



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Aquatics Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: March 5, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Beaverton Swim Center

In Attendance

Committee Members: Jon Schieltz, Julia Kegg, Ginny Baynes, Andy Braun, Sheila McCarroll and Kathy Johnson
Staff: Ross Van Sickle and Sharon Hoffmeister

I. Call to Order

Julia Kegg opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the February 5, 2009 meeting were approved with one correction, the filming recently done at Harman Swim Center was for the Discovery Health Channel not Learning Channel.

III. Financial Report

Current balance as of February 28, 2009 is \$27,214.42.

IV. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

V. New Business

Advisory Committee Task Force: Julia is participating on the Advisory Committee Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to review the current structure of the Advisory Committees and provide a recommendation on purpose and functionality. The Task Force is comprised of current Advisory Committee Chairpersons and Program Superintendents. The group had their first meeting on February 18th. Each Advisory Committee Chair described how their individual committee functions and what issues they face. The Task Force will take into consideration aspects of the Park District that are underrepresented. Andy Braun asked a general question of "what happens if you do not have advisory committees, what is the impact?" This is a question that needs to be addressed as part of the Task Force recommendation. The next meeting will be on March 18th. Julia will keep the Aquatics Advisory Committee members updated on the progress of the Task Force.

Purchase Request: Margaret Keehn submitted a request for funding for Raleigh Swim Center, a shallow end guard chair at a total cost of \$543.50. This shorter version of a lifeguard tower would replace the "folding chair" style chair that is used while guarding lap swims and swim lessons. The Committee members approved the request and inquired if this is something that is needed at Somerset West also. Staff will check with the Center Supervisor.

VI. Other

Reports from Committee members:

Ginny Baynes, Aquatic Center: A Water Safety Instructor course was taught at the Aquatic Center recently, training 14 new swim lesson instructors. Staff has scheduled the Flick and Float events for next year, October 30th "Jaws", December 18th "Polar Express" and February 19th, film to be determined. The bulkhead will be removed from the pool March 22. It will be reinstalled in September.

Andy Braun, Tualatin Hills Dive Club: The Dive Club will be hosting the Spring Regional Meet this weekend, with 110 divers participating from California, Washington and Arizona. In February, the Club sent eight divers to a meet in Victoria BC. The Club will be hosting a Zone Meet in July.

Sheila McCarroll, Tualatin Hills Swim Club: The Swim Club is finishing up the championship season, the 10 and under meet was held at Hillsboro, 11-14 age group meet was held in Corvallis (THSC won) and this weekend the Senior State meet will be held in McMinnville. Senior Sectionals and Age Group Sectionals will be held in Federal Way on consecutive weekends. The Club will be sending 25-30 swimmers. The Metro High School District Meet went very well this year with over 400 swimmers participating.

Jon Schieltz, Tualatin Hills Barracudas: The February Fitness Challenge was again a huge success this year. Jon swam 150,000 yards during the month of February. A Masters swimmer from Stafford, VA, Jewel Grigsby-Martin, swam 291,550 yards, setting the record for her age group. She is 77 years young. In her younger days, she hit her all time high of 601,650 yards when she was 73. The Barracudas are hosting their Pentathlon Meet on March 21st at the Aquatic Center. The Association Meet will be held in Bend in April.

Kathy Johnson, Sunset Swim Center: Sunset Swim Center will be closed from March 21-May 31 for repair of the tunnel around the perimeter of the pool. Staff will be rescheduled to the other pools to enable classes to be added at those sites to accommodate wait lists. Margaret Keehn, Center Supervisor, will be coordinating the training of the staff to the new American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor program. She has also scheduled water safety presentations at local elementary schools. Raleigh experienced a flood in December, with mud in the pool and the building. Park District staff is exploring options to address the drainage problem.

Ross Van Sickle, Program Coordinator, Aquatic Center: The pool space allocation project begins April 7th with the clubs. Staff will be assisting with the Aquatic School at Conestoga during Spring Break, where we will be offering a Lifeguard Training course and a Lifeguard Instructor course. The Aquatic Center will be offering a Water Polo Camp for kids during Spring Break.

Julia Kegg, Harman Swim Center: Regarding the recent Discovery Health Channel filming of one of our program participants, Julia will let the Committee members know when the segment is aired.

Gene Darrah, Tualatin Hills Water Polo Club: Gene was unable to attend tonight's meeting and emailed her report in. The team hosted a tournament at the Aquatic

Center, February 28 and March 1, and it went very well. Ten teams participated in the tournament. The Water Polo Club is looking to replace the net that separates sections of the pool during practice. The net helps to keep the water polo balls contained in their practice area.

VII. Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2nd at the Dryland Training Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoffmeister
Recording Secretary