

Aquatics Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 09/12/2024

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM by Gary Miller, Committee Chair

Present: Gary Miller, Vivian Koroknay, Tracy Reddell (via Microsoft Teams), Maria Lawrence, Nancy Kaplan, Rick Farr; sitting in for Board Liaison (via Microsoft Teams), Bruce Bright, Attorney for Ocean Pines (via Microsoft Teams)

Public Attendees via Zoom – None

I. Motion to approve the agenda: Agenda accepted

II. Sunsets and Cocktails

- Gary thanked Bruce Bright for being present at the AAC meeting to answer questions regarding the recent legal opinion he provided to the Board about the Sunsets and Cocktails event the AAC had proposed in July. Gary stated that Stuart provided him with Bruce's legal opinion and that the AAC had several questions.
- Bruce clarified that he will not be discussing legal advice and legal opinions in public citing attorney/client privilege and would not be able to answer the committee's questions at a public meeting. However, Bruce stated that he had several questions about Family Fun Night (FFN) and how Sunsets and Cocktails would compare.
- Specific questions brought up included:
 1. Is there a fee to attend FFN, and if so what is the fee? (yes, there is a fee for the lifeguards and the DJ. Sunsets and Cocktails would charge a fee as well. The information on fees for FFN is on the OP website.)
 2. Is alcohol served at FFN? (Yes it is).
 3. What other times is alcohol served at the YC pool? (almost the entire time that the YC pool is open, alcohol is available for purchase).
- Gary asked why his legal opinion to the Board cited previous legal opinions regarding adult only pools and adult only swim times. Gary further clarified that this was not put forward as an adults only event. Rather the event is open to everyone, including children. However, just as FFN offers food and entertainment that would appeal to children and families, the Sunsets and Cocktails event would offer food and entertainment would appeal to adults. There is no intent to prevent adults from bringing children with them, if that is what they choose to do.
- Bruce reiterated that he would not discuss his legal opinion in public.
- Gary will pull information on FFN (fees and cost of food) and forward it to the Board to share with Bruce as per his request.

There being no further questions or discussion, Bruce exited the meeting.

III. Progress on slippery ladder steps at YC pool

- Gary reported that the non-slip tape that was ordered was not staying in place because it required a longer drying time. This issue will be addressed over the winter.

- It was suggested that all ladders used in all of the OP pools be looked for slippery surface and addressed as needed over the winter.

IV. Swim and Racket Pool Maintenance

- Pictures and proposals for repairs have been sent to Stuart and forwarded to the GM. Repairs to take place over the winter.

V. Previous proposal to offer evening aquatics classes (after the pool closes) at Mumfords Landing over the summer

- Committee agreed that this is an important and frequent request from the members who partake in aquatics classes.
- Suggest that the most popular water aerobics class be offered over the summer in an outdoor pool.
- AAC committee agrees that this proposal will be resubmitted in the winter prior to budget proposals so it can be re-considered for next summer.

VI. Beach Club Pool Maintenance

- Several pictures were taken at the Beach Club Pool by Maria. They indicate many areas in need of repair and renovation. Rust and mold noted in several locations, uneven wood decking boards noted on walkways, updates needed to locker rooms.
- Pictures will be forwarded to Stuart
- AAC will submit a proposal (via Charging Document) that a full rehab of the Beach Club be undertaken in the near future.

VII. Use of plastic straws & utensils at the Yacht Club and Beach Club pool

- It was noted that plastic straws, and utensils wrapped in a saran type wrapper are provided for any and all food provided at the YC and BC.
- The wind often blows the wrappers, straws and sometimes utensils off the tables, and they are noted littering the area around the pools. Perhaps more importantly, these items, if not picked up, pose an environmental hazard to the surrounding water ways and sea life.
- AAC agreed that a proposal should be submitted to the Board requesting that paper straws and biodegradable utensils be considered for use in these areas. Proposal to be submitted prior to budget proposals for FY 2025. We understand that the final decision will be up to MOC.

There being no further business, the AAC meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM,

Next Aquatics Committee meeting is October 10, 2024 at 11 AM in the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vivian Koroknay
Secretary, Aquatics Committee