



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Indoor Pool Meeting Room, Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
03820
Meeting Date: Monday, September 12, 2011
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

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members present: Dick Arnold, Dawn Haines, Sue Medbery, Suzanne Petersen

city employees present: Mick Arsenault, Bill Garrison

absent: Gary Bannon, Tim Paiva, Phil Read

guests: Pat Campbell

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Gary/Mick:

Negotiations with Pine Brook Corp. have begun for the outdoor pool bathhouse renovation project. Focus will be on lobby and locker room upgrades. Work should begin soon.

The outdoor pool closed to all for the season on Sept. 10. In the future with proper covers, the pool should be usable later into fall. Perfect weather helped bring in over 15,000 visitors to the outdoor pool in July and August. The staff received many positive comments on their friendliness and courtesy. Dick commented, "The staff was the best I've ever seen." The water temperature was maintained almost perfectly all summer. Final financial data have not been determined, but the numbers appear to be on track to be much improved over last year.

The indoor pool was closed while it had its yearly maintenance from August 26 through September 6. The filter was repaired and most drains were cleared of debris. Some drains appear to be partially blocked by construction debris. These should be cleared in the near future. The chlorine pump failed during the maintenance period, but it was repaired quickly and caused no delay in re-opening. Suzanne noted evening hours for "rentals" for the weekend on the schedule. Mick indicated that these hours currently are mostly for private birthday parties, and several have been booked.

Fundraising/marketing:

Fran Farmer is coordinating Apple Harvest Day for DPAC. We will hold raffles, give out free day passes, have t-shirts for sale and have sweatshirts available for order. The main booth will be on Central Ave. and a table with materials will be set up at the Indoor Pool. "The Soup Guy", Curtis Gould, has once again offered a discount to customers who show him a pool membership card or a free day pass during Apple Harvest.



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Dawn thought she had found a Pool-a-Thon organizer, but that person declined the invitation to coordinate the effort. Mick asked Becky, one of the life guards, but her plate is too full at present. Suzanne suggested that the committee consider sharing the duties of event chair, with members coordinating their respective swim groups.

Jenny Thompson has agreed to hold two swim clinics in May. The full day, kids' clinic is scheduled for May 19 and a half day adult clinic will take place on May 20.

Mick reported that he has not yet determined the best date for a 5K, 10K race. The seacoast area annual schedule is already quite full. He would like to make the event two fold, with a couch-to-5K fitness run and a 10K for trained runners. Dover currently does not offer a 10K race and our offering it could be an important draw.

Kids' Dover Swims t-shirts have been ordered. The colors selected were orange and "Daisy". A few blue-green tie dyed shirts were also ordered as a trial offering. A handful of light gray hooded sweatshirts were ordered and will be displayed for ordering purposes. Additionally, small logo stickers will be ordered. Someone suggested that swim caps would be a great product. Suzanne met with Larry Johnston of McDonald's. They are having a 40th anniversary celebration in late November or early December. These dates coincide with the Pool-a-Thon. McDonald's is eager to partner with the committee again. Larry indicated that the Ronald McDonald Foundation encourages the committee to apply for a grant.

Long-range planning: Tim was absent, so no update was available.

Finance and budget: Dick had nothing new to report. Bill asked if group rate increases had caused any change in membership. At this point, the impact is not known.

Miscellaneous:

It was reported that a member of the city council had recently made strong comments against the pools during a session. While his opinions are troublesome, the committee agreed that the council as a whole supports the pools and the committee. With municipal elections coming up in November, the council could change. The committee needs to begin creating a plan to educate the new council, including the importance of the indoor pool, not just the outdoor pool, to swimmers and the community at large. Bill suggested that we be ready to mobilize in February/March.

Adjournment:

Sue made a motion to adjourn. Dick seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.