke or a band**.

After Meeting Follow-Ups

- **Kenny**
 - Send Mail Relay login information to Samantha.
 - Send California Water Safety movie release link to Samantha for the Grunion Report.

- Email Liz about open water budget availability for team captain payments.
- Address timeliness and workout preparation concerns with Coach Becca.
- **Samantha**
 - Reorganize Grunion Report layout — move time-sensitive items to the top and remove outdated sections like Grunion gear.
 - Add "Save the Date" for the August 23rd summer social at Ann's house in the Grunion Report.
- **Kim**
 - Contact Kaylee about moving swim practice to the deep end at Belmont during summer evenings and discuss water polo impact.
 - Follow up with Silverado Pool regarding late openings and request a rebate for the two late-opening days.
- **Jim**
 - Fix formatting issues in the Treasurer's Report.
- **Stephen P**
 - Manage *8 Days a Week* event scheduling (July 28–August 2) and coordinate with Samantha to share details with the team.
 - Get a formal proposal with a locked-in date and price from Alex's Bar for the volunteer social event.
 - Provide Stan with a list of each day and workout for individual page creation.
 - Follow up with admin regarding food trucks.
- **Team**
 - Next Board Meeting on **August 24th**, same time.

Closed Board meeting at 12:07pm