

Fort Washington Pool Association (FWPA) Board Meeting, 7 December, 2009

1. The FWPA Board convened at Fred Down's residence on 7 December 2009. Fred Downs, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. Attendance:

a. Board Members present: Fred Downs, John Dullahan, Ray Rice, John Szymanski, John Balazek, Brian King, John Ruehe, Eric Griffin, and Bonnie Medford (Pool manager).

b. Board Members absent: Rudy Brevard, Rick Pica, Kim Walton, and Jack Dennis.

3. The board reviewed the 25 November general meeting minutes and had two minor corrections. John Szymanski proposed approval of the minutes. John Balazek seconded the proposal, which was approved unanimously.

4. Officer reports:

a. Treasurer: Ray Rice said there was a balance of \$41,948.54 in the FWPA bank account. This amount is lower than the amount of \$44,380.28 Ray had stated at the 25 November annual general meeting because he paid the electricity and dumpster bills after that date.

b. Membership: Fred said that with Rudy Brevard's departure the membership committee would assume most membership duties.

c. Facilities: John Balazek said there were no changes since his report given at the 25 November general meeting.

d. Operations: Bonnie Medford said that since the pool had closed for the season there was nothing to report.

e. Grounds: Fred Downs said he also had nothing to report.

5. Old business:

a. Eric Griffin said Marty Stewart will host a membership committee in the near future. Eric also said he would like to create a call tree for contacting members. He would also attempt to contact former members to invite them to rejoin the pool, and pursue different approaches in obtaining new members. To this end, Eric also discussed various financial incentives such as referral fees and new membership discounts.

b. Ray Rice said a minimum of 135 active memberships were necessary to maintain pool viability.

c. Ray said the annual Halloweenie Roast had moderate attendance. Ray also stated he had

winterized the pool by turning off the water, draining the pipes, and using anti-freeze where required.

- d. Ray also said boat owners should be reminded to mark their boats and trailers with their membership numbers.

5. New business:

- a. After discussing officer election procedures as outlined by the FWPA bylaws, Fred proposed the board elect new officers. After discussion, the following eight officers were proposed for election: Eric Griffin, President; John Szymanski, Vice President, Bonnie Medford, Operations Chairperson; Ray Rice, Treasurer; John Dullahan, Secretary; Brian King, Membership Committee Chairperson; John Balazek, Facilities Chairperson, and Fred Downs, Ground Committee Chairperson. John Dullahan proposed the above slate of eight officers be elected or reelected. Ray Rice seconded the proposal, which was approved unanimously
- b. Bonnie Medford proposed that John Ruehe, Rudy Brevard, Jack Dennis, Rick Pica, Kim Walton (as legal liaison), be members of standby committees. Ray Rice seconded the proposal, which was approved unanimously.
- c. Fred Downs offered the continued use of his residence as a venue for future meetings. Eric Griffin and the other officers accepted Fred's offer.
- d. Ray Rice proposed that membership and boat storage fees remain unchanged for the 2010 season. Ray acknowledged that although pool maintenance would benefit from an increase in income, due to the current recession, it would be counterproductive to impose an increase in membership or boat storage fees. Eric Griffin seconded the proposal, which was approved unanimously. Ray also recommended a referral fee of \$25 for new members be granted. (New members must not have held FWPA memberships within the last five years.) Eric Griffin seconded the proposal, which was approved unanimously.
- e. To address persistent late and incomplete membership fee payments, John Dullahan proposed a late payment fee of \$75 be imposed on members who had not paid their membership fees in full by 1 June. Eric Griffin seconded the proposal; however, it was disapproved by a majority of the board and will not take effect.
- f. Fred Downs proposed that members who find it difficult to pay membership and other fees in a lump sum be allowed to pay in four installments, provided all payments are made before the pool opening date. John Szymanski seconded the proposal, which was approved unanimously.
- g. Brian King advocated and outlined ways to exploit a spreadsheet calendar for efficient pool event planning in 2010 and beyond. Brian also said he would call an early 2010 meeting of a working group to draft a business plan.

- h. Ray Rice said he had checked on the price of signs, obtained locally, which would solicit new members and advertise pool activities. He said 50 signs measuring 24' X18' would cost \$3.60 each, and 25 of the same signs would cost \$5.50 each.
- i. Eric Griffin said the next board meeting would take place at 7:30 pm on 4 January at Fred Down's residence.
- j. At 8:50 pm John Dullahan proposed the meeting be adjourned. John Balazek seconded the proposal, which was approved unanimously.

John Dullahan
FWPA Secretary