

Bayside Swimming Club Board Meeting

Fairhaven Village Inn

Monday, December 12, 2011, 7:00 pm

Attending: David Cohn, Ken Ericson, Teresa Handy, Bob Koons, Sandie Koplowitz, Jermaine Larson, Sharon Loeppky, Meg Metzger, Dan Stockwell, Paul Troutman, and Stephanie Walters

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes, after corrections. Stephanie seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Teresa gave a line by line explanation from the Profit & Loss Report (November 2010 – October 2011). See handout for details. 176 active members, 23 inactive members, 47 summer members = 246 total members.

Concern that the Swim Team expenses (clothing for the team members) are not getting fully reimbursed by the team members. This is not a pool expense. Suggestion that a volunteer parent takes over this job and handle the monies so that not coming from the pool budget.

Gas utility bill down \$2,005.65 as a result of the new boiler.

Ken made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Bob seconded. Treasurer's Report approved.

Agreed to continue giving a bonus recognition for guards.

Agreed to table Treasurer's Contract until later in the meeting.

Membership Report

Sandie gave Membership Report. Mailed statements instead of emailing (as done in previous years.) All other communications done by email. 184 families on the waiting list. Sandie is suggesting we raise the summer member fee, since it has remained the same for so long.

2011 Membership Co-chair Report from Sandie Koplowitz

In January, the 2011 statements were printed by Sandie and mailed by Meg and family. The previous year they were sent by email along with the notice of the annual meeting. However, the process was tedious because each person's statement had to be generated separately, attached to an email message and sent one at a time. All other communications with the membership went via our personal our email accounts and the one at BaysideSwimmingClub@gmail.com. It is still recommended that a mailing list be set up for better communications with the entire membership.

In 2011 twenty Members sold stock. This was ten more than the previous year. The price of stock was \$2,800 plus \$50 transaction fee for both seller and buyer. This is the third year since the price of stock increased from \$2,000 to \$2,800.

Active members paid \$450 dues plus \$50 Future Improvement Fund, for a total of \$500. This was an increase of \$25 over the previous year.

There were 23 inactive Stockholders and they paid \$25 more this year... \$75 plus \$50 Future Improvement Fund for a total of \$125. Inactive families have been able to use the pool 15 times total in a season since 2004. The Board decided to remove the ability for Inactive families to use the pool, which caused some members to sell their membership and many complaints about the change in policy. It was pointed out the Board is not operating in compliance with the club bylaws, as Article 1, Section 1-B in the Bylaws states "Inactive stockholders...shall have no obligation to pay dues or assessments, except as may be provided elsewhere in these by-laws." The argument is that the Board can charge assessments, but no other dues or fees to inactive stockholders. It is recommended that the Board addresses this issue in 2012 and/or revise the bylaws accordingly.

The large number of stock sales resulted in 20 fewer inactive stockholders than in 2010, which greatly influenced the budget. Consequently, the Board voted to offer 25 additional summer memberships and remove the line in the bylaws in Article 1, Section 1-C., stating, "The number of

summer memberships will equal the number of inactive stockholders.” Sandie objected, stating this would increase the membership from 200 to 200 families and the Board of Trustees may not revise the club bylaws without notification to the membership and subsequent vote at a meeting called for this purpose. David and Sandie interpret the bylaws directive concerning amending the bylaws differently. Sandie believes the change in the bylaws must be approved by the membership before it can be implemented. David believes the Board has the right to make the change to the bylaws pending future approval by the membership. It is recommended the Board address this issue and revise the bylaws to make the process clear. In any event, the Board must make this change to the bylaws known to the membership at or before the next annual meeting and put it to a vote of the membership. With the additional 25 summer members, there were 47 Summer Members at \$675 per membership. The price of summer membership has been the same for 5 years. It is Sandie’s recommendation we raise the price of summer membership to next year, as it has remained the same since 2005. Please see attached History of Facts and Figures.

