

Bayside Swimming Club Board Meeting

Fairhaven Library

Wednesday, February 29, 2012, 8:15 pm

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm.

501C-3 Discussion

David reported that the City of Bellingham has rejected the option to be for-profit (to run the Swimming School), but we can have a second non-profit 501(c)3 to operate the Swimming School.

David mentioned that he does not want the burden of handling this 501(c)3 to be handled by Teresa. Discussion on what is needed to complete this process (L&I, Employment Security, taxes, etc.)

Teresa is inquiring about how to handle incoming mail (that pertains to the 501(c)3). David commented that there has to be a definite division between the two non-profits. The IRS has said that there needs to be two separate entities. After discussion, Teresa said she would be willing to handle the bills, but not the set up. Paul was asked if he was interested. He said, he doesn't know. Jenaige (currently handles the swim lesson program) has the background to handle this additional workload and could be considered for this position.

Meg suggested keeping same PO Box and have two keys. Keep mail left for appropriate representative to pick up. Discussion of using QuickBooks to handle accounting.

Meg brought up that she doesn't feel comfortable about having someone who is running the swim program to also be handling the books. Agreement on this by Board members. Meg inquired about who will oversee the person handling this. Who will they report to? David responded that it will be the Board.

Discussion on using Paypal to streamline bookkeeping process. Meg asked if we will be able to offer the Paypal option for the stock membership. David responded that it could be a bit too late for this season. Set up for next year. Use swim lessons as a test for utilizing Paypal.

David will begin setting up the 501(c)3 non-profit. Teresa is going to analyze this new non-profit to determine how to handle and will evaluate if she can take on.

David will also evaluate how to make membership automated.

Ken suggested to name the non-profit Bayside Splash.

David is going to file for the administrative review to get the City's planning department to review the conditional use permit and remove the 200 cap.

Property Report

David read letter from City based on unauthorized work on the pool property (trees cut). City mentions that site plan is needed. Wetlands consideration on property. David called the City and told them that we didn't cut down any trees, that it was a neighbor. David reported that a survey was done yesterday and the survey shows that the property line goes through the neighbor's shed (60 feet) and that he has been doing work on our property, has built a berm (causing water to build up in our parking lot). The City will place fines on this neighbor for what he has done. The City may not be able to have him repair the work he has done on our property. It is possible that 7 years have passed and imminent domain would have taken effect. The effects from this are on the parking lot and drainage issues.

Letter from Ryan Family

David commented that initially this situation (refer to letter) sounded like a good idea, but after finding out that they have been inactive for 6 years, he commented that he feels differently about this situation. Inactive members had not been getting any use of the pool, but that recently changed. The Ryans have been inactive since 2006. We are now giving every family member two family passes with their inactive membership.

Discussion on establishing a committee to allow exceptions for visitation in special need circumstances. David doesn't want to do it as a guest pass. He suggests that it is a case by case basis. David would like to draft a letter suggesting that we give her a Manager's Pass that would allow her to visit the pool. Discussion to make a specific pass that is valid during any Open Swim time periods.

Meg moved to send the girl (Amy) 15 passes. Stephanie seconded. All approved.

Sandie Koplowitz will draft a letter and run by David. She also said that she could call them and inquire as to why they were coming last year (when the passes were not issued to inactive members).

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jermaine Larson