

MINUTES
Friends of Ives Pool / WSCS
Board Meeting
January 24, 2011

In attendance: Liza Prunuske, Emily Scott, Alan Siegle, George Kuhn, Lynn Deedler, Virginia Porter, Ricardo Freitas, Tim Birnie.

Members of the Public: Lyn Lemaire

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

MINUTES

- The Board approved the minutes from the December 13, 2010 meeting.

ELECTION

- The Slate of Liza Prunuske as President; Emily Scott and George Kuhn as Co-Vice Presidents, Tim Birnie as Secretary, and Alan Siegle as Treasurer was proposed and approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lyn Lemaire provided handouts with her ideas about fundraising programs and voting membership. The Board at a later point in the meeting decided to review those handouts and look very closely at both of those issues.

REPORTS

President

- Virginia reported about the potential meeting with City Council to give a “state of the pool” talk, and she will possibly attend that meeting with Ricardo.

Pool Manager

- Ricardo reported that there has been a change in the lifeguards’ schedule, but we have the same number of lifeguards with proper scheduling. He also met with Rhodan Vignaud regarding the aqua therapy and the fact that she is moving to Costa Rica for at least 3 months, and possibly longer. The Aqua Therapy has been an ongoing program of 2 hours per week. He talked to Diane Nixon, one of the Aqua Aerobics instructors, who has a medical background, about doing something called “Gentle Water Fitness” to continue a program much like Aqua Therapy. Diane may need to contact doctors about what is needed for the various swimmers. Ricardo reported that in the winter time there have been 10-16 participants in the program, and in the summer time approximately 20 participants. The cost to the participants is \$6.00 for one session or \$55.00 for 10 sessions. He also reported that there are some schedule changes for the pool coming up in a couple of weeks.

Treasurer's Report

- Alan Siegle handed out a year-end balance sheet and profit and loss statement with some provisos. The chlorine pump purchase will show up the January 2011 report. He also noted that there is \$10,000 of depreciation expense showing up in the 2009 report and he will be talking to the accountant about how that fits in the 2010 report.

OLD BUSINESS

Donation

- Ricardo reported that \$2,000 was donated by Friends of Ives Pool to the City of Sebastopol as part of the \$9,000 cost of the new chlorine and temperature regulator. He also reported that we have 46 new members, 68 old members for a total of 114, plus 24 lifetime memberships. The bill for the membership letter that was sent out was \$110, and there may be an additional bill for postage. There was some discussion about the fact that 20-30 letters were returned because people had moved, so we talked about updating the data base or sending out letters with the current resident on them.

Latino Outreach

- There was a discussion about the Latino Outreach program through C2 alternate services, a copy of the C2 Alternate Services proposal is attached to these minutes. There was some discussion about how to respond to this and it was pointed out that we have been involved with this program for approximately 5 years and that C2 Alternate Services has experience in communicating with the Latino community. Lynn Deedler brought up the fact that we should have a philosophical basis before we spend money on the program to see what it is we are trying to accomplish, and how to evaluate the success of meeting those goals. There was further discussion about how the purpose of the program has been to reach out to the Spanish-speaking community and let them know that they are welcome at Ives Pool, and to provide much needed swim lessons for that community. According to Ricardo, the \$2,500 would be used to outsource the job of reaching out to the Latino community, instead of that being added on to the current staff's job. As we discussed the program it became obvious that we have been involved in it, that discussions such as this have come up before.
- A motion was made by Alan to approve the proposal and to set up a sub-committee of the Board to evaluate that proposal and come back to the Board to report on how the outreach is working. Emily seconded motion. Motion passed 4-1. George and Emily volunteered to work on the committee and with Ricardo in evaluating the program. Virginia pointed out that this program has been around for 6-7 years and previous boards have also supported it.

NEW BUSINESS

Pool Vacuum

- Ricardo reported that the pool vacuum needs to be repaired and he estimated the cost at \$1,250. There was discussion on whether to replace or repair the system. Ricardo feels that this vacuum was in better shape than the previous one, which had a lot of repair

costs. Alan moved to approve up to \$1,300 to be used for repairing the pool vacuum. Emily seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Ricardo brought up that the pool service is going to need repair at some point in the future, and that the City of Sebastopol has indicated that they are worried about the funding. Discussion followed regarding the cost and determined that this is not the time to be pressing the City about the expenditure of about possible \$150,000 for pool repair. It also came up that members of the public have asked about the pool temperature. Ricardo pointed out that the controller for the chlorine and temperature is complex and that he is aware that there has been discussion about the pool being slightly cooler than in the past. Adjustments are being made. Currently, Russ Ono is the one person who does the calibrating on the temperature and chlorine control unit. There is no real back-up right now. Lynn Deedler felt that it is important to have a back-up so that if Russ Ono is unavailable we could still make adjustments. Ricardo pointed out that we could always contact the manufacturer to make adjustments as well.

Amendment to Bylaws

- It was agreed that the bylaws need to be amended to show that Emily and George will share a vote and Tim Birnie volunteered to write that amendment to the bylaws to allow them to share one vote. Lynn Deedler suggested that the amendment be specific to George and Emily. The discussion was tabled for further discussion.

Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings

- A general discussion took place as to several agenda items for the next few board meetings. One, specifically, is what to do with the Deedler funds. It was agreed that the Board members will brainstorm about our needs and ideas. Lynn Deedler volunteered to send out a list of past proposals and the cost of those proposals so we are not just spinning our wheels. It was also agreed that another agenda item will be to look at the membership again after everyone has had a chance to read and absorb Lyn Lemaire's suggestions for membership. There was further discussion that there ought to be some special benefit for membership in Ives Pool. Lynn Deedler also brought up that we need to have an attachment to the Bylaws that would always be there to show any policy changes that have been voted on by the Board. He gave some examples of policy provisions by the Board that are very difficult to find and only show up in the Minutes. We will review those past Minutes for the policy changes and attempt to put a consolidated policy provision in the Bylaws. Lynn also suggested that we review the written procedures for how elections are handled while it is still fresh in our minds since we went through so much in the last election.

Future Meeting Dates

- It was agreed that our next Board meeting will be held February 28, 2011 and at that meeting we may set dates for additional meetings between the regular monthly Board meetings so that we can accomplish some of the many goals that were identified in this first Board meeting of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.