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AQUASTAR Swim Team

Bay Area Aquanauts

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Re: Team goals for the construction of a 50-meter by 25-yard indoor pool facility

Dear AQUASTAR Family:

AQUASTAR has grown to become a large program in the greater Clear Lake area, and as you know, we currently train at five different locations, depending on season and availability. As you can imagine, effectively managing the team often becomes a very difficult challenge. Scheduling coaches, practice times, and predicting how many swimmers will be attending at which pool is always a moving target. There is also the unpredictability of schedule, as AQUASTAR shares each of these five pools with others. The AQUASTAR board of directors is looking for a better solution.

The preferred goal is to build our own facility, consisting of a 50-meter by 25-yard indoor pool, and possibly a smaller learn-to-swim pool. This will allow us to secure the future of the team, provide a central practice facility whose use we control, and develop a learn-to-swim program that will enable us to pay for maintaining the pool. Having our own facility will help us keep our swimmers in the water and our best coaches on deck. It will also enable us to continue to enhance our competitiveness and to allow us to become a premier team in the State.

To achieve this goal, the team requires an immense amount of help from not only the team members, but also from the political and corporate communities. The team alone cannot afford to build and to operate the facility. A donation of land from the city, county, private entity, or corporation is necessary. Construction funds will need to be a combination of team, corporate, private donation, municipal, county, and possibly grant monies.

The board has formed a committee to pursue this goal. We have met with the USA Swimming Facilities Department for guidance and for ideas on how to achieve our new facility. We expect it will take time to raise the necessary funds, and we would like to reach out to all of our AQUASTAR families to help push this in the community. The team as a whole is a large part of the Clear Lake community and many of you have contacts, relationships, and fundraising capabilities that the team will need to succeed. AQUASTAR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity organization, so donations will be tax-deductible (as allowable by law).

If you are willing to help and have any ideas on how to secure land and funding or assist in gathering political support, please contact Chris Talley at 832-351-7211 or email at chris.talley@jacobs.com.

Thank you in advance for supporting AQUASTAR, and for helping to build a much-needed competitive swimming complex in our community.

AQUASTAR Board of Directors