

MINUTES

Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS

Board Meeting, March 14, 2016

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

Guests: Many members of the Ives Pool Community

1. Public Comment

Tim opens public comments briefly to get a sense of the issues:

- Adrina, a member of the Gentle Aqua Aerobics class, raised several issues; would like the water to be warmer, would like to keep the program at three days a week, and wants the fee to be the same as all other senior rates because now they pay the highest rate of anyone using the pool.
- Tim responds by saying that the temperature is often too high for lap swimmers and it is hard to please everyone. Also, it is hard to keep a constant temperature with a large body of water outside. Tim asks for this item to be addressed at the next meeting since we have two other items regarding scheduling that are on the agenda for this meeting.
- Barbara Harris, a member of the regular Aqua Aerobics class, asked if we could add an extra class to the schedule due to extreme crowding. Ann Lenore, a second member of the Aqua Aerobics class, asked for two levels of classes at separate times; a beginning level and an experienced level.
- Tim moved this item to later in the agenda.

2. Minutes

Minutes for March were approved with edits.

3. Reports

A. President's Report: Tim Birnie

- At a recent City Council meeting that Tim attended he felt that there was good support from the Council for Ives Pool and its programs.
- Ricardo made a great presentation at the same meeting regarding the 75th anniversary of Ives Pool.

B. Pool Manager's Report: Ricardo Freitas

- We were presented a Hall of Fame award and received a plaque commemorating that event which was received by Ricardo. We will also be receiving a Proclamation from the Board of Supervisors.
- Overall attendance at the pool has been slower because of the rain.
- Good feedback on the fee increase. No problems.

C. Treasurer's Report: Bruce Reading

- The quarterly treasurer's report will be presented next month. The Board has recently changed that report to quarterly format since there is little change month to month and it saves paper.

4. Public Comment

Tim reopens public comment.

Master Swimming agenda item.

- Master Swimmers present a case for having the whole pool instead of half a pool during their practice time. Donita, the Master's coach, states that they need the whole pool and not just three lanes because they have many levels of swimmers and it is too crowded in each lane. Several members of the public reiterate this point.
- Kevin Keating, a Master Swimmer, states that we cannot attract or retain new members to the class because it is too limited on space. Several Master Swimmers reiterate these points.
- Ricardo Freitas, Pool Manager, points out that the number of swimmers in the class do not really justify the request for the whole pool.
- Board member Amanda Bratberg reiterates the concerns of the public.
- Board member Bruce Reading wants to know what the lap swimmer numbers are for that time period. Ricardo does not have that count.
- Board member Linnea Tennison thinks it would be good marketing for the pool to have a larger Master's class and suggests that they should have the whole pool as requested.
- Board member Amanda Bratberg wonders, "What is the down side of giving this idea a try for the summer?"
- Ricardo suggest that we try it for one night of the week.
- Board member Zora Hanson suggests granting their request and does not think it is an unreasonable demand for time.
- Zora Hanson makes a motion to allow the Master Swimmers to have the entire pool three days a week from 6:15-7:15pm for the duration of this summer as a trial.
- The motion carries 5 ayes, 0 nos.

Aqua Aerobics agenda item.

- Ann Krinard wants to add an additional class due to crowding during the class stating a concern for safety of the class members. She has drafted a tentative schedule change to accommodate this idea.
- Many members of the class reiterate her request.
- Ricardo responds with these points; The pool has too many demands for time to accommodate this request, the summer is especially crowded with many programs vying for pool time because in the summer the pool accommodates swim lessons and public swim as well as all of the other uses, there are programs not reflected on the schedule because at times the pool is split with several users at a time, and the numbers of people in aqua aerobics are higher in the summer, however, the night class added in summer is not well attended.
- Public comments include; maybe we should limit class size, maybe we put the talkers in another pool, maybe the slower people should go to Gentle Aqua Aerobics, and maybe we could cut off attendees after the class has started. Ricardo will talk to instructors and ask them to address the issue of socializing in class and, you cannot move people to Gentle Aqua Aerobics because it is full.
- Michele Bellah thinks that the locker room is way too small. Ricardo states that we may have news about that soon.
- Ann Krinard wonders if there is a letter from the whole Aqua Aerobics community would it make a difference.
- Sara Schomp thinks we need a bigger pool and that we start a fund raiser to achieve that goal.
- The Board agrees that we cannot solve it now and there is no motion made to add classes.

5. New Business

- We need to add Linnea as a signatory on the bank accounts.
- Bruce is the only signatory on the Schwab account and Tim volunteers to get his name on that account.
- There is a motion to add Tim Birnie to the Schwab account and remove Liza Prunuske. The Board votes unanimously in agreement.
- The Board wants a Plaque made for the 75th anniversary. Zora thinks we should have a celebration at the pool. Ricardo thinks there is little interest in that.

6. Old Business

No old business

7. Set Next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, April 18, 5:30 pm at Ives Pool.

Board Minutes prepared by Zora Hanson, Secretary