

**Western Sonoma County Swimmers/Friends of Ives Pool  
Board Meeting  
April 23, 2011**

Draft meeting notes  
L. Prunuske/G. Kuhn

Meeting began at 6:10.

In attendance: Alan Siegle, George Kuhn, Liza Prunuske, Virginia Porter, Ricardo Freitas

Members of the public: Ellen (need last name)

## **REPORTS**

### **Pool Manager's Report**

- Fire Department will advertise Ives swim lessons on their street sign
- City is willing to install sprinkler on the west (larger) part of the garden. The small piece on the east side of the sidewalk is too difficult. We discussed talking to Brian about possibly replacing some of the plants with drought-tolerant plants.
- Ricardo met with SSS about the emergency closure for two days. The filter issue was fixed quickly. 70,000 gallons out of 200,000 of water was drained for the repair. Several band aids and ear plugs were found in the filter.
- Interview with Spanish-language radio went well. Spanish advertising is being distributed in Sebastopol. Ricardo will ask for a recording to place on the Ives Pool website.
- Swim lesson sign ups OK.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Allen reviewed P&L. There usage was slightly lower earlier in the season as expected due to weather. Visits will increase as weather improves.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Capital projects for 2011**

- Liza discussed transfer of Fireworks resale license from Sebastopol Sea Serpents to Friends of Ives. Liza will discuss transfer with Mr. Zanzi to determine if this will be an issue.
- Liza, Alan and Ricardo will be meeting with Rich Emig on April 24 to discuss all of the proposed capital projects.
- Ricardo requested approval from the Board to order 2 sets of 3-tier bleachers for \$871.73 + \$350 shipping for each set. The Rotary Club has granted \$1,000 towards their purchase, so our total expenditure will be approximately \$1,400. The new bleachers will meet ADA standards. They will be slightly smaller than the current bleachers and

therefore take up a little less deck space. Alan made a motion to approve the purchase. George seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- The contractor who repaired the pool deck gave a sample of his proposed floor for the locker rooms to Ricardo. Alan and Liza have seen the sample; it is neat, professional, and looks easy to clean. He gave an estimate of \$1485 to replace the staff locker room floor, and of approximately \$12,000 for both the men's and women's locker rooms. Ricardo recommended that we go ahead with the staff room so that we can see if we like it. Discussion then followed about other minor improvements such as painting and replacing the doors in the staff locker room at the same time. Alan made a motion to authorize expenditure of no more than \$3,500 on the staff locker room. Repair will take 5 days to prep & seal floor. If more work is needed, it would be discussed at the next Board meeting. George seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- With both Tim and Lynn absent, discussion on the shade structure was tabled.
- Bath house benches. Liza had not yet taken action other than for discussions with Ricardo and Alan about their thoughts.
- Liza reported on meeting with Emily and Lyn Lemaire about fundraising. Recommendations from the meeting include a campaign to inform and engage the pool members and users, getting smaller but meaningful things done as soon as possible, and doing some fun fundraisers that build support from the pool community.
- George recommended that we develop 3 stages:
  - Stage One. Small steps. (Locker room benches, bleachers and shade structure, locker room floor repair, etc.)
  - Stage Two. Nancy Deedler room.
  - Stage Three. Upgrade to women's locker room.

Liza said she would develop this idea further for the next Board meeting.

Discussion followed about using our website and signs at the Pool to keep the users informed.

- Liza recommended that we ask local businesses for a discount on construction materials such as paint, doors, faucets, and toilets. Ricardo cautioned that we need to be careful about what type of materials we request from local businesses. (Paint may be ok but actual construction materials may be an issue.)

### **Recognition for special efforts.**

At the last meeting, there had been a tie vote about using annual passes to show our appreciation for extraordinary volunteer efforts. The Board discussed the need to recognize contributions, particularly those of Brian Shears in maintaining our beautiful garden. Virginia reminded the Board that the current policy is to have the Pool Manager in responsible for the operations of the pool and its financial viability. Liza made a motion that disposition of annual passes remain the responsibility of the Pool Manager. Alan seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Liza will work with Ricardo on something special for Brian.

### **Changes to bylaws regarding elections:**

Article 4, Section 2 (See attached copy of by-laws with changes.)

(b) Nominations

Prior to the annual meeting, the Board of Directors or a nominating committee appointed by the Board, will nominate a slate of Directors in a number required through an interview process. Additional nominations for any Directorship, with prior written approval or consent of this person, may be made from the floor and will be added to the ballot prior to the voting. The election package mailed to members will only: 1) identify the Nominating Committee, the slate of candidates they have selected, and all candidates nominated from the floor; 2) present all candidate statements in alphabetical order; and 3) describe the election procedures.

The Board discussion included concerns that the proposed statement, "The Board shall not campaign in any manner for the candidates" could be interpreted to mean that individual Board members who were up for election could not campaign nor could other Board members campaign as individuals on behalf of candidates they supported. Liza suggested that the intent of the statement was that the Board as a whole does not officially campaign and that the election material be clearly delineated to make sure that members are given impartial information. She made a motion to approve the language changes in blue. Alan seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

(c) Voting

Accept Tim's changes except change last sentence to: Ballots will be returned in a security envelope.

George made motion, Alan seconded. Passed 3-0.

(d) Conduct of election.

The voters in the election shall be members of the Western Sonoma County Swimmers.

Board members present agreed that the decision to make holders of annual passes a member had strong merit, but could be handled separately and not in the bylaws. Liza expressed concern that limiting members to people who currently use the pool was unnecessarily exclusive. Life members are already members.

In paragraph 2, keep first two sentences as proposed by Tim. Change next to, "Candidates may campaign at the pool during a posted campaign event as designated by the Board Secretary. Candidates may post a statement, not to exceed one page, and a picture on the website. The Secretary will designate a prominent location for campaign advertising, which advertising may not exceed one 8.5 x 11" sheet per candidate."

Motion for the above changes made by LP, seconded by Alan, passed 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Ricardo mentioned adding an extra masters swimming period during summer hours on Monday Evenings. This is due to an increase in masters participants.

- City of Sebastopol asked us to carry additional coverage under our Certificate of Liability. Allen will review with the City to discuss the particulars.
- Liza requested that we have a PDF file of the Spanish Outreach flyer to give to Efren Carillo.