

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE CALVERTON SWIMMING CLUB

June 4, 2017, 5:30 pm

Called to order by Duncan Munro, President

Board Members present: Duncan Munro, John Niedermair, Karen Pugh, Kelly Jones-Ferriera, Sandy Albright, Kari Banks, Ruben Melendez, Jeff Karns. (Nancy Femiano absent)

I counted eleven members present but have only 10 listed on sign in sheet. Those documented as present: Charlie Pugh, Karl Krchma, Josh Penn, Stacey Foley, Stephanie Lee, John Foley, Colleen Smith, Michael Smith, Whitney Kelly, and one name I can't read (Membership #369).

Pool Staff Present: Rebekah Harrison, Manager

Duncan Munro, President, greeted members and provided a few opening remarks. He introduced the Board members present as well as Rebekah.

John Niedermair, Vice-President and Chair of Engineering & Operations, presented the **operations report**.

Over all the pool, for one over 50 years old, is in good shape.

Cleaning went well but we had unexpected extra costs due to broken tiles. Better cleanup this year! Problem with stain left in dive well; APS is to come to sand area to try to remove it.

Pumps caused some problems and needed refitted. When pumps are concerned that always causes a major worry. No Pumps No Open! The timing was tough as we did not have anyone qualified to run the pumps present at time of re-installation. Tom Stickles bailed us out in the nick of time by showing Jeff how to run the system when Va. Pumps came to fix the problem. Despite this issue, our habit of having them removed and rebuilt each year has paid dividends!

Diving board A re-aligned and fulcrum done. We will look at the other board next year. The expert we used looked at it and said it is in reasonable shape.

No significant concrete work needed this year which is great. Due to mild winter?

Trees trimmed. May still need to address the dying elms down the fence line.

Total re-caulk of pool deck line, some coping stones re-set, many broken tiles replaced.

Men's Room paint done

Snack bar painted and ceiling re done. Floor to be done in fall

2 great vol days, thanks to all the volunteers! We did a lot of work! Special mention the Ladies who cleaned the Bath houses! Wow!

A member noted some problems with the volunteer days as both times it took a while to match volunteers with tasks and the proper tools were not always ready to go. The Board has discussed this problem in the past and is always trying to rectify such problems.

Kari Banks and Karen Pugh presented a report by the **Membership Committee**.

There are 35 Club-owned and 5 Member-owned memberships for sale. There are a lot of memberships with dues currently unpaid; discussion of the impact of unpaid memberships on the Club's budget was deferred to the Treasurer's report.

Sandy Albright and Kelly Jones-Ferriera presented the **Social Committee** report.

Described the new member reception that had just been held. Pointed out the end of school year party happening on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Directed everyone to website for info on social activities. Discussed attempts to have more late-night adult parties with the water open for swimming and the difficulties Rebekah brought forward about scheduling guards for such parties and the issues with having alcohol at said events. In the future there will be more back-and-forth between the committee and the managers about scheduling the events.

Question were asked about the crab feast...could there be lower prices for non-crab-eaters? Could the water be opened for swimming? Because of the allowance of alcohol on the deck during the crab feast and the previously mentioned difficulty scheduling guards the Board felt that insurance issues may preclude opening the water that night although a possible compromise of allowing swimming until 9 pm and only in the shallow end might be possible. Karen did mention that she had talked to the vendor about distinguishing non-crab-eaters from crab-eaters and that there might be a way of doing so in the future.

Kari Banks presented a report on the **Aquatics Teams**.

Tony Murray is returning for 20<sup>th</sup> year as swim team coach. Fewer home B meets this year. Team running its own snack bar during meets this year. Dive team is small but mighty.

**Athletics Committee** report made by Karen Pugh.

Volleyball will return as usual this year (Saturday – Men's; Sunday – CoEd; Wednesday – Fours) with the notable exception of a new Doubles League on Monday nights. There were some comments about arranging soccer and basketball leagues but nothing materialized.

Ruben Melendez, the Club's Treasurer presented the **Treasurer's Report** which included a budget outline and review for 2017, a description of the recent Reserve Fund contribution, and a description of the impact of unpaid dues on the overall Club finances.

**General Discussion** between the Board and the Members present followed the presentations. The topics brought up included:

Snack Bar issues:

Signs were posted under the awning in the snack bar area limiting seating to snack bar patrons. The signs were viewed as too intimidating and improperly suggested limitations on Members' ability to use the space. Duncan and John were surprised that these signs were reposted by the guards during opening as they are old signs that were removed for this reason before and should not have been put up. They will be (and have been) removed.

