

1-18-07 General Meeting Minutes

Friends of the Newport Aquatic Center

General Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2007

23 present. Katherine Pedersen chaired in Claudia Webster's absence.

1. Minutes/Treasurer's Report: Minutes accepted as amended; TR accepted as submitted.
2. Announcement: Jim Protiva introduced Dee Buchanan, and announced that she is Recreation Superintendent. Her number is 265-7783. Part of her duty is oversight of the Newport Municipal Pool.
3. Katherine Markham Resignation: We thank you, Kate, for your service, good will and continuing support.
4. Planning and Design Study:

- 12-14-06 Community Meeting: Kat gave brief description of meeting and encouraged everyone who was unable to attend, to plan on attending the March 8, 2007 meeting in Newport or one of the other community meetings in Toledo, Yachats or Siletz.

- Future Dates:

Toledo – February 6 – Lynne, Kat and Ruth to host

Yachats – February 7 – YAP, Carol, Kat and Julith to host

Siletz - March 7

Newport –March 8

5. Board Expansion: The Board unanimously moved to change the By-laws to read "a minimum of 5 up to 15 " Board members. Kat will make changes and forward to Pete's office to send to the appropriate public entities. Persons interested in being nominated for the Board were asked to notify a Board member. Julith Sink and Michael Lockett will be added to the nomination list.

Formation of Junior Advisory Committee: Greg Wood, coach, and Julie Turner, swim team parent,

were in attendance. They explained that there is (1) a Newport High School swim team and (2) a Newport USA Swimming team for ages 5 – high school. General consensus was that it was a good idea to involve the youth of the community in our efforts. They will help ensure attendance at the March 8 meeting and assist in scheduling future meetings with members of our Board, their Board and swim team members.

Fund Raising/Capital Campaign/Marketing:

- The fund-raising committee will meet at 1:00 pm Monday, January 22 at the Parks & Rec Building.
- SBDC Article – Kat introduced an article from the latest issue of Linc-Biz, published by the SBDC regarding social enterprise. She explained that this might be a way to reduce the subsidy for the aquatic center. Copies were passed for review. We will contact SBDC regarding scholarships the Oregon Symposium for Entrepreneurial Nonprofits training June 19-23 in Eugene.
- Committee will look into an information booth at the Seafood & Wine Festival.
- Committee will discuss participation in Loyalty Days, May 5.

Banner: deferred to next meeting.

Aquatic District Formation: Kat explained that there are two things to consider when planning the new aquatic center. 1) construction and 2) ongoing maintenance and operations. One concern is that there may not be enough population in Newport alone to support an aquatic center. Jim Protiva explained, however, that no decisions have been made regarding financing for the new facility and that a funding mechanism has not yet been determined. Pete Gintner explained that one benefit of such a district might be to cities which have pools in that it would remove funding for those facilities from their local budget and place it under the aquatic district. The process takes time and includes research, survey, petition, election. Pete explained that the road map is available since there are existing aquatic districts in the state and that this is not a daunting task.

Meeting Schedule: There was discussion regarding evening meetings for those who cannot attend during the day. Kat explained that this had been tried without success, but that we are open to revisiting the issue. She will ask the email list to respond to the question. Michael Lockett suggested putting a postcard in with the PUD mailer in May.

February 6 – Toledo Community Meeting, 6-8pm, Toledo City Hall.

February 7 – Board Meeting 9:30 am

Yachats Community Meeting, 6-8pm, Yachats Commons

February 15- General Meeting, 10-11:30a.m, Newport Parks & Recreation

Claudia @ Rotary

March 7 - Siletz Community Meeting, 6-8pm, Siletz Library

March 8 - Newport #2 Community Meeting

Board meeting 9:30am

March 15 - General Meeting, 10:00-11:30am, Newport Parks & Recreation

11. Call List: Carol Fisher stated that a call list has been started by the 8am water aerobics class for those days when the pool is not open due to mechanical issues. Please notify her to be added to the list. Jim asked that we interface with pool staff to produce this list. Kat suggested that the recording at the pool could list daily conditions and pool temperature in Fahrenheit.

Submitted by: Katherine M. Pedersen, Secretary Treasurer