

**Swarthmore Swim Club Board
August 22, 2011 Meeting
Minutes**

Present: Jim Greer, Susan Kelly, Gary King (Presiding), Dick Nenno, Michael Ryan, Stuart Seidman, Chip Stockman.

Absent: Kim Bernaus, Amy Connell, Joe Foglio, Rick Graham, Nika Haase, Jeanne Maillet, John McKinstry.

The meeting began at 7:05.

1. Member Comments/no comment

2. Minutes from June Meeting

The minutes of the July 2011 Board Meeting will be approved at the September meeting when a quorum is present.

3. Manager's Report (Charlie Coonley)

Attendance to date (August 21): 32,100; average of 380/day.

Personnel: 11 (1) left for college, 22 available lifeguards, 13 available Welcome Center staff (7 overlap as Welcome Center/lifeguard staff). By having dual-function employees, there are no anticipated significant scheduling issues through the end of the season; there has been no need to hire end-of season emergency staffing for either Welcome Center or lifeguards and no need is anticipated.

Operations:

- No failures regarding physical plant, filters, chlorination system, or pools in the past month. Storms have caused significant dirt and debris in the lap pool, however, which was filtered within 24 hours; no health issues arose as appropriate chlorine levels were maintained.
- Open Sky Energy: As of Friday, August 19th, the company is preparing a proposal to install solar panels on the building roof.

Chester Eastside Ministries: completed their Wednesday morning visits during July, with more than 60 people attending the final swim and lunch.

Trinity final swim will be August 30th with swim and then lunch in the grove.

Swim lessons: 248 private lessons and 105 in group lessons. Guard Start was cancelled because of only 1 enrollee.

Shutdown: DelVal Pools: have been contacted to assist in closing the pools. After September 11th, **Larry Schriener** will be contacted to arrange for plumbing shutdown after pool shutdown and cleaning has been completed, most likely late September/early October. Employees will be scheduled to work at the cleanup/shutdown.

Swim/dive teams: Successful season, with undefeated varsity team (5-0). Dive team finished with 3-2 record.

Party/events: 5 small successful events in the grove during August.

Sunday Supper: cancelled twice due to inclement weather.

Final Staff Party (August 25th): successful; held inside the clubhouse due to inclement weather.

Upcoming: Final Day for SSC open is Labor Day, September 5th; **Dog Swim** is September 10th.

Felix White Fundraising/Labor Day Weekend: cancelled at the request of the three women (Amy Meserve, Susan Brake, Jean Steinke) planning the event. The time is not appropriate.

4. Finance (in Rick's absence, Stuart Seidman)

Despite dues revenue below budget, cash flow has increased and maintenance bills have decreased.

5. Operations/Long-Range Facilities Plan

A committee of Joe Foglio, Rick Graham, Nika Haase, Stuart Seidman, and Manager Charlie Coonley met on August 18th to discuss the long-range facilities plans and to prioritize infrastructure necessities and additional features that would attract new members, retain present members, and maintain/upgrade the pool infrastructure. The committee used the base of Joe's 2010 options presentation and reduced it to specific projects to be done in years 1, 2, and 3. Discussion ensued concerning work that needs to be completed under year 1: bringing SSC up to electrical code as well as other issues including facility repair, fence repair, roof repair, building painting, etc. Discussion also centered on a question of "if major improvements are made to the pools, what major improvements will be required to be completed as a result of the improvements (e.g., new pumps), if we step outside our current 'grandfathered' status?" Diving board issue needs to be revisited now. Dick Nenno requested that the Board review the resolution, made 2 years ago, concerning the diving boards. *[John: please look into previous minutes and bring this resolution to the attention of the Board at the September meeting.]* The next meeting of the committee will address costing out items and calling contractors.

Stuart mentioned that there are pool construction companies that specialize in deepening dive wells, including the use of PVC liners, with a 20-year life.

Chip proposed that we obtain storage pods/bins for chairs, benches, and items that usually are stored in the club house during the off season so the floors can be repainted during the off-season and any repairs to the club house inside can be made. This idea was met with general approval. Again, lack of a quorum dictated that no motion/vote be made.

Also discussed was the issue of clearing the limbs on trees around our utility poles up to the upper lot. Bids will be sought soon after the pool closes.

6. Quality of Life (Nika, Jeanne, & Amy)

Splash Party: Jessica Kline has volunteered to be in charge of this; Jeanne Maillet is coordinating this event with Jessica.

Dog Swim: scheduled for September 10th. An ad will be placed in the *Swarthmorean* and flyers will be posted around the pool. Amy has made all arrangements; however, volunteers are still needed.

7. Personnel (John McKinstry)—no report

8. Membership (Jim Greer)

Jim was exuberant in his thanks to Marcia (in Gladys' office), who has gone out of her way to accommodate us in sending out notices to the members who have not paid dues for the past several years. She has sent out 92 separate letters, with certification notices, to these members, with a letter crafted by the committee offering the member the choice of paying \$100 for each year of dues not paid as the "summer away" option or turning in stock. The names of all members who have not paid by the September deadline will be read out at the September Board meeting, and their memberships will be cancelled. Jim expressed his thanks to all members of the

committee who have helped with this process. He will take Marcia out to lunch as a special note of gratitude to Marcia for all of her work with the committee over the past season.

Other items of note: After the pool closes, the committee will be sending out a letter to all current Associate Members inviting them to become full members, suggesting that they can complete the purchase of a share of stock and pay the initiation fee now rather than waiting until spring when dues and other expenses won't be so daunting. Also, this would enable them to vote at the Annual Meeting in February. Another benefit is that the Club will have funds sooner to reimburse members who are electing to leave the club.

The committee will be meeting in September to discuss a new dues structure. Jim suggested that, in the future, all members who have not paid their dues by opening day should be contacted within the first 3 weeks of the season.

Chip mentioned that a full-age ad for SSC memberships has been placed on the back cover of the SRS Parent Handbook and an ad also will appear in the Middle School Handbook.

Membership numbers for July 2011:

1. Number of dues paid in full: YTD members - 430 + associates - 23 = 453
2. New members in July - 1, YTD 37
3. New associate members in July - 5 , YTD 22
4. Redeemed bonds in July - 0 , YTD 21
5. Unpaid dues letters sent out 2008 to 2011 - 92 (32 in 2011)

Note: new members and associate members were not voted on at this meeting due to lack of a quorum.

New members in July:

Mark Weiss & Paulette Lambert
60 Dogwood Ln.
Swarthmore, PA 19081

New Associate Members in July:

Mindy & Scott Rittenhouse
730 Pine Ridge Rd.
Media, PA 19063

Clayton & Megan Coltman
411 Harvard Ave.
Swarthmore, PA 19081

Lee Ann Shaughnessy & James Mantell
166 Bridge St.
Morton, PA 19070

Gerry & Lois Elman
406 Yale Ave.
Swarthmore, PA 19081

Peter & Marcia Bloom
416 Riverview Rd.
Swarthmore, PA 19081

9. Nominating Committee

John McKinstry has agreed to chair the committee and will be forming the committee in September.

10. New Business: Employee and Member Survey

Gary suggested that we again survey members at the end of the season about issues concerning the club and wondered if we could use the survey that Doug Hasbrouck created using Survey Monkey last year. Susan volunteered to discuss with Doug.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kelly, Acting Secretary