

Ocean Pines Aquatic Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 3, 2020

Attendance: Kathy Grimes, Brooks Ensor, John Noonan, Ellen Hensch, John Reeves, and Kim Meekins.

1. **Introductions** of Newly, submitted to Board for approval 2/5/2020), Committee Members: John Reeves, Kim Meekins, and Ellen Hensch. (Based on Approval of the Board on February 5, 2020)
2. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion was made to accept the previous minutes. Approve by Brooks Ensor and Approved by John Noonan.
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Mumfords Leak** - Leak was found to be in a skimmer and pipe. Both replaced.
 - B. **Replacement Items** - tabled for Colby
 - C. **Beach Club** - parking review - tabled for Colby
 - D. **Update** - tabled
4. **New Business**
 - A. **Replacement Items** - tabled for Colby
 - B. **Budget Review** - tabled for Colby

C. **Policies about saving chairs, tables, etc at Yacht Club, Beach Club, etc**
It was reported by Colby and on the new Ocean Pines Pool Rules, "Belongings left unattended on pool furniture for more than 2 hours are subject to being moved." The question became one of "who" will move someone else's belongings? And who will monitor how long the chair/table has been vacated. It was stated that there will be a percentage of people who will not follow the rules. Brooks said he had observed patrons leaving items on lounge chairs and tables "double dipping". It was discussed, one weekend there were no more chairs or tables available and people couldn't get in and left. Dawn brought up that sometimes from dawn to dusk people are at the pools and don't move their items. Brooks made the suggestion that perhaps the "rules" should be more specific and state "one chair or lounge chair per person while at the pool" or "on property". Wording needs to be more specific. He also brought up that perhaps the staff person sitting at the entry gate could reiterate the 2 hour rule as people enter the pool. An example of the behavior is as follows:

10:00 AM - patrons enter pool and “claim” their chair (s) and table and go home

11:00 AM - patrons want chairs and table to order from Yacht Club. Bag sits on the table all day.

Question: How does one know how long someone’s belonging have been on a chair or table if they are just entering pool? **Issue tabled for Colby.**

Ellen discussed that the “older” population need an umbrella and they leave their items the think it is “their” table and lounge chairs. Suggestion was made that the Yacht Club have more umbrellas with the lounge chairs. Regular patrons are more guilty of this behavior. Kathy made the suggestion that the “beach chair umbrellas” that clip onto the backs of chairs be made available for rent or purchase to those that can’t find an available umbrella. It was also suggested that the Yacht Club Bus Table employees come and pick up the trash off the tables and clean the tables off. Weekends are July 4th week the busiest.

D. Prime time scheduling problems - Brooks spoke to the “prime time” pool space at the Sports Core. “Prime time” being between 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Issues going on concerning “safety”. Swim team has two (2) lanes and while swim team practice in going on, the following activities are going on also: lessons, boot camp, free swim, teenage boys throwing balls, lap swim, free swim, exercise classes. Sports Core is a difficult pool to guard due to blind spots, the slide, birthday parties, etc. It was discussed that for “safety” purposes, there needed to be three (3) lifeguards assigned to lifeguard during this time (5:00 - 9:00 PM). Two lifeguards guarding the pool and one down picking up trash, etc. Some suggestions of guard rotations were brought up: every 15 minutes rotate to the next assigned lifeguard chair and after guards 45 minute rotation, the next 15 minutes they have a 15 minute break. Pool is very busy during the 5 - 9 PM time slot and needs more lifeguards on duty during this time period. It was reported there are more than 50 swimmers in the pool at this time.

5. Next meeting - Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 4:30 PM

6. Adjourned - 5:45 PM

