

MINUTES
Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS
Board Meeting
March 21, 2011

In attendance: Liza Prunuske, Emily Scott, Lynn Deedler, Ricardo Freitas, Tim Birnie

Members of the Public: Lyn Lemaire, Virginia Porter

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

MINUTES

- The Minutes from the February 28, 2011 meeting were corrected to read under Treasurer's Report that the \$10,000 depreciation will be a year-end accounting adjustment, and that Ricardo does not sign the checks. With those two corrections, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

REPORTS

President

- Liza reported that she met with Ricardo and Lyn Lemaire. She attended the City Council meeting and became an expert on the leaf blower debate. She and Ricardo attended the meeting, along with Jackie and Karen, two life-long users, who made some touching and powerful comments about Ives Pool and its' community.

Pool Manager

- Ricardo reported the number of new members and additional contributions, including \$150 to the Latino Outreach and that George Kuhn's \$150 contribution had been matched by Pepsi, his employer. Ricardo further reported that he has looked into getting new bleachers and will have a price by our next board meeting. Ricardo would like to have the new bleachers be slightly smaller than the existing bleachers. He said that afternoon Rotary has indicated they will make a donation toward the purchase of those bleachers. He further reported that we have been getting 130 hits on our website per week, and that number has been increasing. The Gentle Water Fitness Class has been going well. Ricardo has been working with C2 and they are ready to print flyers for the Latino community. The high school swim program and the swim meets that have been held so far have all gone very well. He has begun sign-ups for the summer program.

Treasurer's Report

- On behalf of Alan Siegle, Liza handed out a Profit & Loss balance sheet which showed that the pool is operating on a very similar basis to last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Improvements / Future Projects

- Liza presented a spread sheet which was very helpful so that everyone can see the proposed projects. She asked each of the members to list their four highest priority projects. Tim stated that he had prioritized the projects not necessarily in what he felt was his highest priority, but rather on the basis of what could be completed. Everyone seemed to agree that we need to get some of the easier projects done.

The first project discussed was the landscaping. A motion was made and passed unanimously that we will have a \$400 budget authorizing Brian to set up irrigation for the landscaping, as well as a \$300 expense account for Brian to cover the work that he does in maintaining the landscaping. A discussion took place about whether to give Brian an annual pass, or to give him a gift certificate or a plaque. After a two-two vote and unable to agree, the Board agreed to shelve that discussion until the next Board meeting.

The second project discussed was the shade structure. That concept had been previously approved by Board members and it was decided that until there was more clarity about the bleachers, we will be unable to vote on the actual design of the shade structure. Any such design may need city approval. Tim suggested that we look at a comprehensive design for all the improvements we are considering bringing them all in line. It was decided that Liza will check with the City of Sebastopol and at the next meeting we will be better prepared to discuss the actual design. Lynn and Tim are going to work on presenting a design, in addition to whatever we may get from an architect or the City.

The third project was the benches. The Board discussed whether to have a new style of bench or to just put new boards across the top of the benches, leaving room for air circulation in the back. Lynn stated that the previous Board had talked about maple hardwood on brackets with a 1" gap in the back, and that the benches are desperately needed as a safety feature. Liza said that she will shepherd the bench project through to completion.

The next project was floor repair. Ricardo reported that STS has come back 3-4 times and actually done a worse job each time. Because of the poor work they have done, the Board had previously voted not to hire them. Ricardo indicated that the person who did the surface near the starting blocks is willing to check out the floor in the bathrooms. Ricardo will attempt to get a bid for that floor repair work, which is important to get completed. It was brought up that perhaps there could be more mats in the women's locker room.

The lighting project was discussed and Emily will look into what kind of lighting is available and practical. Lynn also indicated that there is an electrician who is a regular pool user, and while he is not a licensed commercial contractor, he could give us some ideas about how to do the lighting and what would be involved.

Elections

- A discussion took place as to who should be able to vote and how to make any future elections transparent. Liza suggested that annual pass holders are automatic members and that it would be nice if the pool users were the ones who voted in the election. Lyn Lemaire had prepared a one-page sheet of election ideas. Tim will prepare a revision of the By-Laws. That revision is included and attached to these Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Pool Closure

- Ricardo reported that there is the potential of closing the pool for one-two days because of a necessary repair to fix the sand filters.

Next Board Meeting Date

- The next meeting was set for April 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Afterthought at end of meeting

Emily brought up a question regarding how we address our postage. Some discussion took place as to whether we put name or current residence or if we just get back our mail showing that members have moved.