**Forest Hollow Swim Club**

**General Membership Meeting**

**August 30, 2014**

Board Members Present: Anne Halal (AH), Annamaria Nields (AMN), Mary Jane Bednar (MJB), Jen Burita (JB), Alan Martin (AM), Hugh McGee (HMG), and Tracey Lewis (TL).

Pool members present: Bob Elkins, Joe Lilli, Paula and Robert Buckley

AMN made a motion to approve the General Membership minutes of 5-31-14. Motion seconded by JB.

1. Membership Update presented by AH on behalf of Jonathan Lash

We have 296 members of which 272 are active. MJB remarked that we can only have 300 active members. AH suggested we have a flyer announcing the pool season to prospective members in the spring.

2. Gator Swim Team Update by M. Chollette, read by AH

All, as a financial summary of the Gator 2014 season:

In summary, the team covered its bills and was in line with the budget provided earlier in the year.

We were able to:

- Reduce our operating costs from last year

- Cover all of our 2014 projected expenses,

- Take on additional unexpected expenses of renting pool space at Audrey Moore,

- Generate new income (via the clinics held at Audrey Moore even with the expense of paying for lanes),

- Assist the club with equipment costs for lane lines,

- Provide our coaches with a bonus (which we were unable to do last year) and

- End the season with positive financial balance.

Discussion held on the issue of allowing an outside swim coach to use Forest Hollow

swim lanes for coaching our swimmers outside of the normal pool hours. For various

reasons, this was not allowed this swim season but the matter can be revisited

before the 2015 swim season. Also, need to discuss whether other pool members can

use the pool facility for classes, e.g. water aerobics or zumba.

AMN asked for a copy of the swim team budget. AH to follow up with Jay Nash.

AH asked if the budget surplus in August could be used to pay for lane lines and offset

the lifeguard cost for swim meets?

1. Operations Update by Allen Martin (AM)

The following items were worked on during the season: new lane lines, umbrellas repaired, propane tank enclosure put in place, cement work repairs, and many other minor items.

Next year, we will need to replace furniture and, at the same time, send a stack of chairs ‘out’ to be professionally repaired. Note, most chairs last 5 years and up until now AM and Brian Johnson have been repairing the chairs. AM would like to purchase new chairs to replace the aluminum chairs.

1. Budget Update by Mary Jane Bednar (MJB)

Income for the year was just under $125k, and expenses were estimated at $121k. We had additional bills amounting to $10,000; this included a major insurance bill of $8,700.

Note, we had an expense of $11,000 for maintaining electricity and water.

Membership income was down due to lower membership numbers. We need to increase membership in 2015.

Guest pass and party fee income was up for the year amounting to $5,200. Note, in June a private party held outside regular pool hours brought in a lot of extra income.

In future, we could look at charging a fee of $250 to members who would like to have the privilege of ‘renting’ the pool for a private party. Fee also dissuades party goers from abusing the facility.

Note, the insurance fee does not change providing the pool is being used for the purpose it was intended.

AH commented that the pool can be used for charity purposes.

AH to draft a policy on how we could use the pool facility in 2015-2016. AH said we need to think about how the program will be managed and/organized. Perhaps we need a volunteer responsible to oversee the rental. Also, need to consider lifeguards on duty, alcohol usage, other guidelines.

4. New Business Update

Chilifest: looking at date of October 5 at 3pm.

Board Positions: The following 3-year positions will be open at the end of next season: Team rep, Treasurer, Vice-President and President. The bi-laws state that all pool members are eligible to apply for the positions.

Discussion was held on the team rep. position and the need for more help. Discussed the possibility of changing bi-laws to make it a two person job.

AH said that next year members need to register their children for swim team AND sign-up online committing to swim meet activities. We need more volunteers up front.

Ernie Halal is building the volunteer database into the website, which will streamline the sig-up system.

1. Other Business

AH thanked the Lash family for their hard work and dedication over the past six years as Membership Board Members.

- Jen and Mike Burita have agreed to take on the Membership role for the next three years.

- TL went from temporary to permanent Board Secretary for the next three years.

50th Anniversary: Melinda Chrestman did some research in Annandale about the association. Photos have been uploaded to the website. Next year a t-shirt will be printed, and new signage will be posted. During the off-season we need to think of new ideas for celebrating the milestone. HMG will ask Chip if he has any photos, information about the pool club.

Neighborhood enhancement plan: depending on our budget, for the coming year we need to volunteer to undertake a project and the county will give us a matching grant.

Survey: the most important thing members want us to do is spend money on updating the bathrooms. And, members don’t want to have to walk through the bathrooms in oder to reach the pool. Furniture is not a priority. Most shareholders come to the pool for recreational purposes. Also, members commented that the pool is family friendly, a safe environment and clean.

- AH to resend survey to pool members. AH will pass along comments to swim team advisory board.

Discussion was held on beautification of the pool and ways to improve the swim club. A list of things that need to be undertaken on a weekly/monthly basis needs to be prepared. However, we need to separate volunteer swim team tasks from beautification tasks, e.g. handyman, garden club, grill cleaning etc.

Motion to adjourn by TL and seconded by JB.

Minutes prepared by TL on 11/10/2014