

MINUTES

Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS

Board Meeting, September 14, 2015

In attendance: Ricardo Freitas, Liza Prunuske, Bruce Reading, Amanda Bratberg, Zora Hanson

Guests: No guests

1. Public Comment

No public comment

2. Minutes

Minutes for August were approved with edits.

3. Reports

A. President's Report:

- President not present, nothing to report.

B. Pool Manager's Report:

- Weather has been good- busy days with high attendance for programs.
- Fall swim lessons are going well. One more sessions has been added.

C. Treasurer's Report:

- August income is up with expenses down. Year-to-date income is down with expenses up.
- Bruce will be purchasing a new CD.

4. Old and New Business

A. Update on working with Sebastopol toward locker room improvements

We are waiting for the new city engineer to come on board.

B. Pool temperature report on new thermometer

There was an electrical problem with the heater, which caused cooler temperatures for a short time that water aerobics could feel. Ricardo will talk with the city to see if the heater can be calibrated on a regular schedule to see if adjustments need to be made. Ricardo was recording temperatures, which were within 80-81 degrees.

There is room for improvements with the new thermometer attached to the stairs for water aerobics. This thermometer only has lines for each 2 degrees, so Ricardo will look for a thermometer with lines for every degree. Some people are using the thermometer during water aerobics and it seems to be detecting the temperature okay.

There are some questions from water aerobics about whether or not the regular water temperature can be raised. It was brought up that the water temperature was raised previously, however there are other programs such as swim team that do need a cooler temperature. This topic will need to be addressed again.

C. Feedback on snacks

The patrons who suggested different healthier snack options were tasked with providing a list of options.

The pool will not be purchasing soda next year. The snack profit goes toward certifications, holiday gifts for lifeguards, etc.

D. Pay rates with study on comparable pools

New proposal for pool fees: fees go up by \$0.50. The fee change would be adopted on February 8th, 2016. A letter will be posted in December with the new fees, why the fees are going up, and the benefits for the pool.

Ricardo spoke to other local pools and found our new pool fees are comparable to their fees. For example, Petaluma and Santa Rosa have \$5 drop in fees which is what our drop in fee will be.

Board unanimously voted for fee increase

E. Create timeline on improvements

This discussion will be pushed back to the next month's meeting.

F. Begin board selection process, Liza is out

The secretary will create a flyer to be posted in the men's and women's locker room and on the website announcing the upcoming vacancy on the board. The announcement will be posted on Monday 9/21/15 and will let the community know they should email the secretary by Monday, 10/19/15 if they preferably have a background in construction management/ public works projects and wish to interview for the vacancy.

G. Discussion on Robert's Rules of Order as applied to board

The structure of how the public comment portion of the meeting should be held and how to keep the board meetings on track with facilitation of meaningful and direct conversations needs to be addressed again when all board members are present. A discussion on meeting times should also be discussed- should board meetings be moved to bi-monthly when there are no special projects?

Liza has a good outline of how public comment should be held, which was emailed to the board and a handout was given at the meeting, where there is a clear distinction between public comment and when board discusses the public comment and votes. If there are few public, comments can go longer than 3 minutes, however there should still be a max time decided before public comment with the president making sure the public and the board stay on track. If the public stays the entire meeting, then there also needs to be clear expectations on when they can be involved.

In regards to the rest of the board meeting, the president should keep the board on track so we do not get lost in piggy backing ideas, skipping around agenda items, and getting lost in stories. Structure/rules are important and the purpose is the keep dialogue meaningful, direct, applicable and not hamper a conversation to expedite the meeting. We can tailor rules to our board, but there does need to be clear rules and expectations for both the public and the board.

H. Board donation to Valley Fire

The board donated \$200 to the Valley Fire Fund.

5. New Business

A. Set Next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, October 26, 5:30 pm at Ives Pool.

Board Minutes prepared by Amanda Bratberg, Secretary