

LAWRENCEVILLE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fall Membership Meeting – September 2, 2002

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm on the pool grounds. Board members present were Jim Guenther, Karen Hall, Donna Krawczyk, Cathy LeCompte, Kirk LeCompte, Ann Lewis, Mary Jo Nagy, Ken Najjar, and Kathy Poss. Twenty-nine families were present establishing a quorum for this meeting. The Minutes from the Annual Spring Membership Meeting held May 19, 2002 were approved.

Board of Trustees: Ann Lewis introduced the board members.

Financial Report: Kirk LeCompte presented the 2002 financial report and projection. LSA should end the year with approximately \$40K in combined value of cash and investment accounts. The mutual fund accounts are losing ground but are still being treated as long term investments. However there is growing interest in selling the funds. The LSA mortgage outstanding is currently \$134K.

Kirk reported that the accounts for the last several years had been audited and updated and reflected additional revenue not previously reported. The chart of accounts had been revised in the Quicken software to more adequately support the Board's reporting needs. Detail reports are available to members on request.

Kirk reported a projected 2002 operating surplus of \$8,654. After capital improvements of \$6,192 and unrealized mutual fund losses of \$2,000, the net change from 2001 would be an increase of \$463 in account value. Kirk noted that income from the children fee increased by \$4,110 due to the fee change from \$35 to \$50 (274 children times an extra \$15). 80% of the improvement expenses are umbrellas, chairs, and a resurfaced diving board.

Kirk announced that Rita Reven will be serving as the new LSA Treasurer.

The Board still needs volunteers to serve on the audit committee to review the books and to assist with federal and state filings.

Facilities Report: The Board thanked Dave Lapidus for his expertise in installing new fans and lighting. Tom Pearce was thanked for replacing the cabinet that fell off the wall in the Ladies changing room. Jim reported that major expenses this year included the resurfacing of the diving board and resurfacing of the Baby Pool. He also noted that some expenses were significantly lower, such as the new lawn service.

Members questioned the Board's choice for a new baby pool surface. The Board responded that the new pool surface was significantly less expensive, potentially safer, more enjoyable, and installed in well-known places. In hindsight, the Board agreed that the surface may be the cause of the contamination problem, but there were no indicators that such a problem was going to occur and that in fact, other pools are known to have the surface without an operational problem. Nevertheless, the Board welcomed any member to join the task force to resolve the baby pool surface problem and choose a surface for next year. No one present volunteered.

Membership: Ken Najjar reported that we have 50 families, including 20 SGPs, on the waiting list. He expects a 2 year wait for most families.

Albert Pitman volunteered to join the zoning board committee, which already consists of Kirk LeCompte, Ken Najjar, and Joyce Copleman.

Swim & Dive: Kathy Poss & Mary Jo Nagy reported that Team LSA had a record 100 swimmers and 25 divers representing at least 65 families this year. They thanked all the parents who helped out at the meets this year. They were pleased to report that our coaches are expected to return next year. They were disappointed to report that PASDA is likely going to return to 4 official meets in 2003, but that regardless, LSA would schedule 6 meets total. Also, dive meets will be dual meets in 2003.

Concessions & Social: Cathy reported a successful party season, including 90 attendees at the Luau party, and that our net social expenses were less than the previous year. She also reported that we already have parties booked for 2003 and encouraged more use of after-hours parties. It was noted that Ben Franklin has offered its facilities to adults whenever joint events are being held at LSA, such as Youth Night or a swim meet. This will be more effectively communicated in 2003.

Members voiced concern about whether we are properly insured for parties that include guests. Donna indicated that we are reviewing all our insurance policies and will review the details regarding all parties and events.

Karen reported that the new snack and soda machine worked out well and that they will be here again next year.

Board Election: The Board thanked Jim Guenther, Karen Hall, and Ken Najjar for their commitment to the board over the past three years. The following members were nominated and approved by the membership as Board members: Ellen Buchsbaum (term expires 2005), Al Everson (term expires 2005), Tom Gordon (term expires 2005), Rita Reven (term expires 2005), and Jim Guenther (term expires 2003). NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting the Board asked Susan Olson Hamer to serve until 2003. Susan will be up for approval at the next General Meeting.

Board Proposals: The following proposals were made and voted on:

Article Three Section 1: There shall be one class of membership to be known as "Resident-Family" which shall be limited to **one hundred seventy** Lawrence Township families, one certificate per resident-family. The Membership will determine by majority vote how many certificates, not exceeding the limit set by these Bylaws or Lawrence Township ordinances, are to be available in a given year.

