

CALVERTON SWIM CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 28, 2009

7 pm @ Pool

Call to Order

Welcome

Nikki Munro

Reports

- Manager's Report

Nikki for Dan Fehr

KNOW THE RULES OF THE POOL. Explain them to your children and guests. There have been 2 drownings in PG County in the past week. Guards watch the pool, parents watch the children. Parents need to know the swimming abilities of their kids, friends and guests and supervise accordingly. Emphasis is always on safety. We must be vigilant. Keep an eye on others.

The poolside Basketball Hoop is going through a trial period. Current hours are Monday – Friday 1 to 6 and any other time the Manager feels it is appropriate. The rules are simple, no contact, no dunking and no shooting from outside the pool.

The goal is to bring families back to the community pool.

Several guards have an Operators' license.

Both the pool and the snack bar passed their Montgomery County inspections.

Members are reminded to maintain the cleanliness of the pool. Please pick up your trash!

- Operations/Engineering Report

Duncan Munro

The pool is 45 years old and shows its age. The foot bath drains had to be replaced. We now have a leak on the far side of the pool. We believe it is one of the skimmers. Members are encouraged to be careful, the ground is very wet. Volunteer Day was a success. Thanks to all those who helped.

We have a very tight budget. As a cost savings measure, we looked at possibly changing our insurance. As a condition of insurance, we were told we would have to change our policy of letting 8 year olds with a patch enter the pool without an adult. We ultimately stayed with our current insurer but felt this issue could be brought up again. The child's swimming ability is not in question, but rather the risk of the youngsters' susceptibility to a predator. The Board will address the issue this fall but requests feedback from the membership. One problem we have is that we have no control of a child leaving the premises or whom they leave with. (Please see the attachment)

The question was raised asking what age the insurance company felt was acceptable. They wanted 12, we compromised at 10.

The question was raised as to what our liability would be in the situation. We could be sued and would have to pay costs incurred with such action. The world is changing and we need to change with it.

Lastly, our goal is to fix things as they break. If the members see something that is an issue, please bring it to the Manager's attention.

- Membership Report Sandy Berberich

In the last 3 years, we have had 109 new members. 35 this year alone. We still own 20 memberships and 10 members still wish to sell. Refer your friends! 2 sheets of guest passes for each new member you refer! Memberships are selling for \$350.

- Treasurer's Report Duncan Munro

Copies of the budget were passed out. Three stars indicate an item that was considered but not funded due to budget constraints. Budget is based on everyone paying dues. 30 members have not and that creates an approximate \$10,000 shortfall. We overcome this by looking for cost saving measures and increased revenue. For example, we raised guest fees.

- Swim/Dive Report Kari Banks

Swim Team Report

110 kids are registered.

Tony Murray is the Head Coach. His assistants are Adrienne Bush, Casey Stoddard, Megan Bush and Kelly Carroll.

Ellen Carroll and David Clifford are the team representatives.

The team's record so far this year is one win, one loss.

Calverton is the top seed of Division I.

We will be hosting Divisionals at our pool on July 25. This is a great opportunity to showcase our pool. We are in the process of having our bulkhead remade which will be used during this current season.

Dive Team

32 kids are registered.

Erin Flynn is the Head Coach; Devon Rinkel is assisting.

Sharon Ruckdeschel is the team rep.

The team lost their first meet; today is their second meet.

Calverton is in Division III (of IV)

Dive Team will be hosting Divisionals on July 26.

Both teams have great spirit this year and are off to terrific starts!

- Social Report Alison Klumpp

We are off to a tremendous start. We have had a float night, noodle night, preteen night, teen night and pig roast. We look forward to more noodle nights, 2 float nights, a family campout 7/11, the crab feast 8/29 and family fun day on Labor Day. We would also like to have an outdoor movie night and a karaoke night. If anyone has any equipment for these please let Alison Klumpp know!

Volleyball Report Karen Pugh

We have 4 adult volleyball leagues with an average of 72 members per league. We have a youth clinic this year available for anyone 10-14, Fridays at 5pm. There are two more scheduled in July.

Horseshoe Report Frank Cockrell

We have 20 2 to 3 member horseshoe leagues. The pits are available for anyone to use.

Handball Report

Logan Shinholser

A handball league has been started by the life guards on the grounds near the soccer nets. This has gotten a new group of kids involved with an activity at the pool.

Additional comments/proposals, new and old business, etc.

Open forum for membership discussion.

A request for some healthy selections of fruit and salads be available at the snack bar. Andy is an independent contractor and request should be made directly to him. He is here to please, so ask him!

Several members voiced opinions that the pool is still too strict regarding acceptable pool behaviors. Nikki said the Board hears and understands these concerns. Safety is always first and foremost. We are open to alternatives to strict rules. We need to hear from the membership. Tell us what you want. There is a suggestion box in the pool office and each Board member has a mailbox. We will ask kids at next preteen night what things they might like. The Board will consider and ask the Manager to try new things on a trial basis. This is new for everyone. We have an unusual situation here in that many of the guards grew up going to this pool and continue to enforce rules as they were enforced when they were kids. They are very safety conscious. It is a learning process for them and each month of the season they get better. The members need to respect the guards and their requests. Some rules are state and county requirements and must be enforced or we could run the risk of being shut down. Our kids and guests need to know that safety comes first. Also, discussed were the pros and cons of the poolside basketball hoop. The trial period will continue but the rules will be more effectively communicated to the kids.

Nikki will review the rules and highlight the ones that are mandates. The Board will review the remaining and consider making changes where appropriate.

Lastly, a special Thanks to Charlie Pugh for all his work on our wonderful website!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CONSIDER INCREASING MINIMUM AGE TO ENTER THE CLUB WITHOUT AN ADULT.

During the past winter, the Board of Directors investigated changing insurance companies as a cost saving measure. During the application and inquiry process, a question was raised about the Club's rules regarding unaccompanied entry and/or presence in the facility by children.

Currently, Club rules allow a child who is eight years old, and who has passed the Swimming Ability Test [Patch Test], to enter the Club facility and/or remain in the facility without being accompanied by an adult [over the age of 15].

Some of the insurance companies we spoke with were very insistent that we change the rule to a higher age.

While we were able to save the money on our insurance premium without having to change the rule, the issue has been raised, and is likely to come up again. Therefore, the Board of Directors will consider increasing the minimum age for unaccompanied presence at the Club from eight to ten years of age, or higher.

In order to have member comment on this proposed rule change, this item will be on the agenda for the General Membership meeting on June 28. Any members who wish to make a comment on this subject are urged to attend the meeting. Members unable to attend the meeting may submit comments to the Board via the office mailbox or via email at www.calvertonswimclub.com.