There seem to have been some discrepancies between what the Snack Bar Vendor thought was owed for house accounts and what Members thought was owed. Someone asked whether Snack Bar records could be kept on computer rather than just written records.

It was noted that the menu on the website was out of date.

There were complaints about the arrangement between the Snack Bar Vendor and the Swim Team as to the monies derived from swim meet nights was divided. There were also questions about the arrangements between said Vendor and the Club. It was noted that the Vendor did fill a need for the Team during a period when the Team could not muster enough volunteers to run their own snack bar during meets.

Operations issues:

Fence issues. Members mentioned sagging and missing barbed wire on the fence by the basketball court/rear gate. John mentioned that there are several areas where the barbed wire needs repair. **ADDENDUM:** John and Jeff have replaced barbed wire in several areas of the fence where it had broken or was sagging. We have other areas that could use work but we have at least two strands in all areas and 3 strands in almost all. The section of roof above the snack bar still needs something done.

Several members asked the Board to consider moving the smoking area near the front gate due to its proximity to the playground(s). Duncan said the Board would take it under consideration.

A suggestion was made to modernize the Club website to make sections accessible to s people other than the Web Master to make entries and changes in some areas. Maybe snazz it up a little.

Several suggestions were made with the aim of providing the ability for members to offer their time and expertise towards repairing and improving Club facilities. One was to develop a database of members skills and expertise so they could be called upon to help with planning and repairs. Another idea was to set something along the lines of the 'Glenmont Men's Club' where members can get together to make the Club's needs known and they can be recruited to accomplish tasks beneficial to the Club. (Need to find out who made this suggestion so we can see how it would work).

There were numerous compliments towards the Pool Manager's management of day to day operations. The cleanliness of the pool was particularly noted.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Cockerill and seconded by ????. Motion carried by voice vote and meeting was adjourned at ??????.

**Addendum:**

A member emailed some questions/comments to the Board of Directors after the meeting that were pertinent to the discussion above. The email and the Board's response (thru Duncan Munro, President) are presented here.

**Email**

*Good morning! I did not get the chance to voice any questions/suggestions/concerns at yesterday's meeting as I wasn't feeling 100%. With that being said I wanted to bring up a few items with the board and get your feedback.*

*As far as the committees go (social, fundraising, etc.) is there a way for current members to join? I think it would be great if more folks could share their ideas. Is there anything in particular we are doing for fundraising this year? Sorry if you mentioned this yesterday and I missed it. Increased dues are inevitable, but before we get to that point, I'd like to know what other options we are exploring. I have a friend at another local pool and they charge families to reserve their chairs for the summer. This may not be a favorable option but as I'm sure you know people like their "places" and it is an easy way to bring in cash each season. I believe the chairs are tagged as soon as a family "buys" a chair or 5.*

*Yesterday the topic of insurance during special events came up. After the swim season has ended I have seen multiple people playing volleyball (mid September-October) Is this something all pool members are invited to? If there is an accident during this time does our insurance have to cover it? I think it would be great if we could continue to keep the grounds open for grilling and seeing friends, as the weather is often very nice into early October. I'd really appreciate some answers to this. Thanks!*

**Response**

Thanks for taking the time to write. I'll try to answer all of the items in order.

Yes, members are welcome to join and work with Committees. Fund Raising is usually part of the Social Committee's work, and Sandy Albright is the Chair of that committee - [sandy@calvertonswimclub.com](mailto:sandy@calvertonswimclub.com).

After the season volleyball has been going on for a few years, and usually last until the weather turns sour. All members are welcome, and we hope that our new Member Information System will allow us

to get the word out more efficiently. Insurance for injuries while playing any sport at the Club can be a tricky situation. Our practice in the past has been to help out any members who do get injured if it appears that the Club did something, or failed to do something, that contributed to the injury. Usually, the primary source of covering injury treatment is the individual's health insurance.

One of the requirements for any off season use of the facility is that a Board member must be present at all times, so that can get in the way of unlimited use. *[Secretary's note: Also want avoid situations where it appears that Board members are using the Club for their own personal use!]*

The off season use ideas will most likely be reviewed by the Board later in the summer.

Duncan Munro

President

This is my best recollection of the events and discussion that took place at this meeting. It was compiled from my notes and notes taken by Duncan Munro.

Jeffrey S. Karns, Secretary.