

July 14, 2019

Mohican Swim Club Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 3:10p

In attendance from Board: Rick Hall (President), Michael Kessler (VP Grounds), Lisa Owen (VP Pool), Elizabeth Redisch (VP Buildings), Shane Moore (VP Activities), Vin DeSomma (Director), Dani Johnson (Director), Catharina Ford (Director), Eluned Schweitzer (Director), Elena Naum (Secretary). In attendance from Bethesda Aquatics: Chuck Montrie

Bethesda Aquatics Update – Chuck Montrie

- Service training for guards is under way
- Guards will call “Adult Swim” every day during the last 15 minutes of the first hour the pool is open. Normally, the calling of “Adult Swim” is under the guards’ discretion but as this is the time when the Mermaids use the shallow part of the pool, guards will need to be more diligent about blowing the whistle on time.
- The ground fault outlet that powers the ice machine is not working. Chuck and Michael will work to fix this.
- The replacement pump for the baby pool has been installed to fix the defective one that froze up at the open of the pool season. We had a new spare unit already in the pump room.
- Guards will be more vigilant about enforcing adult supervision in the baby pool.
- As of July 1st, lifeguard minimum wage has increased to \$14/hour (lifeguards under 18 years old are paid 80% of that). Chuck will calculate and report to Josette the extent to which this increase will impact Bethesda Aquatics’ portion of the budget.

Grounds Update - Michael Kessler

- The walking path behind the pool has been restored after Monday’s (7/8) torrential rain.
- WSSC repaired the driveway bib after having torn it up while adding an underground drain pipe 2-3 years ago.
- Michael reported that next year we will install a 12” culvert pipe under the driveway entrance to connect the two ditches along MacArthur. To proceed with the work, he will receive a “roadside work permit” for the digging of a trench and installation of the culvert pipe.

Membership Update – Dani Johnson

- There are 122 August members, with 10 pending.
- Dani sends out pool rules to each August member.
- Dani will represent the Board on the Nominating Committee. She is looking for 2 permanent members to fully staff the committee.

- All current Board members should email Dani to let her know if they plan on returning next year so that she can determine how many board positions will need to be filled next year.

Activities Update – Shane Moore

- Crabfest was a big success!
- The next event is the Closing Party on 9/28.

Swim Team – Elizabeth Redisch

- Swim season is wrapping up. Divisionals are Saturday 7/20 at River Falls.
 - Elizabeth to confirm they can still host as the River Falls pool, bathhouse and surrounding areas flooded after Monday's excessive rains.
 - The Board agreed that Divisionals can take place at Mohican if River Falls' opening is delayed.
- Elizabeth confirmed there are always 2 lap lanes available to pool members during swim team practice and 4 during the hours when the pool is open.
- Coaches should be considerate of lap swimmers when giving lessons and the parties should talk with each other to determine how to best work together.

Glass at the Pool – Board discussion

- The incidence of members bringing glass into the pool club is on the rise.
- Board members and lifeguards will need to be extra vigilant and remind members of the negative impact broken glass can have to the pool (injury to a member, draining and re-filling of the pool, approximately \$5,000 cost).
- The Board is also looking into signs to post around the property reminding members to leave the glass at home.

Year-Round Mohican Exploratory Committee – Lisa

- Lisa gave a brief report of the issues she is exploring.
- The architect of the recent pool renovation, as well as the structural engineer, believe that a second floor can be built on top of the existing bath house but the construction will entail the addition of extra structural support columns.
- The zoning attorney says that the use of the club year around would require a minor exception to the Club's zoning permit, similar to that made for the 2014 renovation.
- The Board agreed that the support of both Mohican members and surrounding neighbors will be needed in order for any construction and/or changes to the Club to be made.
- Lisa will put together a presentation outlining the scope of the project, the project's needs and including the project's estimated financial impact, for the Board to review at the next meeting on August 3 at 4:00p.
- If the Board agrees, the presentation will be put out to the pool members, along with a survey to gauge their support.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

