Minutes
Pool Committee

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Meeting begins at 7:45, Ends at 8:40

Members Present
Michele Thorton, Betsy Ehrlich, Ashley Andrews, Doug Sims, Julia Remsberg
Not in attendance: Karl Soper, Mary Mills, Tom Bidinger

1. April Minutes – Approved, no changes.

2. Day Care – Michele hasn't heard back from them. She's going to wait, call again later. The information about this is on the guard list (Julia).

3. Member Splash Update – Membership is at 366 (358). 375 is the budgeted amount. We'll leave the sign out until we get enough members. We got a family request from J T Yeager: they are asking about the late fee and asking if we'd be willing to waive it because they're new and didn't know about the pool. In a similar circumstance, a family moves into the area after the pool opens and wants to join – would we charge a late fee? No. So let's be consistent and not charge a new family just moved into the area.

4. Food truck –The people Julia had scheduled for Memorial Day has cancelled. Question for the committee. Can we have two trucks – the ice cream truck and another food truck. Consideration – we don't want to have a truck running a generator. Michele will contact Mary to remove Rockin' and Rollin' Roaster off the list. The information is going into the BHCA newsletter with an invitation to come and get food even if you're not a member. Food truck people need to have a long extension cord, but if they don't have one, we will keep one in the guard room. Julia will add this information for the guards too, so they know about the extension cords. Pool committee still needs to purchase four full size cones to block off four spots. Doug will get the big, serious ones that won't blow away.

5. Summer Splash – August 5th. Ray the DJ is planning to come. He is charging $400. We're ok with this. Baskets from the community – Ashley is taking the lead on this. She

wants to announce to pool members that anyone with a business need to be invited to create baskets. This can go out on MailChimp. One basket for one of the guards. Put ALL guard's names in the hat. Don't charge for the baskets – make it a door prize. Include the guards and encourage them to participate, eat, and perhaps even run some/one of the games. Michele will invite the BHCA committee members to come that day. We'll have to give the guards a list so they can waive them through. Also invite the guards that aren't working that day. Ashley will update the flyer and make it ready for the pool opening.

6. Vendor for machines – Bill Barber is ready to roll. The area around the machines is all cleaned up.

7. Meeting with RSV – We will have no manager this year. Simon sold RSV to Nesh. Nesh and his brother are in charge. They will assign Brook Hodos and Brad as co-managers. They did a great job at the end of last year. The manager from the Brunswick pool will occasionally stop by. Pool managers MUST know how to contact people if there's an issue. Wed May 24 meeting with the guards at 6pm. Ashley will put copies of information in folders for each of the guards. We'll have about 14-15 of them. Doug will send a note to Nesh about the meeting.

8. Escalation Contacts Sheet – Michele sent a copy to Julia. Ashley will make three copies and laminate them.

9. Open Forum

- Confirm rules about diving well. We confirm current rules and allow flexibility at the guard's discretion.
- Swimsafe Program: We said no to it in previous years. We are interested in the idea but need to work out some issues and questions. Kids forget things. Do we have to test ALL kids? Idea: have some available so we can use them in limited situations. Or alt idea: if a guard is uncomfortable with a kids swimming ability, they need to pull the kid, test them, and then have them swim in a safer area. Guards have the right to call another guard over and ask them to test the child. But they'd need to make sure that all guards know that the child was tested and confirmed as a competent swimmer and don't need to stay next to their parent. Treat it like an award. If your child can swim well today, they get a bracelet. What

happens too often is a parent will insist that a child can go down the slide or swim away from a parent. If a parent insists that their kid can swim, the guard can offer to test the child and award them with a bracelet. So, we are not going to participate in the SwimSafe Program, but we will implement our own program based on our existing pool rules. The bracelets will all be the same color. Don't ask for the bands back again. We can get more. We want children with bands to get praised for earning a band. We aren't planning to publicize this program – it's too small to notify all members.

- Need to paint the doors after we get the rust off. Jan Ciarkowski and Misha painted the doors to the community center red. They can help with the pool doors.
- Mary will take care of the shower curtains.
- Pool deck, tables, flowers, etc. everything looks great. We're almost ready.
- Ashley will also work on the bathroom signs.
- Idea: Shirts for the pool committee members always wearing them especially during the summer splash. Talk about this at the next meeting. Ashely has a friend who may be able to do this at cost.
- Comments at the picnic were positive. Michele is doing a great job running the pool committee!

Meetings (in *italics*) **and Events in 2023**

May
May 24 6pm meeting with the guards.
Memorial Day Food Truck?

June
Tuesday, June 13 Pool Meeting

July
Tuesday, July 1 Pool Meeting
Food Truck July 4
Food Truck July 15

August
Summer Splash August 5 11:00-3:00
Tuesday, August 8 Pool Meeting

Etc
Tuesday, September 12 Pool Meeting
Tuesday, October 10 Pool Meeting

Tuesday, November 14 Pool Meeting