The waiting list has 184 families on it at the end of 2011. Below are listed the stock sales and new stockholders for 2011:

Feb-11	Koplowitz	Transferred to: Henry
Feb-11	Warner	Sold to: Kaiser
Feb-11	Broadhurst/Hunger	Sold to: Forrest
Feb-11	Christenson	Sold to: Coats
Feb-11	Mischaikov	Sold to: Law
Feb-11	Gibbons	Sold to: Osterloh
Feb-11	Jaffe	Sold to: Medcalf
Feb-11	Ban	Sold to: Daniels
Feb-11	Clough	Sold to: Poulos
Feb-11	Chambers	Sold to: Taylor/Gilbert
Feb-11	Pedlow	Sold to: Stockburger/McMillan
Mar-11	Knops	Sold to: Franklin/Hemmen
Mar-11	Hestad	Sold to: Morse
Mar-11	Crabo/Coughlin	Sold to: Mahal
Mar-11	McClure	Sold to: Wadsworth/Jacob
Mar-11	Bradley	Sold to: Gruman
Mar-11	Lorson Howell	Sold to: Sokol
Mar-11	Steinberg/Zderic	Sold to: Steinberg
Apr-11	Steinberg	Sold to: Seeger

Meg reported that all summer members (with the exception of 2) were sold.

David brought up for discussion how many new memberships should be offered in 2012 (assuming there is no longer a city-mandated cap on membership).

Dan did an analysis of who visits the pool during the three lap swim time frames (by looking through all the check-in lists) and noted that the summer members did not have a big impact on usage. There were two pool members who had complained numerous times about summer members using the pool during lap times and Dan’s research found this not to be the case.

Discussion took place on whether to increase the summer membership fee. Some families have taken summer memberships for 4-5 years. Discussion to be held on this a later date.

Pool Manager’s Report

Ken shared that the rack that hold the filters needs to be replaced. He doesn’t anticipate any other major repairs. Possibly some small improvement such as painting (re-painting the doors.) Ken also suggested looking into adding a slide, that would be installed near the guard station.

Ken is concerned about the gap (in the pool) near the top edge. He is suggesting that gets looked at for review.

Two suggestions. 1. Make a movie night during open swims (would need an Entertainment Chair to coordinate). 2. Use music more often during selected times. Discussion later on when and what type of music. Ken notes that the guards would not be selecting the music.

Grounds Report

Bob reported on some of the water problem issues in the women's showers. They replaced some of the tiles. He reported that job was quite time intensive. The future needs might include replacing the shower floors and that would need to be hired out by a tile flooring specialist.

Bob brought up topic to consider addition of a volleyball net and to improve grass area in adjoining property.

Larson Gross Approval

David explained history with Larson Gross. Meg made a motion to approve Larson Gross as accountant. Stephanie seconded. Approved.

IRS Update

Intent of Bayside Swim Club in formation of separate 501(c)3 for swim lessons. IRS has given preliminary approval. Primary implication is that it would require two separate filings with the State Attorney's office (establish two fully separate entities).

Suggestion by Meg to partner with Bellingham Bay Swim Team for handling swim team. Wouldn't seem to work for swim lessons.

Ken brought up that if this is going to become such a major issue (forming two separate entities), then consider going for profit.

Discussion about meeting with BBST to consider partnering with them (Bayside provide pool, BBST doesn't have enough room for its members, combining could provide a solution).

If we went to for profit status, all the barriers (such as advertising) would be removed.

David wrapped up the 501 (c) 3 option, reminding the Board that we have a December 31 deadline. This option doesn't close the doors on the for profit option or partnering with BBST. Both could be considered later if necessary.

Bob motioned to send the IRS letter to become compliant. Dan seconded the motion. Approved

Bob motioned to give permission for David (and anyone else necessary) to meet with the City to look at implications of gaining for profit status and discuss removing membership cap. Meg seconded. Approved.

Selection of Nominating Committee

David Cohn, Bob Koons and Stephanie Walters have agreed to stay on (their appointments expire in 2012).

Meg suggested appointing chairpersons for various committees (such as Entertainment Chair, Hospitality Chair).

Appointment of Audit Committee

Bob Koons and Meg Metzger have volunteered.

Appointment of Budget & Contracts Committee

Teresa, Bob, Stephanie, Ken and David have agreed to be a part of this committee.

Meg suggested combining the Budget and Contracts Committee into one committee.

Appointment of Bylaws Committee

Need to address removing inactive privileges (we removed any visits and raised due for inactive members last year).

Suggestion to address how long inactive members can remain inactive.

David will be meeting with the City to review the Conditional Use Permit.

David, Sandie, Dan and Ken have agreed to be on this committee.

Set Date for Next Board Meeting

7:00pm, Monday, January 23, 2012

Location: Fairhaven Inn

Set Date for Annual Meeting

7:00pm, Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Location: Fairhaven Inn

New Business

Treasurer Report contract still needs to be discussed.

Sandie mentioned a company that automates pool entrance and tracks usage with swipe cards.

David mentioned that if we raise the number of members, then we may want to reevaluate the value of the stock.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jermaine Larson