

OP Aquatics Advisory Board

Minutes of 6/22/22 Meeting

In Attendance: Ellen Hench, Maria Lawrence, Gary Miller

In light of current challenges, **some initiatives** being discussed by committee should be **postponed**. That does not include safety concerns, nor consumer projects in which a clear market has been established, i.e. mid-day exercise classes at Sports Core. It was noted that Director of Aquatics stated that, "if there were a paying class of at least 5, she'd get an instructor".

Committee concluded that the **timing of an aquatics survey** is important. It may not be the best time to ask OP members to respond to a survey involving aquatic operations ... particularly when there are known challenges, primarily revolving around staffing shortages.

Hench informed the committee of a **resident who wrote complaint** re myriad issues. The email went to Hench, Frank Daly, and Kathleen Cook. Essentially, the resident was very concerned about pool closures in spite of hours listed to the contrary, only full-time lifeguards being employed, lack of communication, and a cleanliness issue at Yacht Club's Oasis venue. Kathleen Cook called the individual and apparently resolved her issues. The committee has asked for communication as to how it was resolved.

Aquatics has **lost 2 members** who relocated (notified of 1 post meeting). The committee is down to 4 members, with one of the members running for OP board. For the committee to have optimum impact on helping to enhance aquatics, it is imperative that it actively seek out qualified members.

Staffing shortages – would like update from Aquatics re strategy. The committee discussed a job search that could be expanded to an older market pool of retirees, who once were certified lifeguards, as one possible option.

It was concluded that the committee needs **more and clearer communication** with Aquatics and Board. The communication channel protocol and hierarchy is still unclear.

The committee was advised to express safety concerns re pool venues on **the OP web site** utilizing email address info@oceanpines.org. Gary Miller did so, and the email failed to illicit responses from anyone.

Gary Miller will send concerns and 2 proposals to the BOD through our liaison, Frank Daly.

With the vice chair, Gary Miller, having surgery in mid-July, the committee decided to conduct the **next meeting via email, or an online** platform like Zoom.

No date was set for next meeting.

Submitted by Ellen Hench 7/1/22