

MINUTES
Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS
Board Meeting
August 15, 2011

In attendance: Liza Prunuske, George Kuhn, Emily Scott, Ricardo Freitas, Tim Birnie, Alan Siegle

Members of the Public: Virginia Porter, Rich Emig (from City of Sebastopol)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rich Emig from the City of Sebastopol was in attendance at the meeting and reported on the various maintenance issues facing Ives Pool. The equipment room roof has been repaired according to recommendations for the support of that roof and it is in good shape. The rusting bars in the foundation are not thought to be any great danger to the structural soundness of the entire equipment room. The pool bottom was reported as a perpetual problem. It has been 8 years since the last work was done and there have been minor repairs, costing approximately \$2,000 every other year. The major repair could be as much as \$28,000, and that would not include the small pool. In 2003 the floors of the locker room, the floor of the pool, the drains, filters and heaters were repaired. It was reported that Russ does a good job of repairing the heaters, etc, for about \$6,000 per year. There was a discussion of the difference between plaster pools and fiberglass pools, and the fact that Sebastopol has fiberglass for the flexibility based on the pool structure and the age of the pool. There was some discussion about how to predict the deterioration of the pool floor, and also how to fund repairs. Rich stated that Sebastopol was hit later than most towns by the recession, but right now there really is no money available. Ricardo stated that we need to be thinking about repairs to the floor of the pool by next fall and we probably need some contractor input to see how extensive the repairs might be. Virginia Porter raised the question as to whether there is any mechanism for evaluating bids for quality control, and who does the specs for the repair work. Rich also reported that the redevelopment funds issue is a complicated one that would depend on what the city does about being either in or out and taking those redevelopment funds. Ricardo will take some underwater pictures and provide them to Rich. Alan also indicated that he would check for other resurfacing companies.

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- Minutes from the July 25, 2011 meeting were read and approved with two changes: The new minutes will be emailed to the Board with corrections.

REPORTS

President

- Liza Prunuske reported that because she has been going to the pool at different times, she has been able to see what a great job Ricardo has been doing. She reported that she has received some emails about pool temperature and about Sunday night swimming. We talked about the possibility of website updates for the schedule.

Pool Manager's Report

- Ricardo reported that we have had a good summer, better than last year's, in part because of the good staff and the fact that income is impacted by the weather.

Treasurer's Report

- Alan reported that he is working on a new way of bookkeeping, tracking annual passes, 10-swim passes, etc. When we get that in place we will have better information, even though it cannot be compared with last year's information because that would have been under a different bookkeeping method. Alan also suggested that we start thinking of next year's budget. Alan provided copies of this year's budget, which looked good.

OLD BUSINESS

Splash Party

- The Splash Party will be held October 15, 2011 from 3-6 p.m. There will be demonstrations of some of the programs held at Ives Pool. We discussed having low-budget food available of hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. There was some discussion about having a pie-eating contest to determine quality rather than quantity of pies. There would be a recognition time with the idea that we would recognize the work done on the garden, staff members, board members who are leaving, honoring Laurie Aho as a life-time supporter of Ives Pool, and we would introduce the tile fundraiser. Tim will contact Greg Jacobs and Ronda Berney about finding available musicians for entertainment. Discussed a possible budget of \$500.

Newsletter

- Newsletter: Emily handed out the draft newsletter and requested feedback. There was a discussion about forming a 100-mile club and looking for corporate sponsors to offer rewards, i.e. at 50 miles. We talked about having any Ives Pool member be eligible for the 100-mile challenge and creating an equivalent program for the water aerobics participants so that they would get a gift (i.e., towel, cap, shirt, water bottle or bag).

Capital Projects

- Ricardo reported that he is going to look for a contractor to do the waterproofing on the benches and he would like to do that before December. No work has been done on the signs. Lynn Deedler is in charge of that project and he is out of town.

- Shade Structure: It was decided by the Board based on a motion made and seconded, and unanimously passed, that we are not going to take on Sebastopol with all their requirements for building the shade structure, but rather use Ezy-Ups.
- Hot water heater: Alan will pursue checking on whether CVS needs energy credits and might be willing to contribute toward any work on the hot water heater.
- Ricardo reported that the staff locker room will be refloored on Wednesday, August 17.
- There was a discussion about using Deedler funds for some immediate improvements and also the fact that the Fort Bragg pool has a website with much detail on the tiles and how they have done it. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously passed that we will purchase a pass at their pool which is having tremendous financial problems.

New Board Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be held on September 26, which will be the annual meeting in which nominations for the Board of Directors will be accepted. Tim will prepare a flyer to post in the locker rooms and at the pool, calling for nominations from the public, and pointing out that those nominations will need to be made at the annual meeting.