Pool Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Meeting at the Main Cup begins at 7:41, Ends at 8:55pm

Members Present
Michele Thornton, Betsy Ehrlich, Ashley Andrews, Tom Bidinger, Doug Sims, Mary Mills, Not in attendance: Karl Soper, Julia Remsberg, Jean Marie Diehl is interested in joining, Julia Remsburg

1. October Minutes – Approved, no changes.

2. Slide Installation and Pool Resurfacing – **Pool resurfacing**: Two coats on the pool. It's refilled and diving well is refilled. Black stripes were not done. They'll be painted with the same epoxy in the spring (pool will have to be drained again). There are two "squishy" areas in the deep end where the lining isn't stuck to the pool floor. **The slide**: Cement was removed. Permit to put in water line etc. Now on hold to get permit as paperwork is submitted. Hopeful to get it in before bad weather. Plans are to finish slide installation this year. Weather and permit-depending. Another area around the diving board got new concrete. **The diving board**: needs to be removed for winter storage. Michele will contact Craig about this.

3. Budget 2023-24 – BHCA fee went from $50 to $60. Primary member fee went from $425 to $450. Daycare provide went up to $100 from $75. We anticipate that the RSV contract will increase.

4. Post Season Update – Need to finish painting. We finished Tom, Karl, and Mary started painting. Michele, Betsy and Ashley came later and cleaned the panels and blue pool tiles. Michele finished what the team couldn't complete on pool clean-up day. Cleaning the plexi panels was a problem – there was so much stuff on them that when they were scrubbed with dishwashing liquid, they still looked cloudy. Stored in the women's bathroom. Next season, we want to consider putting them in upside-down to have more area that is clear. We need to put this in the budget for regular replacement. This is just the second season. We might get two more years if we can turn them over. It's in the RSV contract that the tiles should be cleaned too. Clearly, they had not been cleaned at all this year. It doesn't take too much to get them sparkling again. Also,

toilets are supposed to be cleaned once per day. Michele will talk with the guards at the orientation to learn how to clean and how often we clean, and what we expect. Or, RSV needs to hire a cleaning person.

Two guards are supposed to come 1 hour before opening. One guard is supposed to stay 15 minutes after clean and straighten. At the very end of the day, more cleaning can be done even before it closes. Mats in the bathrooms are supposed to be pulled out and hosed down. We have a list of the types of cleaning solutions.

What was purchased: 2-cases of 96 rolls of TP, trash can liners, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels – 1 case, but other than toilet bowl cleaner they aren't buying cleaning supplies. Also need rubber gloves.

Still need to finish painting the doors. The shed doors the edges are cut in but need to go back with the roller. After the doors are painted, we must restore the numbers which is a requirement from the fire department. Maybe some of this could be done before Thanksgiving. It's going to be hit or miss in getting a date that is warm enough (60 or above). Probably need to get back to this in the spring. The inside of the women's bathroom door also needs to be finished.

Michele cleaned all the chairs so they were put away clean this year. But RSV is supposed to clean the chairs.

Spring cleaning need: pressure wash the diving area cement must be pressure washed. It looks terrible.

Need to check on whether chemicals were added for winterizing. The water is black. Michele will talk to Craig about this.

The new robot has been repaired and returned, per Doug.

Our pool cleaners and robots don't vacuum up sand. Will the power vacs work on sand? We need to point this out to the guards.

5. Food trucks – per Doug after conversation with Julia during Summer Splash. It wasn't worth the effort and time. Julia ended up buying many of the meals that were sold. It's a lot of work. The truck vendors didn't feel it was worth their time. Maybe reduce this to 4th of July

6. Member Splash Updates – Getting rid of current BHCA web page (on Wordpress) and moving it to Member Splash. This Thursday, Doug will get training on this. He will manage the website, for now. What he doesn't know how to do is the pool website. Training will give them the knowledge to make changes on the webpage. Mary Koster handles the Facebook page. https://braddockheights.org/pool/ bhca.org is NOT a site yet.

7. Signage for Membership – Sandwich board. We have one. Craig found new signs that are not sandwich boards. Then we can reuse the sandwich board and also get two-sided panels for the new signs (from Mountain Postal). Michele will get these made this winter so they're ready for next season.

8. RSV Contract: We anticipate going with RSV again. Nesh bought the company and he has been doing a good job. He knows the pool. His costs are minimal. The next contract is a 2-year contract.

- $115,812 was the contract cost for 2023.
- $126,408 is the quote for the upcoming year, 2024.
- $132,498 is the quote for 2025.

Three things influencing the costs: difficulty getting supplies, increase in pool chemical costs, and increases in wages. Other pool companies have folded. Nesh reduced the number of pools by 1/3. If they had problems with pool owners – they dumped them. He said he hoped his company can be more attentive to the pools they do manage. Mostly, the water quality was excellent. We made an extra $7,000 because the gate guards were vigilent in collecting guest fees.

Changes needed in draft contract: Update the date from 2023 to 2025. Change "swim club" to "BHCA", section 5, part B, inspect the "filter sand."

Need to provide RSV with 3 sets of keys. We probably need to make extra keys so pool committee can go in and do painting and other work outside of pool clean-up days, etc. Ashley will bring key things so they are easier to find.

Section 7B: Do we need to be more specific or explicit. A detailed checklist will be provided by BHCA.

BHCA will provide a checklist of for deck cleaning too.

9. Timeline for Pool Liner Replacement – Nesh said this liner needs work. BHCA decided to deal with it was to put two new layers of epoxy on it at about $6,000. Michele asked how long to expect this to last. Craig is hoping for 2 years. Jody is hoping for 8-10 years. Michele has expressed concern about this – specifically at last weeks BHCA meeting. The pool committee needs to put together a timeline and create a schedule for getting bids and other critical steps so we can get this done. Jody repairs the liner every year. Craig is concerned about the two corners with the soft spots which are probably irreparable. We need to get a company to look at the liner and get a professional opinion. Dr. Amy Jones sent us a reference for Parrish Pools – Maryland Delaware and PA. Michele would like to propose that when the pool is drained in the spring and get their opinion on the liner, and on our timeline, and give us advise. Can we find another company to give us a second quote. Pearl Pools from Frederick MD, a plastering company. They'll know who to contact. In the January meeting we will make a plan/timeline. Make an appointment with these companies for middle of March. We can expect to pay a fee, maybe around $500, to get a quote. We have $20,000 for pool maintenance.

- Ashley will contact Pearl Pools.
- Michele will contact Parrish Pools.

We want to see what the bottom line is for the pool ($150,000 left last year) Oct 31, 2023 is the end of our fiscal year. Nov 1 is beginning of new FY. We think we should have about $170,000.

10. Dates to Know

- January 15: Early Bird registration begins.
- April 27: Pool clean up.
    - Need painters, which will also need to be on several other days for evenings and other weekend dates. We can also hire someone to pressure wash.

- May 4: Parade and Picnic (Rain Date - May 11)
- Pool opens May 29

Pool Committee Meetings in 2024

Tuesday, January 9
Tuesday, February 13
Tuesday, March 12
Tuesday, April 9
Tuesday, May 14
Tuesday, June 11
Tuesday, July 9
Tuesday, August 13
Tuesday, September 10
Tuesday, October 8
Tuesday, November 12