

MINUTES
Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS
Board Meeting
July 25, 2011

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

Members of the Public: George Triest

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

MINUTES

- Minutes from the June 20, 2011 meeting were read and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- George Triest thanked the entire board for a job well done and suggested that the Board should delegate a director for the various projects, the obvious choice being Ricardo as the Aquatics Director, to supervise the projects and see them through to completion.

REPORTS

President

- Liza Prunuske reported that she had drafted a letter to the Deedlers, thanking them formally and requesting a change to Nancy Deedler's bequest. She met with Ricardo and was in communication with Lynn Deedler about the various projects. She met with Mark regarding the shelter.

Pool Manager's Report

- Ricardo reported that it had been a good summer. The use of the pool depends very much on the weather, but that the merchandise is selling well and people seem to be happy with the current schedule. There was some discussion about our Facebook page. Ricardo reported that on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays they are keeping lanes open during the public swim for lap swimmers. We are getting 400-500 hits per week on our website. He reported that the Healdsburg pool had been sold to the school district in Healdsburg. City of Sonoma had filled in their pools 6 or 7 years ago with plans to build a new pool, but those plans have now been abandoned. There has been a large increase in the numbers at our public swim and in fact, the pool reached capacity at one time. The last Masters group had 12 swimmers in it.

Treasurer's Report

- Alan Siegle presented the Treasurer's Report. It was amazing to see that the income for this year through June was almost identical to last year's income through June and the expenses are down, so the profits are up a little bit. Alan also reported how income is affected by the weather. The fog in the morning keeps people away. Lynn raised a

question about the amount that the city contributes to the pool and asked how the city budgets it. Ricardo reported that the city assigns a one-third staff person per day cost in their budget, but it is hard to measure exactly just how much they actually contribute. On that same subject, he said there are two upcoming problems which will need to be dealt with. One is the pool bottom and second is the concrete steel roof over the equipment room. That room is currently leaking and he has been told that the both the steel and the concrete have issues. Liza will invite Rich to our next Board Meeting so that we can get some answers to these questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Improvements / Future Projects Update

- Benches: Ricardo made some calls on the benches and it is agreed that wet towels, etc. could cause damage to the coating on the maple benches, and they do not make any warranty on the coating. There was some discussion regarding the benches, Lynn pointed out how the East Coast maple is better than the West Coast maple. Liza indicated that she had some alternatives that have wet guarantees, but there is the issue of the chlorine in the water and what effect that would have on the coating and on the maple. Finley Pool uses maple and Lynn felt there would be enough coats to take care of the problem. The current benches are plastic and wood and the wood absorbs water, which is why the problems occur.
- Shade Structure: Mark offered to help with the shade structure. Lynn said that he had talked to the Building Inspector, Glenn, who had two more demands about the structure. One, he wanted a structural analysis of the fence and also said that perhaps we could get a structural engineer to come out for a look and then sign off without the huge expense of getting a structural analysis of the whole fence which would be difficult to do. Second, he wants an insured company to erect the structure. The City of Sebastopol has such extreme insurance requirements that the only way to do that would be to hire a big company with lots of insurance. Perhaps we could rewrite our letter and indicate that volunteers would assemble and put up the screen structure. Ricardo brought up the fact that perhaps if that becomes too difficult we could use an EZ-Up shade structure, somewhat like the one we have, and then we would not have to deal with the city because we would have non-permanent structures. Liza pointed out that we are down to two choices: (1) Do what the city requires and have volunteers put the structure up or (2) Use non-permanent EZ-ups. Further conversations will be had with the building inspector and with Mark about how to accomplish this.
- Sign: Lynn reported that Ricardo took multiple photos so they could decide on the best place for the sign. It was decided to have the sign be above the garden area so it would be immediately visible for anyone coming into the pool from the South. After more discussion about the sign it was decided that the sign would probably be installed sometime in the fall.

- Tile project: Liza indicated that this is her busy time at work and while she had taken on that project, she will not have time to do much with it until October. We will put an article in the newsletter about the tile project.
- Ricardo reported that the flooring in the lifeguard room will be in during the months of August or September.
- Newsletter: Emily submitted a “shoddy” draft (her words) to everyone to get feedback from the Board so we can get a newsletter out as soon as possible. Liza pointed out that we need to include an article about the elections, explaining that nominations are made at the September board meeting, that anyone who wishes to be on the Board needs to become a member and must be nominated by either the election committee or nominated from the floor at the September meeting. Other ideas for the newsletter included listing the Board members, request public feedback by email or in the comment box. Mention the sponsor banners, the fall party.
- Fall Party: Ricardo will call a meeting about the fall party which will be held on October 15. Emily, Tim and George all volunteered to be on that committee and they will discuss games, nominees and awards.
- Pool Hours: A discussion was had on additional hours and George presented a proposal with a cost analysis of keeping the pool open and the number of swimmers that might be added. Ricardo felt that it would not be likely that we would add swimmers by moving the time in the mornings from 7:45 to 7:00. George raised the question about whether people really know that the lanes are open for lap swim during the public swim and how much overlap do we have between those two things? Ricardo reported that there is always a problem with scheduling and people in each group do not really want to share their time with other groups. If he had a bigger pool and he could keep it open during the magic hours of 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. , 11:30 – 2 or 4:30 – 6, and there would be plenty of lap swimmers. George brought up the question as to whether there would be some way to tweak the schedule to bring in more swimmers. Everyone agreed that there needs to be more data in order to determine how we track our swimmers and what the real costs are. The word for the meeting seems to be “mull” and we should be “mulling” over those sorts of figures and can we tweak the schedule. Everyone agreed that if there was some way to do that and it would be productive, we would do it.
- Elections: We should be “mulling over” how to run the elections. Liza states that she is going to run again, Alan was undecided. Liza is going to forward her election material to the election committee which consists of the Board members who are not running for reelection. We need to be sure that is set up so that everyone is aware that election nominations take place at the annual meeting in September, and that they need to be pool members to vote. Tim indicated that he will get a poster and announcement ready by mid-August to be posted at the pool. Emily will try to have the newsletter ready by mid-August. At the October 15 event we will introduce the candidates and end up with the election in late October.

Next Board Meeting Date

- The next meeting was scheduled for August 15 at 6:00. Following the meeting there was a short discussion about the fact that CVS seems to be going forward. They will provide a water heater for the pool. Someone would need to find out what the carbon credits are. Alan indicated that he will take on that project. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.