

MINUTES

Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS

Board Meeting – Monday October 15, 2012

In attendance: Liza Prunuske, Lynn Deedler, Randi Flecker, George Kuhn, Tim Birnie, Katie Siegle and Emily Scott

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

MINUTES

- September minutes were approved with three corrections.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- Katie assisted with the interview process and was present for the Board meeting. Randi presented the report. Her report follows:
- Lynn Deedler has declined to run for the Board this election.
- Randi reminded candidates that she needed candidate statements in order to post them.
- Lynn asked if the election is uncontested. The Nomination Committee confirmed that it is an uncontested election. There are three open seats and three candidates running. Liza pointed out how heartening it was to see so many interested potential candidates there were.
- Lynn suggested that because the election is uncontested that the Board bypasses the remainder of the election process, provided that the bylaws allow for this kind of situation.
- Liza asked if someone was willing to make a motion that there's no election due to the circumstances. The Board was in agreement and it was decided that instead there should be a letter to notify members that there will be no formal election. She asked that each candidate write a short statement about what they'd like to see accomplished over the next few years of their term. These statements would then be drafted into a formal letter to Ives Pool members.
- George suggested that in upcoming elections we ask potential candidates to attend a Board meeting.
- Lynn asked why we have two election meetings. He said that the Annual Meeting is a remnant of when the Sea Serpents ran the Board and had an annual dinner and election meeting. Lynn and that we should consider one election meeting and call it the "Nomination Meeting". He hopes the Board will refine the policies on how future election meetings are organized.

- Liza stated that bylaw revisions need to be addressed and asked Emily to put that out as an issue for discussion.

PRESIDENT REPORT

- In addition to the election, Liza said she's been working on the lift, as it's not working properly. It was installed to where it's parallel to the slanted deck and not the pool surface, as it should be. It is jumpy and doesn't seem secure. Pool users have also noticed this. The City installed it so she's trying to follow up with them. Lynn confirmed that the lift was incorrectly installed at an angle.

POOL MANAGER REPORT

- There was no report from the Pool Manager because Ricardo was out of town.

TREASURER REPORT

- George started the report on a positive note. The pool was slightly down in total income for September compared to last year; however, the decline was offset by a slight improvement to total expenses vs. last year. He sees general improvements.
- The group swim lessons numbers are a little better than last year. He wondered if Vamos a Nadar outreach has contributed to this.
- He is excited about January so that he can finally do a full year analysis of pool numbers and begin comparing income revenue by user group vs. the prior year.
- The Operating Account is slightly ahead. He is still working on consolidating the savings accounts into one or two capital accounts.
- George is also researching investment strategies. He listed high yield bonds, mutual funds and American funds as options. He said the Board should pick something that doesn't require monthly management, but rather something that's low maintenance and reliable.

OLD BUSINESS

- Liza added that water temperature should be discussed during this portion of the meeting.
- Emily shared some ideas about how to approach the development of Pool Office policies. Emily, Randi and Ricardo plan on meeting in order to start compiling a list of policies to bring to the Board.
- The Board was pleased that the Ives Pool Book Club has been successful.

BENCHES

- Lynn presented photos of the new benches. He pointed out a problem. The ends of the benches are sharp and the bottom sides are not sealed, though Lynn has specified

otherwise with the company. The Board discussed various methods to correcting this issue as quickly as possible.

- Lynn has a quote from a contractor who runs a cabinet shop. The quote was \$1,000 for installation though insurance may be an issue. Lynn stated that he was able to persuade the contractor to waive insurance fees. Lynn's intention is for the benches to go to a shop to be radiused, and for other basic finishing. He anticipates \$500.00 for the job.
- George asked if the company is responsible, to which Lynn replied that we should pick our battles. He feels that he got a good price for beautiful benches. He asked if negotiating with the company is something we really want to take on for the time it will take.
- It was suggested that Lynn ask the company to send some of their extraordinary sealer in exchange for the trouble. Lynn said that spar varnish works very well but would take a week to dry.
- Lynn requested that he work with the contractor and move forward with the repair and installation process. He stated that the floors still need to be repaired, so he can use the bench process as an opportunity to measure out any specs for the floor repairs.
- There are two extra benches for the women's room.
- Tim moved to authorize Lynn to move forward with the project.
- Tim also moved to authorize Lynn to be permitted to spend up to \$2,000, which includes touch ups and paint.
- The contractor Lynn is interested in working with is Mike Meyes, of Maganda Natural Builders. (<http://www.magandanaturalbuilders.com>)

WATER TEMP

- Liza brought up the water temperature issue, claiming that she agrees that it does feel a little cooler as the season's cooling. Emily agreed. She said she hasn't seen the temperature over 81 degrees, but always under (in the morning). She would like to see the temperature increased slightly, as winter temperatures are much cooler. Katie and Emily agreed that it may help to have it half a degree warmer. Katie also stated that it's often below 81 degrees. Lynn feels that we should listen to the aqua aerobicizers and make the pool a bit warmer for the cool season.

NEW BUSINESS

- It's time to send out a membership campaign letter. Liza would like to hear ideas for the letter, and to have it sent around Thanksgiving.

- Lynn suggested that the election and membership campaign letter be lumped together. Another idea was to send out the election letter, then a membership and party invite letter.
- Tim said a poster would help. Tim and Randi offered to help design a poster for the membership campaign.
- The Board discussed various ideas for what to put on the poster. Emily and George recalled some funny Uncle Sam inspired underwater photos they took for an earlier campaign. Emily told Tim she'd email the photos to him.
- George suggested a Facebook campaign. He stated that Facebook is a very powerful tool and it gets people involved.
- Liza said that she had an idea spawned from an interview with Lynn. She thinks we should all take some time, go somewhere pleasant, have a potluck and retreat and think about our long-term goals. It would be a way for the Board to connect and share ideas. The Board was in agreement.

PROCUREMENT POLICIES

- Liza discussed how to go about constructing policies. Tim and George said they would like to help design a Board Handbook. Liza said that she has examples of nonprofit procurement policies that she would gladly share with them.
- Tim suggested that they invite longstanding past Board members on the committee. Tim will chair this committee.

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 6pm at Ives Pool

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Lynn requested that the Board to take a look at the women's restroom during the day. He believes it should be reasonably cleaner. He also pointed out that the men's room has peeling paint. In light of this, he thinks that cleanliness/maintenance standards should be raised.
- Liza has seen a matrix wheel that scores various issues in a helpful way. Randi also suggested a checklist that can apply to weekly, monthly and yearly maintenance.
- Tim said there should be a limit to shower time and that the men's restroom could use a fresh sign.
- Lynn recalled that there's some touch up painting to do and that it would be easy to accomplish when the old benches are removed.

- Liza concluded that though the facility is quite clean, the Board should address a more standardized way to go about maintaining the facilities in order to keep an eye on wear and tear, and that a checklist might help.
- The Winter Sing Along was also discussed for the month of December. Emily and Liza are on the committee. They intend to have the local Love Choir sing holiday music, serve hot beverages and invite people to a cozy pot luck.
- Lastly, Lynn recommended that while the locker rooms are being worked on, the Board should consider painting the walls.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53PM