

MINUTES

Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS

Board Meeting, September 9, 2013

In attendance: Ricardo, Liza, Tim, Randi, George and Emily. Barbara Deedler for Public Comment.

July Minutes were approved with two corrections.

President's Report:

- The inset steps are in and look great. Ives is paying for all four sets.
- Barbara Deedler thanked everyone for helping get the steps approved and installed.

Pool Manager's Report:

- Ricardo had a challenging month due to the construction but he said everything's on time and going as planned.
- The painters are almost done, the shower hot water heaters are being fixed and there are a few small jobs for the locker rooms before the pool reopens.
- The fall schedule is going smoothly. Public swim doesn't seem very popular lately. August was slow because of cool weather.
- Liza asked Ricardo if aqua aerobics students could stay in the pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the lap swim starts. There's a small gap of time between them and wondered if this was okay. Ricardo replied that it's problematic because that time slot is a staff break. Since there's not a lifeguard around during that break, it would be unsafe to leave swimmers unsupervised.
- There has been a problem with a man staying in the shower for too long. He will stay in the shower for long periods and is mean to staff when they ask him to stop showering. He also uses 30 or more paper towels to dry himself. George asked how we should regulate this issue. Ricardo said we regulate by time usage and that we have the right to refuse service, if necessary. Ricardo asked permission to make a sign.
- Barbara asked about getting new shower heads. Ricardo told her they've already been replaced. There are now grab bars in the locker rooms too.

Treasurer's Report:

- The CD's are taken care of. There are two year and one year CD's.
- George will provide a full report after checking with the accountant for some details.

Old Business

- Tim asked who cleans the solar panels. Ricardo does, twice a year.
- Liza mentioned that she, George, Tim and Ricardo are still figuring out disability requirements for future projects.

- Tim suggested proceeding in a step-by-step fashion as we advance toward the remodel. He also thinks we should have a public meeting once plans are clarified. Ricardo agreed that a meeting would generate feedback from pool users. The Board agreed that a public meeting and potluck in November or December at the Vet's Hall would be ideal.
- Liza's short-term goal for the remodel is to write a request for proposals, then have each architect come and do a proposal of their ideas, then the Board and Pool Manager can decide collectively.

New Business:

- Ricardo mentioned that some painting and minor repairs are needed for the locker rooms (\$1,600), two new covers for the pool (~\$1,200) and plumbing work in the men's showers (~\$700). Tim moved to authorize Ricardo to spend up to \$4,000 on repairs. All in favor.
- Regarding the generous donation from Laurie Horn, money should go toward scholarships. Tim moved that we use the money for the "Laurie Horn Scholarships", and that \$1,000 be added to the scholarship budget. All in favor.
- Wella Hartig, Aaron Peirsol's mother, wrote a book about raising swimmers. She would like to do a book signing at Ives Pool. Ricardo said it would be best on a night before Masters practice so that Masters and SSS swimmers can attend. Emily said she would email pool users and local teams. Ricardo said he would schedule it and let everyone know the date soon.
- We have a donor who is willing to match funds and is also interested in giving Ives Pool stock.

Election Schedule:

- Liza is running; Randi declined on running a second term.
- Tim and Emily explained their plans for the election. They discussed potential candidates and plan on having ballots out by November 1st.

Annual Pass Policy:

- Liza said it would be good for everyone to know the policy on Annual Passes. She gets many queries about it from pool users. From the day you buy until the same day the following year, the pass covers everything but swim lessons and private lessons.
- If you come 3 or more days per week the pass pays for itself.
- There is no disabled pass and there are no disability discounts.
- One can purchase the pass all at once or pay in three consecutive months.
- Ricardo suggested corporate passes, where a company buys the pass for their employees and the rate comes out of their paycheck in small amounts.
- Tim thinks we need to offer a family pass. Emily suggested that for each family member who buys an additional pass, a discount is given.
- Liza was wondering if young people with disabilities, who can't make a regular paycheck, should get a discount.

Next Meeting: October 21, 6:00PM at Ives Pool

Items of Interest:

- Tim announced that he spoke to a frustrated swimmer who was swimming at the pool on a Saturday during lap swim and wanted to bring his young child into the lane with him. The lifeguard said he couldn't and explained the rule that there must be fewer than 6 people in the pool for a swimmer to bring a child into a lane with them. Ricardo reminded everyone that lap swim is for adults and that children often slow down adults and that this is a standard pool policy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM