

## MINUTES

### Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS

#### Board Meeting, October 21, 2013

**In attendance:** Ricardo, Liza, Tim, Randi, Emily and Bruce Reading

**September Minutes** were approved with a few corrections.

#### **Nomination Committee Report:**

- Emily and Tim reported and presented their candidates for the election: Liza Prunuske, existing Board member, and Bruce Reading, a longtime pool-user. Emily and Tim introduced Bruce to the group and described his background with Ives and his abilities as a future Board member.

#### **Annual Meeting:**

- Tim suggested that in the future we make more of an effort to invite others to attend the Annual Meeting.
- Emily asked if an election needs to be held when there will be no reason to vote (2 candidates, 2 seats). Liza replied with a motion to suspend the election since we have only two interested candidates and instead, introduce the nominees in the upcoming membership letter. Tim moved, Randi seconded, all in favor.

#### **President's Report:**

- Liza has been responding to a lot of emails, especially about the water temperature. She was happy to hear that some pool users have been contacting the city (who adjusts the pool temperature) directly.
- Ricardo reiterated that temperatures fluctuates a lot.
- Liza suggested that Board members rotate on email responsibility. Emily agreed, and said that Liza's been the primary email recipient from pool users for many years and that everyone should take turns. Tim offered to take over emails. He also said that he wants to work on reviewing the bylaws and old minutes.
- Liza suggested that we implement monthly email rotations. Everyone was in agreement.
- Annual Letter ideas: fish sculpture, big year for construction, painting and aesthetics, we've had the same prices for 10 years running.

#### **Pool Manager's Report :**

- The Facebook page is very popular. People are getting a lot of information from that source including posts, pictures and videos, which provide a different perspective of the pool. The website is still updated regularly too.
- Ricardo said that it's been a hectic month after reopening and dealing with minor repairs. He's been in jury duty, which keeps him away from the pool during regular business hours.
- Ricardo mentioned that he is a Board member of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce. Last weekend was a Chamber of Commerce fair. He said it was interesting and that he had good

conversations with local officials.

- Liza asked Ricardo what his involvement is with the Sonoma County Aquatics Safety Advisory Group. He said it's a group of individuals who organize Vamos a Nadar.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- George was out of town so Ricardo gave the report.
- August was ahead in sales but got a little behind due to the closure.
- Donations this year aren't as high as last year.
- The Operating Account has diminished some due to the cost of the pool steps that Ives paid for.
- Ricardo and Liza got Bruce up to speed on Treasury issues.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Steps:** Lynn Deedler sent an email to the Board that said that the steps aren't ergonomically correct and should be repaired. Nobody has complained about them, though some say they cause you to lean back as you are exiting the pool on account of the placement of the handles. The City has been notified.
- **Sculpture Jam:** Mark Level designed a base for the fish but his plans were modified. The city installed the base and Mark is concerned about its structural integrity. A retrofit "fish boots" has been advised and is underway. Mark Level, an SRJC welding instructor, and the city are involved. Steven Chatham of Prunuske Chatham also advised on safe ways to reinstall the base.
- Randi mentioned that the paint is flaking off of the fish.

#### **Community Forum Discussion:**

- As a continuation of the discussion to plan a community forum, everyone agreed that November is too soon to hold the event, plus people are busy during the holidays. The goal is January, as it's a quiet time of the year and more people will be in town. Liza said she will include that in the membership letter.
- The meeting could entirely focus on the expansion or also include other topics.

#### **Conference for Ricardo:**

- Ricardo found an annual conference that focuses on the fitness business. It's called the *Athletic Business Conference and Expo*. It will be held from November 20-23. There are several aquatic panels. Ricardo made a budget for the entire conference: \$1,183, though the Board decided upon \$1,500, with food. Liza made a motion to approve expenses for Ricardo's conference. Emily moved, Tim seconded, all in favor.

#### **Next Meeting: November 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM at Ives Pool**

#### **Items of Interest:**

- Tim would like to hold another stroke clinic. Early January would be good because a lot of people are back from trips and want to get back into the pool and into shape after the holidays.

#### **Meeting Adjourned at 7:52PM**