

## MINUTES

### Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS

#### Board Meeting, September 29, 2014

**In attendance:** Ricardo Freitas, Tim Birnie, Emily Scott, Bruce Reading, Virginia Anderegg, Liza Prunuske

**Guests:** Amanda Bratberg

#### 1. Public Comment

No public comment

#### 2. Minutes

Minutes for August were approved.

#### 3. Reports

##### A. President's Report:

- Tim sketched the fish sculpture for Ricardo to use on the Pool's new shopping bag.

##### B. Pool Manager's Report:

- Ricardo reported on work completed during pool closure:
  - a. It was a challenging job to get the blocks installed so they were level. Our old pool deck is NOT level! Ricardo expressed his gratitude for the City's Public Works crew for doing such a great job.
  - b. The water temperature calibration is ongoing with the new heater. The City is still adjusting to get the right temperature. Sometimes, parts of the pool are much hotter than others.
  - c. A new humidifier was installed in the women's shower room. The City crew also replaced the broken fan.
  - d. Both locker rooms were given a thorough cleaning.
  - e. Painting of the locker rooms was delayed as it was a very busy time for the painter. He will do the touch-up painting on a weekend night this winter so we will not have to close. The cost of the painting is higher than anticipated (\$2,900) primarily because after the thorough cleaning, it was apparent that more touch-up was needed than originally estimated.
  - f. Two outside benches were spruced up. Ricardo would like to add two more benches.
- Fall swim lessons are doing well.
- Sales overall at the pool are up 10% from last year.
- Ricardo is ordering re-usable Ives Pool shopping bags. He suggested, and the Board concurred, that we sell them for \$3 each, which is about the cost of producing them.

##### C. Treasurer's Report:

- Bruce presented the financial reports. August revenue is 13% higher than last year while expenses remain the same.
- Tim and Bruce will check with the City to make sure that the allocation of assets (who owns what between City and WSCS) in our bookkeeping system is correct.
- Bruce will e-mail a CD laddering strategy to Board members before the next meeting so that we can make a decision at the October meeting.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **A. Election Committee Report**

Bruce and Liza presented statements from two excellent candidates, Zora Hansen and Amanda Bratberg. Amanda was at the meeting and introduced herself to the full Board. Both Zora and Amanda are regular pool users—Zora currently with water aerobics and Amanda a lapswimmer who is on the SMAC (Masters) team—with strong commitment to our pool community. Given that we have two strong new candidates, Virginia Anderegg withdrew her candidacy.

Virginia Anderegg moved that since we have three candidates—Tim Birnie, Amanda Bratberg, and Zora Hansen—for three positions, we forego a formal election this year and instead make an announcement to our membership to introduce the new members. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

##### **B. Review Bylaws Regarding Election Process**

In preparation for changing from open election of board members to the current board appointing new members, Virginia and Tim will work on a statement outlining guidelines for selecting new board members. Criteria will include representation of the diversity of pool users and ability to contribute to the duties of a working volunteer board.

##### **C. Annual Calendar Review**

Virginia presented the latest version of the calendar. It will be an ongoing tool and a work in progress. Liza suggested adding the annual selection of Board officers.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **A. New vacuum cleaner**

Liza moved that the Board approve up to \$3,000 for purchase of a new pool vacuum cleaner. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

##### **B. Annual membership letter**

Tim will draft a letter to send out before the holiday season.

##### **C. Holiday Sing-Along**

Ricardo scheduled the Sing-Along for Sunday, November 30. We will also inaugurate the new blocks on that day and celebrate the new plaque in honor of Pete Hill. We will also reinstall the old plaque from the shower room building found recently by City staff.

##### **D. Heads-up on future repairs.**

Ricardo reported that the shower room benches are getting scratched and will likely need refinishing in a year or two. Also, we need to replace the steps that the water aerobics and gentle fitness classes use.

##### **E. Next meeting**

The next meeting October 20, 6:00 pm at Ives Pool. Instead of meetings in both November and December, the Board agreed to meet once on December 8.

Minutes prepared by Liza Prunuske, Secretary.