

## September 19, 2021 Mohican Swim Club General Membership Meeting Minutes

Vin DeSomma (President), Shane Moore (Treasurer), Michael Kessler (VP Facilities), Nikki Hansel (VP, Activities), Eluned Schweitzer (Director), Catharina Ford (Director), Elizabeth Redisch (Director), Elena Naum (Secretary); 2 members in attendance

Meeting held via Zoom; began at 7:05pm

### 1). Welcome – Vin DeSomma

- Recognized guards and staff as having done a tremendous job and performed admirably.
- Reminded there was a reservation system at the beginning of the season, until July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed that the “shoulder season” has become more complex.
  - our pool is the only one out of 14 that Pool Personnel run that is open into October
  - College-aged guards have left for college and high schoolers are busy with after school commitments.
  - A member echoed board conclusion from last week that AU (as well as other local colleges/universities) should be considered as a place from where to recruit guards.
    - Suggested:
      - pool provide free certification, as an incentive.
      - members also reach out to their contacts
      - consider retirees as possible options
    - John will reach out to his contact at AU’s aquatic center.

### 2). Facilities/Grounds – Michael Kessler

- Begun process of getting the county to remove the dead tree on county property, next to parking lot
- Money was spent to fix 7 critical violations resulting from poor installation of pool heater
  - Learned that pool should have had 4 units of 400,000 BTUs instead of 1 until of 1 million BTUs
- Water temperature sensors are subject to corrosion and once corroded, read wrong temperature
  - Estimates \$2,000/year to keep replacement sensors on hand
- Repaired seal between main pool and diving well which would dry out and cause water leak.
- While draining pool to fix the seal, discovered deficient plaster job on pool surface.

- Speculates this issue was caused by too much plaster having been applied at one time and that it dried too quickly before troweling could be done properly
- Main and middle pools will require significant work to repair this over the sometime between 2023-2025, at a cost of approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 (not including cost to drain and refill the pools ~\$5,000)
- Baby pool will be drained and resurfaced this year
- Twice weekly professional cleaning service has been money well spent
- Michael to identify options to replace shower valves over the next 5-7 years, as needed.
- Michael has reached out to the county for the installation of a flashing light crossing signal/stop sign across Macarthur Blvd.

**3). Budget – Shane Moore**

- Pool budget will most likely break even
  - Past 2 years have been difficult due to the COVID 19 restrictions, but Mohican has fared better than many other pools
  - Continuing to pay down the mortgage (on track to pay off July 2023, 2 years early) while putting money into savings.
  - Have not sold all memberships
  - Budget for next year will be out at the end of October for member meeting in November

**4). Swim Team – Elizabeth Redisch**

- Swim team won their division (F) this year
- Would like to finish the brick wall outside of the pool house, by selling remaining bricks to fit the space
  - Will identify capital projects such as permanent, wind-resistant shade around the baby pool or shower valves

**5). 2020-2021 Slate of Nominees**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Board Nominee</b>	<b>Role</b>
1 Year	Vin DeSomma	President
1 Year	Katie Blot	VP Pools
1 Year	Michael Kessler	VP Facilities
1 Year	Shane Moore	Treasurer
1 Year	Nikki Blume Hansel	VP Activities
1 Year	Elena Naum	Secretary
2 Year	Amy Warfield	Director (Year 2 of 2)

2 Year	Reed Simonds	Director (Year 2 of 2)
2 Year	Donna Fehrmann	Director (Year 2 of 2)
2 Year	Elizabeth Redisch	Director (Year 1 of 2)
2 Year	Catharina Ford / Eluned Schweitzer	Director and Director Proxy (Year 1 of 2)
2 Year	Dani Johnson	Director (Year 1 of 2)

- The slate was nominated without opposition.
- As there were not enough members for a quorum, the slate will be emailed to the general membership for a vote.

### 5). Member comments

- Member provided the following positive comments:
  - great communication between pool leadership and membership
  - grounds, locker rooms look terrific
  - guards were fabulous
- Member suggested heated bars to be installed underneath the roof of the side of the pool house where the guards and guests sit
  - Michael said pool is looking into providing heat now that pool is considering keeping the outside entrance, used during the Covid restrictions, a permanent way to access the pool (rather than through the pool house)
- Member commented that 8:45pm closing is too early and would like more time for lap swimming (1 hour in the mornings and 1 in the evenings).
  - Discussion about the reason behind 8:45pm close
    - Members take a long time leaving the pool after the last whistle and guards have often been forced to stay past 10:00pm, in order to properly close down the pool for the night.
    - The pool's hours are directly related to staffing supply and budget availability
- Member commented that pool should consider looking in to a way to cool the pool's water temperature, as a way to anticipate climate change making the world hotter.
  - Mentioned some days when the pool water temperature was 91 degrees and the bacteria/viruses that could multiply in those conditions
    - Board attributed the few instances of higher water temperature to the corrosion of temperature sensors (see item 2 above)
- Member suggested a dues increase, as most current families seem to be able to afford to pay more. Member continued that with a dues increase, the pool could offer longer hours and a longer season.

- Board discussed that dues have not been increased in the last 4 years.
- Member asked what will be done to the bee's nest near the diving well.
  - Board will bring this to the attention of Pool Personnel

General meeting ended 8:00pm.