

MINUTES
Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS
Board Meeting
September 26, 2011

In Attendance: Liza Prunuske, Alan Siegle, Emily Scott, Tim Birnie, Ricardo Freitas, Virginia Porter, George Kuhn

Members of the Public: Randi Flecker

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

MINUTES

- Minutes from the August 15, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS

Nominating Committee

- Nominations for next year's Board of Directors were as follows: Mark Mills-Thysen, was nominated by Tim Birnie; Liza Prunuske and Randi Flecker nominated themselves. It was found out later that Mark Mills-Thysen was not a member of Ives Pool, and therefore could not be on the ballot. Therefore, we only have two people running for the two positions. Some discussion took place about the election schedule. It was decided that the mailing of the ballots with the candidates' statements would be completed by October 10, 2011 and that any voter can drop off their ballot at the pool during the week before the election into the ballot box, or they can mail the ballots at any time as long as they arrive by October 24.

President

- Liza Prunuske reported that she contacted Kenyon Webster about getting City approval for the proposed sign. Kenyon will take it to the City Council. She also reported that many people had contacted her to state that the pool has been cooler than usual and is uncomfortable. Further discussion of the temperature occurred later in the meeting.

Pool Manager's Report

- Ricardo reported that summer's lessons were very successful with 30-35 more lessons this year than last year. The fourth session had 105 kids and parents seemed to be very happy with the lessons overall. Ricardo reported that Vamos a Nadar had the biggest group in the County at our pool with 78 people, with Healdsburg being next with 48. There were a total of 314 lessons given. Ricardo thought that were about 18-20 follow-up lessons at Sebastopol, and in the past there have been only 8-9. He reported that he had travelled to Denver and seen a similar idea to our tile fundraiser, but done with

bricks, and thought it looked good. There are some issues with a light repair at the pool. He encouraged everyone to look at Ives Pool's Facebook page to encourage people to join. Ricardo has also been working on Splash Bash and a subsequent meeting has been held to give Ricardo the information he needs to get the plaques. He mentioned that the City of Sonoma wants to get some information about why Ives Pool is successful and would like to come over and look at our pool operation.

Treasurer's Report

- Alan Siegle reported that the decision was made to not change our accounting system until the beginning of next year. To do so now would cause problems. Included in this Treasurer's report was a breakdown of income from all the various sources and it was very helpful.

OLD BUSINESS

Splash Bash

- Ricardo showed us the sign which he had made and is mounted outside the pool. Everyone agreed that it is a nice-looking sign. Liza will ask the aqua aerobics instructors if any could give a demonstration at the Splash Bash. George suggested that we put the agenda for the Splash Bash on the website, including the information for the Pie Contest.

Capital Projects

- Sign: Waiting for City approval.
- Floor: Everyone liked the floor, although Virginia commented that it is a little dark and that it might be better to do a lighter color in the women's locker room.
- Benches: We are still awaiting a proposal. We may need to consider a different kind of wood because maple may need to be refinished every 3-4 years and we might be able to do better with a different type of wood. George was going to contact Sturgeon's Mill about getting a different kind of redwood and/or fir. Virginia brought up that it may be important to look at other kinds of materials as well.
- Steps: Ricardo was not in favor of doing anything like that because there are more important projects, and also it is more of a City project because it involves the structure of the pool. He also reported that he has not really had any complaints from pool users about our current set up. Virginia pointed out that in the City contract anything structural is their responsibility and if we were to do anything we would want to be recognized for our stepping into new territory to help the City. Ricardo reiterated that the main concern is the floor of the pool. We may need to look at some fundraising to make sure that is taken care of even if the City cannot afford it.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Pool Temperature:** Further discussion about the pool temperature occurred and it was agreed that we move it up slightly and monitor that for a month to see if there is a positive impact. There was a discussion about the cost and the water quality consequences of raising the temperature, especially given that the range from September 6 through September 26 was 80.7 to 82.2 degrees. Ricardo reported that he uses three different thermometers to measure the temperature and takes it at different times during the day.
- **Membership Campaign:** It is time for the Membership Campaign to take place. Ricardo is going to contact Mary at the City of Sebastopol to see if a note can be put in their mailer.

Next Board Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2011 at which the election results for the Board of Directors will be determined.