

**AQUATICS ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE  
YEARLY SUMMARY, PER RESOLUTION C-01, OCTOBER 31, 2022**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STATUS OF TERMS**

| <u>Name</u>             | <u>On Term</u> | <u>End of Term</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Ellen Hench, Chair      | 1              | June 16, 2024      |
| Gary Miller, Vice-Chair | 1              | October 16, 2024   |
| Maria Lawrence          | 1              | February 23, 2025  |
| R. Lewis Furman         | 1              | July 27, 2025      |
| Steve Ransdell          | 1              | October 15, 2025   |

In the past month, 2 more individuals have submitted applications and have been interviewed favorably by the Vice-Chair. The chair has signed the applications indicating approval for committee appointments. The applications have since been forwarded to the Board liaison for signature. At this time, the committee does not anticipate further recruiting efforts.

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD**

Since the Aquatics ABC was re-established following inactivity for 2 years, protocols were introduced to keep committee activity on track, and to assist with productive exchange of ideas. A delineation of focus was established. It was agreed that new initiatives should be carefully reviewed with an eye toward cost / benefit determination, combined with an understanding that strategies that add value to aquatics could promote renewed memberships and outside attendance. It was also agreed that the committee would utilize an “action plan” worksheet for most new initiatives slated for board approval (**see attachment A**).

**The key focus areas are:**

Safety  
Policy, procedure, pricing  
Structural and equipment maintenance  
Staffing  
Marketing / promotion  
Special events

**ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED, AGREED UPON, AND SUBMITTED TO THE OP BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN DETAIL) WERE AS FOLLOWS**

Safety – narrow gang-plank style steps at Swim & Racket are heavily populated with children using steps as a “playground” to run up and jump into pool ... creating an unsafe entrance and exit.

Safety -Mumford pool steps are heavily populated with children at play creating a compromised entrance and exit to pool.

Safety – Mumford ladders are part of the pool wall ... built into the wall, resulting in a precarious, unstable manner of entering and exiting pool. These “ladders” require more upper body strength to use than standard pool ladders, which can present more opportunity for hazards such as slipping and scraping legs.

Structural/maintenance - Repairs – Men’s room at Yacht Club / Oasis pool observed with paint peeling and other cosmetic fails.

Policy - Add pool membership benefit that allows member entrance ahead of non-members (in line) awaiting pool opening at 10 am

Policy – Add another membership tier to facilitate an equitable option for a family of 2.

Event – Add mid-day afternoon class at Sports Core, per member/ community requests.

Event – Introduce an Adult Only Fun Night at YC pool.

Marketing / promotional event - Amenity / pool pre-summer-season party/showcase: Pending further discussion of proposal ... (**see attachment B**)

Additionally, as reported in meeting minutes, posted on the OP web site, the committee engaged in brainstorming sessions focused on aquatics recruitment initiatives. One example ... At its June 22 meeting, the committee discussed a job search that could be expanded to an older market pool of retirees, who once were certified lifeguards.

## **PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED; ASSISTANCE REQUIRED, & RESOLUTIONS**

### **Committee members & re-established committee**

Without benefit of any known agenda, a “new” committee was established and conducted their first meeting in February, 2022. Due to relocation of 2 members and required resignation of another who was elected to the OP Board, over a 5-month period, the team was reduced to a committee of 3. In spite of an inconsistent, waning membership roster, the small committee was able to proceed with identifying and presenting concerns and new initiatives for consideration by the OP Board. At present, a new member joined the team in September, and another in October. The committee has 2 more favorable applicants that are awaiting approval / confirmation by the Board.

### **Lifeguard & staff shortage**

Complaints from community members and visitors involving inherent issues resulting from staff shortages (shortened pool hours and closures) were passed along to the aquatics director. The committee received acknowledgement from the director that all the concerns/complaints were resolved amicably.

### **Communication**

Since June 2022, the committee submitted several requests for action, and/or commentary addressing areas of concern and suggestions for new initiatives. The lack of any response or acknowledgement from either the Board or [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org) prompted the committee to continue their early efforts to establish the most effective and reliable communication protocol. The GM and the Aquatics Director attended the Aquatics ABC October 19 meeting, at which all committee submissions were acknowledged, discussed, and assessed for potential action.

## **REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT OPA BUDGET**

Standard pool entrance and exit ladders at the Mumford venue  
Alternative areas for children utilizing pool steps for play  
Funding for possible special event to promote OP amenities

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Aquatics ABC Action Plan Worksheet  
Attachment 2 – Special Events Proposal