

Nottaway Swim Club

General Membership Meeting of September 20, 2009 2:00 Pm

Board Members Attending: John Fayad, John Guyton, Steve Bentz, Missy Bentz, Diana Stevens, Michele Gutowski, Donna Miken, David Haug, Brian Jones, Molly Bardsley, James Hu

The required quorum of pool members were assembled. A total of 21 families were represented at the meeting.

John Fayad made opening statements to the assembly and explained the items for discussion today.

Election of Board of Directors

Missy Bentz introduced the current Board of Directors and nominated the proposed board for election to the Board of Directors for 2010. The motion was seconded and a vote by the membership carried the motion. The Board of Directors for 2010 will be as follows:

President: John Fayad

Vice President: Kevin Cartwright

Swim Team Directors: Molly Bardsley and Roberta Meadows

Membership: Missy Bentz

Operations: Brian Jones

Treasurer: Diana Stephens

Lifeguards: Michele Gutowski

Maintenance: James Hu

Social Director: Leigh Sheehy

Recording Secretary: David Haug

Website: Donna Mikan

Proposed Improvements

John Fayad explained that the Board feels that in order to remain competitive with other area pools, continued improvements are necessary. The Board has been considering various items we feel would be appropriate and valuable additions. Several items were presented for discussion:

- 1) The existing poolhouse is not very functional, esthetically pleasing and the bathrooms are a source of displeasure among the membership. The Board is considering an addition remodel of the entire poolhouse which would provide a concession stand as well as a complete renovation of both bathrooms with an expansion of the womens bathroom. It was proposed that the Board engage and architect to provide a conceptual plan for this renovation. It is anticipated at this time that such a renovation would cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$60,000 to

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\$75,000. Once the design is finalized the Board will solicit bids for this work and present options at a special late winter or early spring membership meeting. Kevin Cartwright is an architect and offered to assist in this endeavor. This project may need to be phased over several years for budgetary reasons. The renovation of the bathrooms is considered the first priority.

- 2) The Board is also proposing the installation of a jungle gym in the location currently occupied by the volleyball sand pit. The pool has experienced significant growth in membership with younger children and it is felt that this would be a very nice alternative to the pool for these younger children.
- 3) James Hu noted that the grass on the bank at the corner of Hathaway and Castaway has been compromised and that we now have an erosion problem. He has proposed that a set of steps be constructed where people currently cut the corner.
- 4) Another item which has been proposed is resurfacing the parking lot.

A discussion of how to pay for these improvements resulted in several suggestions. John Fayad explained that for the previous improvements made by this Board. A loan was taken from Wachovia Bank for the major pool resurface/deck replacement project a few years ago. This loan has been paid off. No special assessments or large dues increases have been required for these projects. However, the Bank required a personal guarantee for the loan since the pool property cannot be used as collateral. This Board has historically maintained a surplus at the end of each year to help with upcoming projects. The proposed improvements for 2010 will require additional funding. One suggestion was to phase the improvements over several years to allow for easier funding of smaller projects. Other suggestions included raising dues to \$500 from the current \$475, increasing membership, or possibly a special assessment.

The majority of the membership present was opposed to adding members as it is generally felt that the pool is at full capacity for the current facilities.

A special assessment was not favored unless it is very small due to the current economic conditions

Raising the dues to \$500 was considered the most viable approach. It was also suggested that to entice members to pay their dues early, we could offer the 2009 rate of \$475 for members who pay early. This would allow for the first phased improvements to be completed and paid for by the time the pool opens in May.

John Fayad asked the membership for any other suggestions.

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Jane Goodwin asked for a pool directory. After much discussion it was decided that this was feasible. Dawn Baker offered her assistance in preparing this directory. Everyone who signs up will be given the opportunity to opt out of inclusion in this directory.

Budget

Diana Stephens distributed copies of the pool budget for the membership to review. The pool is ending the year in good fiscal shape with a surplus to carry forward.

Diana requested that a separate checking account be established for capital improvements. This suggestion was accepted. This account is to be set up with a \$15,000 opening balance.

The Board thanked the membership for their attendance and support. A special membership meeting will be called after the first of the year to present options and budgets for proposed improvements. The membership will be asked to vote to approve these improvements at that time.

Meeting adjourned.

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