

## **MINUTES**

### **Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS**

#### **Board Meeting September 17, 2012**

In attendance: Liza Prunuske, Ricardo Freitas, Lynn Deedler, Randi Flecker, George Kuhn and Emily Scott

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

- Liza requested to move the Annual Meeting to October 15, with the Board Election to be held in November. This is because Liza and Randi had a hard time getting potential nominees together for interviews. The counting of the ballots will take place on November 19.

#### **MINUTES**

- Minutes from July were approved with a few minor corrections.

#### **PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Liza has been focusing on the election.
- She has also been hearing comments in the pool about water temperature again. It seems to be a seasonal issue, as she hasn't heard anything about pool temperature in months.

#### **POOL MANAGER REPORT**

- The pool lift has been ordered. Ricardo is planning on contacting the City to see if they can install it.
- Business is doing well. So are swim lessons. A third session was added due to high demand.
- The swim team numbers are high.
- Hybrid Swim is not going so well. More people need to utilize those Sunday afternoon lap swim hours in order to keep the program going. The last day of Hybrid Swim this year is October 7.
- Lynn fixed the lift. Lynn asked if he could have the old lift if there's no other need for it. No one saw any problem with this.
- Ricardo said that Ives Pool is four "likes" from reaching 100 on Facebook.

#### **TREASURER REPORT**

- There is good news regarding overall earnings. Ives Pool is trending high and George can see that pool users are satisfied.

- August expenses are less than August, last year.
- There is an overall net profit of 63%. George feels that there will be a fair amount to add to the net reserve accounts.
- Ricardo reminded the Board that profits will go down, as is typical, due to seasonal decline in the coming months.
- George passed out a graphic handout detailing various allocation plans for the funds. He notified the Board that we already have a very conservative investment strategy. Though this one works well, he will come to the next Board meeting with an intended strategy for review.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Liza said that there were two interested candidates but won't run this time due to time constraints.
- She asked, "By when do voters have to be members?" People must sign up to be members by October 15<sup>th</sup> if they want to vote in this year's election.
- Liza referred to Lynn's earlier concern about Election Policy. She discovered that George had composed the minutes, which included many changes to the policies. She then read the changes to Election Policy to the Board. Lynn had a few further questions about policies, such as concerns about maximum candidate ad size and number of people in an election committee.
- Emily recalled that changes were already made to size allotments for candidates, per Lynn's request last year. She notified him that she would send him a copy of those changes made from previous minutes.
- Lynn stated that the election should be noticed differently. More signage is needed. Maybe a sandwich board? Liza said they will do their best.

### **NEW LIFT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

- The campaign has been going very well. Several members have been involved, including Anne Krinard. Liza was impressed that a seed was planted leading people to participate. She feels that these helpful people may be instrumental in moving forward with the Tile Campaign.

### **SPLASH BASH**

- An open house/pot luck is set for October 7.
- Emily asked if any activities were planned yet. The Board then brainstormed ideas. George suggested we recognize the new room. We could also present new candidates

and plans for next year. George said he knows a local DJ that would probably be interested.

- Upon further discussion, October 7 doesn't work for people. Alternatives were brainstormed. Ricardo suggested a winter event and invite local choir singers. That idea went over well. Emily offered to help plan the event.
- The Winter Open House, or as George suggested, "Holiday Hotluck" tentative date is set for December 2. This is a Sunday at 11:30AM (after aqua aerobics).

### **NEW COMPUTER NEEDED**

- Ricardo announced that a new computer was needed for the Pool Office, as the old computer will stay in the old office for the Swim Coordinator use. Liza made a motion, and all were in favor, and Lynn abstained.

### **POLICIES FOR PUBLIC USE OF NEW ROOM**

- Liza thinks we should ask a minimum charge for room use, though she and most Board members were unsure about this. There was a long discussion about whether or not there should be any fee to use the room. Lynn suggested that it should be free. There was general agreement.
- There are many policies to work out, so it was decided that a subcommittee will work on it and have policies written by the end of the calendar year. Randi, Emily and Ricardo volunteered to be the Pool Office Policy Committee.
- Liza advised that we should check with Tim about legalities with this kind of issue.

### **REVIEW OF SPENDING PROCEDURES**

- Lynn had previously suggested that spending procedures be reviewed. He discussed his ongoing concern about Pool Office expenditures. He listed off a few of his primary concerns with this issue.
- Liza asked that Lynn make a proposal. Lynn then said that because he felt that costs were being approved without his approval, he wants there to be a different policy regarding cost approval.
- It was noted that the bylaws state that a Board member can spend up to \$450.00 alone and beyond that, up to \$750.00 with Board approval.
- Lynn requested that there be a new section added to the bylaws titled **Policies**.
- Liza said she would call the past president, Virginia, for clarification and then address it at the next meeting under Old Business.

### **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT RE: POOL OFFICE**

- Lynn asked if he could have the floor for a while to discuss his concerns about expenditures. Liza expressed that she doesn't want to discuss the past as much as how to move forward. Lynn agreed and commenced his statement which follows. He stated that every one of his concerns came to fruition. He feels ignored. He felt that the Board and Steve were far too casual about finances. He vocalized tremendous passion and care for the pool and its money. In conclusion, Lynn feels that the project cost was roughly \$20,000 more than it should have been and that contract terms were not followed.
- George replied by saying that he appreciated Lynn's care and passion but passion can also derail a process if it's not managed and that we don't have a lot of time for projects. He feels that's why we pay extra for a knowledgeable consultant to do a job from beginning to end.
- Liza stated that she interpreted Steve differently than Lynn did. She completely understands his feelings and perspective, it's just that he sees things one way and many Board members see it another way.
- Liza said she wants to put on the next agenda a clearer plan for future projects.
- Ricardo suggested we come up with a list of pros and cons for future use. Emily proposed a contract writing committee.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 15, 6:00 PM at Ives Pool

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- Emily asked Lynn for information about Nancy Deedler. Emily wants to write a short bio on Nancy for the upcoming newsletter as a way to show appreciation for the new office. Lynn replied that there should be no article written about her. Emily asked if she can at least say who donated the money for the office and Lynn approved. Just no biography, as he feels that she'd want it that way.