

Southwest Swimming Association Board Meeting

July 18, 2016, 6 pm

Present: Bryant McNally, Mike Currier, Ann Alofs, Cole Cade, Brock Boland, Kate Harry, Melinda Odum, Jen Reeves, Kriste Deneke

Agenda:

1) Membership: Discussion of number of members/capacity of pool.

The pool has been over-crowded at times this summer and there is concern about the number of members and guests during high volume swim times. The loan for the new pool was under the assumption that there would be 400 members at SWSA .If we cut back to 375 at once; this means that for the 2017 season there will be no new memberships or single memberships available. Currently, the waiting list for SWSA membership requests is 51.

Kate suggested that SWSA cut back by 5 memberships/year for 5 years until we reach 375 memberships and cap emeritus memberships to 10%. There was no vote; it was tabled until the April general membership meeting for discussion.

Pool ,manager, Cole Cade will provide a breakdown of pool attendance (members and guests) at the next board meeting.

Is the evening swim team schedule an issue? Three swim lanes are reserved for the swim team; 1 as a general lap lane; and 2 lanes for general swimming. This occurs during the part of the summer when the team is practicing for swim meets. This is an item for discussion as we look ahead to 2017.

2) Budget 120 K vs 140 K 2015 vs. 2016

Ann Alofs reported on the status of the SWSA budget (as of July 18th). Compared to 2015 when we had spent \$120,000 by mid July; for 2016, we have spent \$140,000. However, in 2016 we completed the project to paint the buildings early in the season. In 2015, SWSA had a large expenditure for the swimming pool cover late in the season.

This year we have been averaging \$10-11,000 per every two week pay period. With 4 more pay periods remaining, we can anticipate another \$45,000 for staff. With liability insurance at \$7,000; our total operating expenses for the 2016 season will be roughly \$160,000.

Typically SWSA maintains 10% for capital expenses for the next season. This was spent on painting the building this year. Looking ahead the outstanding projects for 2017 and beyond are starting blocks for the swim team and repair/resurfacing of the tennis courts.

The Board discussed the reassessment of the pool. The appraisal for SWSA came in at \$440 K; compared to \$220 K in the 1990's. After reviewing the assessment values for other pools in Columbia, the Board feels that the SWSA appraisal is in line with other swim clubs (e.g. West Broadway (\$280K), and the Wilson's Beach Club (\$1 million plus).

The 'Dive In' campaign, supporting construction of the new pool, generated \$19,000 plus stock in contributions.

3) Pool Management (Cole Cade)

Cole reported that the issue involving the use of alcohol at the pool is 100 % better. There have been few issues since it was addressed by the Board and staff.

Tween nights have been a big success this year. Parent helpers have played a big role in organizing and running these events.! After hours parties requests are down a little this year!

Twenty-seven swimmers from SWSA participated in the Championship Meet this year. SWSA placed 4th in the event.

There is a staffing issue end of August (Aug 16), as public schools begin and other lifeguards return to college. The plan is to continue the traditional deck and dip sessions of unsupervised adult swimming. Closing date for the pool is September 5.

4) Pool Maintenance

Hairline cracks have appeared around the baby pool; Columbia Pool and Spa was alerted and asked to provide a plan to repair the concrete. Mike Currier will follow up on this. There was also a question about the seams in the concrete deck; if caulk is needed.

Tree work is scheduled for the fall - to remove the ash tree near the basketball court and replant with a different species.

Meeting Adjourned 7 pm

Next Meeting - Financial Update -. September 11, 1023 Vegas Dr., 6 pm.