

MINUTES
Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS
Board Meeting
February 28, 2011

In attendance: Liza Prunuske, Emily Scott, Alan Siegle, Lynn Deedler, Virginia Porter, Ricardo Freitas, Tim Birnie.

Member of the Public: Willow DeCenzo, Lyn Lemaire

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

MINUTES

- The Board approved the minutes from the January 24, 2011 meeting, with two corrections: Diane Nixon is corrected to read Diane Nissen; and regarding the Latino Outreach, minutes should read \$2,800 would be used to outsource the job, rather than \$2,500. With those corrections the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Willow DeCenzo commented about her experience with aquatherapy and the need for a brochure to get the word out. She has had such a positive experience with aqua therapy and swimming in the pool, and seen improvements to her diabetes, and suggested that perhaps a brochure could be distributed to doctors' offices.

REPORTS

President

- Liza reported that there is going to be a "State of the Pool" presentation on March 15, 2011 to the Sebastopol City Council.

Pool Manager

- Ricardo reported that the high school swimming started two weeks ago and that program looks good. The vacuum has been fixed, the digital thermometer has helped create less variation in the water temperature and reduced the concerns that people have had about the water temperature. Ricardo distributed a postcard and a handout for the summer swim lessons. He reported pursuant to the attachments to these minutes, the various numbers showing the pool open 355 days, 4572 hours, 72,000 people have used the pool, and other statistical facts about the pool.

Treasurer's Report

- Alan Siegle reported that the \$10,000 depreciation was not an actual expense, but it was an underlined accounting adjustment. We will see what that figure is for the year 2010. Alan also reported that he will handle insurance payments, some of which were made two weeks ago. Eric handled those payments in the past, but Alan will take over. Ricardo signs the checks.

OLD BUSINESS

Latino Outreach

- Ricardo, George and Emily met and had a successful meeting regarding Latino Outreach. They are trying to increase the goal to be able to measure the lessons in effectiveness, setting goals, getting program sponsors, including business sponsors, and they recommended accepting the C2 proposal. Willow DeCenzo suggested that there might be a way to get the information onto message boards in Laundromats and other places in order to get the information out to the public.

By-Law Revision

- Liza proposed a revision to the By-Laws: Article 4: Officers, Section 2© is amended to add the following sentence: If two candidates tie for third place when three board seats are up for election or for second place when two seats are up for election, the two candidates may choose to share one board seat and one vote.

The revision was approved by unanimous vote.

Tim Birnie will make that revision to the By-Laws for presentation at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Projects

- Lynn Deedler presented a list prior to the meeting of potential projects which have been discussed in the past. Liza asked him to give a quick summary of those projects, which Lynn presented as follows:
 - 1) The floor is in poor condition and STS did a poor job on the floor. Lyn Lemaire reported that a woman had fallen in the locker room and the floor needs repair.
 - 2) The entry garden improvement. The Board discussed okaying parts for Brian and giving him an annual pass in appreciation for the job he has done on creating a very nice garden entrance for the pool.
 - 3) There was discussion about adding a design to the bottom of the pool to add character. There was some concern voiced by Virginia and Ricardo about the impact on the bottom of the pool and the fact that the pool is in fairly delicate condition.
 - 4) Putting in end steps and rails so that people would not have to call on the lifeguards to get out of the pool. The same concerns about impacting the pool itself were expressed and this would need to have approval from City of Sebastopol.
 - 5) Possible addition of an outdoor shower on the women's side to immediately and inexpensively meet some of the problems with the women's shower room. Virginia

brought up concern as to whether there is adequate and appropriate drainage system for any shower that might be constructed on the outer wall of the women's locker room.

6) Creating a shade structure, i.e. a steel structure over the bleachers with a 70% shade cloth. It was noted that the Board had previously approved that project.

7) The bathhouse benches: Add a new bench in the women's locker room and replace all the other benches.

8) An office conference room which would be located next to the 12' x 12' storage space, being a space that is underutilized and only has access from the park. It appears that it would be a 22' x 12' foot conference room available. This suggestion received very positive feedback.

9) A shower room addition to the women's locker room to permanently resolve the problem that has been noted for years in that space.

10) Improvements to the staff bathroom.

11) Discussion about improving the alcove, which was the original Deedler project.

12) A sign for Ives Pool, which was approved six years ago, to be placed above the entrance to the office of Ives Pool and high enough to be seen from the street.

13) Work on the deck. Ricardo indicated that there is need for some repair work, but it is not at a desperate stage at this point. The same is true for work needed on the bulkhead.

14) Emily brought up another potential project of lighting at the shallow end of the pool during evening swim.

There is \$36,000 in the Deedler Trust Account and probably about \$80,000 in the general account. Further discussion took place about how to choose which projects and what we might do to raise funds. Liza asked everyone to make a big picture comment about all of these projects. Emily commented about the lighting and how dim it is at the shallow end of the pool in the evenings, and she liked the idea of an office/conference area. Lynn indicated that we ought to vote on doing the less expensive projects, such as benches, signage, gardening, steps, shade structure, and look at how to get the membership to help with bigger projects. Tim commented that he also liked getting the small projects done first, having some sort of evaluation process for the bigger projects, and let us look at some kind of matching funds program to get contributions from the public. Liza thought it would be a good idea to seek donations. She was very positive about the projects but was concerned that we hold sufficient funds in reserve to take care of future problems that might arise. Alan commented that it is easier to raise funds before a project and much harder afterwards. He also reiterated that he agreed that reserves should be kept based on our past history of financial problems. There may be some projects that could be completed right away. Alan said he thought women would prefer the complete

remodel of the locker room rather than the outdoor showers. Ricardo commented that he is concerned about the steps and the painting, given that the condition of the pool is precarious, especially the pool bottom. He agrees that the showers and multi-purpose room were projects that needed to be done. Virginia also commented that these are exciting projects but we have to be careful with the operating budget just because we could lose school money, gas costs could go up, etc., as has happened in the past; and that we should not do anything to bias the pool and be careful about the surface. But Virginia really liked the idea of the multi-purpose room. Willow commented that she thought some work needed to be done in the locker room, including lockers or hooks in the women's locker room because there is inadequate supply of those. Lyn Lemaire stated that Ricardo had some good points about the condition of the pool and that perhaps the fund raising should be for all of the projects and then we could see how to allocate the funds.

The meeting concluded with Liza asking for proposals for fundraising with matching funds, and that each Board member before the next meeting agree to prioritize the list of projects so that we can make some commitments to get those projects completed as soon as possible.

Next Board Meeting Date:

- It was agreed that the next meeting will be held March 21, 2011. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
- A further meeting was held in a closed door session regarding Ricardo's contract.