

**Minutes of Aquatics Advisory Committee
November 16, 2022
Ocean Pines Library**

Present:

Em Hench (Chair), Gary Miller (Co-Chair), Maria Lawrence, R. Lewis Furman, Frank Daly (Board Liaison), Amy Hasson (Pending Committee. Member), Vivian Koroknay (Pending Committee. Member)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Em Hench at 3:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were approved without amendment.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Recording Secretary: The need for a volunteer to serve as recording Secretary for the committee was discussed. Steve Ransdell volunteered for the position and the Chair accepted.

Videorecording of committee meetings

- Because other committees are utilizing conducting hybrid meetings (both in-person and online) and posting recordings of those meetings the goals of doing so, and the pros and cons were discussed.
- Pros included:
 - Providing the community with an added opportunity to be and feel engaged
 - Providing an opportunity for committee member participation when circumstances preclude their ability to be on site
- Cons included:
 - Possible intimidation factor
 - Potential to thwart creative thought and brainstorming
- Resolution:
 - Meetings will be conducted via audio conference call or “zoom”/MS Team, as needed.

Offering an afternoon aquatics class at the Sports Core Pool to gauge community interest in offerings other than early morning or evenings

- Gary Miller stated that he has talked to the instructors and they are willing to lead such a class
- Discussion of which type of class to offer (hydro-bike, aerobics or a combination)
- Gary Miller will check with Kathleen to ascertain which of the current offerings is most popular)
- Steve Ransdell brought up a concern that new lifeguards planning to work here during the summer have been frustrated by not getting any hours to work. If new lifeguards are not given some shifts, they may get frustrated and volunteer at other pools such as the YMCA/YWCA

Decision: Send this concern to info@oceanpines.org and allow GM to look into the matter

New Pool Membership Rates

- Committee reviewed and discussed a proposal to restructure pool memberships to increase revenue and offer more value added
- Some of the concerns raised included
 - Increasing pool membership rates after such a difficult year, may drive residents to not renew their membership
 - Putting some limits on family size for a “Family” membership. It is not fair for a family of three to pay as much as a family of 6 or more
 - Need to address the needs of Grandparents with visiting children and grandchildren. Offering a weekly pass for up to 4 at a discount over the daily rate may spur more purchases and increase revenue
 - There is an urgency to this proposal as budget development is beginning now

Decision: Appoint a sub-committee to revise the current proposal to address concerns raised and to her new ideas and refinements. Sub-committee appointed (Steve Ransdell, Gary Miller and Vivian Koroknay) to bring a revised proposal to the December 14 meeting for a final vote and submission to our Board Liaison

Pre-Summer Season Party a/k/a “OP Summer Palooza”

- Proposal is still under committee review
- Working group / sub-committee was established to connect with other committees, and the OP Marketing department, for their input, as approved by the general manager.
- Sub-committee appointed (Steve Ransdell, Gary Miller and Maria Lawrence) to bring a revised proposal to the December 14 meeting for a final vote and submission to our Board Liaison

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at the Ocean Pines Library at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted;
Steve Ransdell
Recording Secretary