

## Aquatics Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 02/12/2024

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Gary Miller, Committee Chair

Present: Maria Lawrence, Vivian Koroknay, Gary Miller, Nancy Radke, Tracy Reddell

Absent: Em Hench, Stuart Lakernick, Board Liaison

Public Attendees via Zoom – None

I. Motion to approve the agenda; Agenda accepted

II. Gary reported that he would like to ask Michelle to attend a future meeting in order to discuss the upcoming amenity fair in April. Gary will ask John Viola if Michelle can attend a future meeting for this purpose.

III. Review 2023 Proposal to OP Board

A. Gary identified 4 areas where suggestions were made in the Aquatics Committee's proposal to the Board regarding fee structure at the OPA pools:

1. Ensure non residents are paying the non resident rate to enter the pools.
2. Additional membership categories to accommodate family size.
3. Guest pass for visiting family or guests.
4. Offer a military discount for active and retired military

OP Board Responses (via email from Stuart) are as follows:

1. *Some sort of ID should be presented at the time someone comes to the pools either an OP ED card or a driver's license. OP ID would be best.*
  - Committee recommends the OP ID would be best for proof of residency.
2. *We do not think we should be raising for families in excess of 4 people.*
  - Following discussion, the committee would like to know if the "couples membership" has been renamed **2-member household** as suggested by the Aquatics Committee to recognize that not all 2-family households are couples.
3. *Maybe a weekly membership would be best.*
  - Following discussion, the committee would like to know how a weekly membership will be implemented and would this be available to rental owners to provide to their renters. Suggest that such as pass would expire at the end of the summer season so as not to pose a problem with accounting systems.
4. *Outdoor instructions during the summer when the pool is crowded, isn't a good idea.*
  - Committee notes that outdoor classes historically have only been offered before and after pool opening/closing. All agree to send a clarification to John Viola and Stuart that it was committee's intention that classes be offered before the pool opens, and after closing.

5. *The Board will not grant an enclosure since pool umbrellas are for that purpose.*

- Committee discussed why the Board did not understand the request for a patio enclosure. The proposal stated the space would be used for equipment storage (currently stored on the pool deck) and to possibly offer other space for other purposes. Committee will send a clarification.

**ACTION: Gary will write up a follow up to the Board and offer further clarification of the original proposal, and clarify any questions.**

**He will send out to the committee for input prior to sending it to Stuart and John Viola.**

#### **IV. Upcoming Ocean Pines Season Kickoff & Expo in April**

**ACTION:** Gary asked for additional volunteers for the committee. Maria volunteered for both the committee and to help out the day of the event.

#### **V. New Business**

Gary asked for input on a suggestion for an evening “Sunset and Cocktails” event at the YC pool during the summer. Suggested that it be held on the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month so as not to interfere with the Family Fun Nights held on Wednesdays. There would be a charge to attend the event and food would be available to purchase. This is similar a similar format to Family Fun Nights. Time would be after the pool closes. The event would be open to everyone.

Committee agreed it would be a nice addition to the summer events. Hopefully Ortt could offer specials for the occasion. Suggest it be the same hours as family night: Taking place 5-7 or 5-8 PM.

Tracy suggested that Monday morning meetings can be difficult and wondered if another day would work for everyone. Committee discussed possible meeting days but unable to find a day that worked for everyone. Will revisit at next meeting.

**Next Aquatics Committee meeting is March 11 at 10:30 AM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vivian Koroknay  
Secretary, Aquatics Committee