Discussion: The Board revised the proposed text, based on a lively discussion about growth, to reflect its primary intention to convert the existing 20 Season Guests to resident-members, eliminate the SGP program, and thus realize \$17,000 in initiation and bond fees from those families who are already using the facilities. There was debate whether any change was really required. A significant minority indicated that changing the 20 Season Guests to regular resident-members was not worth the resulting \$17,000 in initiation and bond fees, even though these

families are using the facilities already. The reasons articulated were to remain status-quo and not "de-value" the existing membership bonds.

Result: 17 for, 12 against, the proposal was defeated (required a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority).

Article Three Section 8: When at least one of the certificate holders of a resident-membership has been deemed eligible for senior citizen sustaining privileges under standards adopted by the Board, then the certificate holders may elect to resign, redeem their bond and become entitled to senior citizen sustaining privileges.

Discussion: None

Result: 25 for, the proposal passed.

Article Three Section 8-F: The number of seniors (each bond redeemed counting as one unit) enjoying senior citizen sustaining privileges shall not at any time exceed **12%** of the full membership of the Association.

Discussion: The Board noted that with 150 members, this had the effect of creating 3 new Senior Citizen Slots.

Result: 25 for, the proposal passed.

Article Eleven, Section 1: The Board of Trustees may annually set the next year's dues amount. Any increase to the dues amount that exceeds 2% per year since the last change or any change to the dues structure shall be subject to approval by the membership at a regular or special meeting. The written notice of such meeting shall include the Board's recommendation. In the event no action is taken in any year to change the structure or amount of membership dues, the previous year's dues structure and amount shall automatically apply.

Discussion: There was some discussion whether the Consumer Price Index was the right indicator for setting the percentage. The Board simplified the proposal by setting a cap of 2% per year.

Result: 20 for, the proposal was defeated (required $\frac{3}{4}$ majority).

Article Sixteen, Section 3: Electronic Notices and Ballots. Whenever any written notice or written ballot is required by these Bylaws, such notice or ballot can be delivered, executed and returned electronically in cases where a member has explicitly chosen this preference and identified an electronic mailbox. The Board will adopt standards for appropriate electronic discussion and electronic security to protect such communication including certification and return receipt as required.

Discussion: Members suggested that an electronic discussion board be available so that members could benefit from the insight of other members. The Board amended the proposal to include electronic discussion.

Result: 23 for, the proposal passed.

Dues Increase: Increase Resident-Family Membership dues from \$400 to \$450 starting in the year 2003.

Discussion: It was noted that dues for Ben Franklin are \$475 per family, which includes children.

Result: 24 for, the proposal passed.

New Business: It was suggested to install an amplifier for music and announcements at the pool. It was also suggested to have microphones at General Meetings.

A "moon walk" or similar attraction was suggested for holiday parties.

It was suggested to enforce a 1:4 ratio of adults to children, or whatever is appropriate, at parties with children under 10 years of age. Too many parties seemed to have only a few adults watching over dozens of kids. It was further suggested to eliminate the guest charge for non-swimming adults. The board noted that guests are using the facilities whether or not they get wet; however, a free adult per 6 children guests might make sense. The social committee will review. It was also requested to post party schedules in advance.

It was suggested to have a small hot-water heater for the showers. Pete noted that cold showers were best before entering the pool. However, members want hot showers after taking a dip in the pool.

There was debate on whether guest privileges are part of Senior Citizen Sustaining Privilege. The Board clarified that the current practice is to allow Senior Citizens to have guests under the same conditions as resident-members. The Bylaws leave the scope of such privileges to be set by the Board annually and do not exclude the right to have guests. The Board intends to continue to allow guest privileges for Senior Citizens in 2003.

It was recommended that we get an engineer to evaluate and report the likely life expectancy and costs of the pool infrastructure.

It was proposed that we keep the pool open one more week in September.

Members noted that LSA facilities used to have a basketball court and table tennis court, and indicated a desire to have them again. Others questioned the liability risk of having a basketball court that might attract children into facilities post-season.

Members requested that the swimwear policy for infants be clearly posted.

The members voiced enthusiasm for the existing web site (www.LSAswimclub.org)

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned about 6pm. The next general meeting, the Spring Meeting, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2003 at 1:45pm on the pool grounds.