

MINUTES
Friends of Ives Pool/WSCS
Board Meeting December 3, 2018

In Attendance: Ricardo Freitas, Tim Birnie, Amanda Bratberg, Bruce Reading, Zora Hanson and Linnea Tennison.

Minutes: October 15, 2018 minutes approved as amended.

Public Comment:

Ellie Kilner requested Board consider revising the annual pass policy to allow some kind of freeze and extension when someone is gone for an extended period of time. Would be for a serious medical condition where someone is gone for three or four months, similar to what some local gyms do. Could be restricted to seniors who typically have a more limited income.

Presidents report, Tim Birnie:

Met with City of Sebastopol to get clarification on the bills being submitted to us and what was still outstanding. Proposed that we pay the City the balance of what we had allotted for the project (\$180,000). City agreed so check was sent to them along with a letter from Ricardo stating that this finished our obligation for the project.

Directors Report, Ricardo Freitas:

Memorial for Willow DeCenzo on November 3 was well attended. Quite a few people spoke. Her brother and nephew attended. Heard a lot of feedback about how nice it was. Have collected a little over \$3,000 for her bench by the pool and a "Learn To Swim" scholarship in her honor. There may still be some donations coming in. Linnea suggested something be created, perhaps like the bookmark that someone made for the

memorial, to be given to recipients of the scholarship so they know the history and how it came about.

There were nine kids in the water polo class which will end next week. Class is only older kids. Will start another session, maybe in January, that will be for two months. Considering a class for adults next year.

No closures for smoke during the Butte County Fire but there was a drop off in attendance.

Closed for eight days, starting on Thanksgiving, due to boiler failure. Last closure for maintenance was five years ago.

Staff locker room needs some repair and maintenance.

Will be gone for one week vacation starting this Friday.

About forty memberships have been returned; it is early and expect more.

Treasurers Report, Bruce Reading:

There are now some funds that we freed up for construction project that could be put back into CD's.

Old Business:

Fee Increase. City of Sebastopol wants to move to \$15 minimum wage earlier than 2022. Some discussion of going to \$12.75 on 7/2019 and then \$15 on 7/2020. No decision yet but would need to be considered in our future discussions on timing and amount of a fee increase to cover increased wages.

New Business:

Discussion concerning annual pass, when it is advantageous and when it is not; how passes are tracked; non profit organization vs

a club membership. No decision to change current policy but to encourage swimmers to do careful evaluation before purchasing of how you use the facility, how often, and expected time away. Include that information in something written that swimmer receives when purchasing an annual pass.

Decision to give Ellie Kilner a one time extension to her annual pass of two weeks.