

Aquatics Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 02/13/2025

Meeting called to order at 11:34 AM by Gary Miller, Committee Chair

Present: Gary Miller, Vivian Koroknay, Maria Lawrence, Karen Kaplan
Tracy Reddell, Nancy Radke, Mary Hastler (remotely via Microsoft Teams)

No public attendees

I. Motion to approve the agenda: Agenda accepted

II. Proposals for Charging Document to send to the Board.

Committee agreed that evening pool hours were a prominent request on the recent Ocean Pines survey, as well as multiple verbal suggestions by association members to Aquatics Advisory Committee (AAC) members.

Unanimously approved by committee to request extended weekday hours at one of the outdoor pools in Ocean Pines.

It was noted that an outdoor evening aquatics class be offered in the summer has been an ongoing suggestion from many who take aquatics classes in OP.

Committee agreed unanimously to create a charging document for this suggestion.

There was some discussion that a possibility of offering an evening class in the same pool that is open for extended hour might decrease costs to the Aquatics Dept.

Committee again reiterated that swipe card for entrance to the pools for pool members would be very helpful in the summer to decrease lines and further enhance the benefits of pool memberships. This same swipe card technology could be used at the Beach Club bathrooms. The committee agreed that this would be better presented in a charging document in time for the 2026 budget process.

Gary stated that he believes the steps on pool ladders is being addressed, and therefore further recommendation by the committee on this issue is not needed at this time.

ACTION: Gary will write up two Charging Documents:

- a. Extended weekday hours at one pool for 2 weekdays/week in the coming summer season.
- b. Offer one (popular) aquatics class at an outdoor pool during the summer (to be offered on weekdays).

Committee members will receive the Charging Documents via email and email approval to Gary, who will then submit the documents to Rick Farr (Board liaison) for distribution to the Board.

III. Pool Maintenance

The following maintenance/repairs were communicated to Rick Farr at the end of the 2024 summer season:

- Steps on pool ladders at the Mumford and Yacht Club pools
- Repairs and improvement to the bathrooms, deck and exterior of building at the Beach Club.

ACTION : Gary has not received confirmation of the stated repairs and will reach out to Rick as to the status.

IV. Use of non plastic straws and utensils at the Yacht Club and Beach Club

This was a suggestion brought up at an earlier meeting. The purpose to decrease use of plastic that can easily blow into the bays and ocean if not properly disposed. Safer for the environment. ACTION: Since Ortt no longer holds the contract for food and beverages, the committee will wait to see what types of utensils are used by Touch of Italy.

V. Season Kick Off

Last year it was the AAC that recommended a Season Kick Off / Amenities Fair. It was successful and will be repeated this year. There is a committee overseeing this event. The chair of the Communication Committee is the vice chair for the Season Kick Off Committee. More people are needed to assist the committee. There will be a meeting on Friday, Feb. 21, at 3 PM in the Community Center, and Gary encourage members of the AAC to work on the Season Kick Off committee. The date of the event is May 17 and will be held in Veterans Memorial Park.

There being no further business, the AAC meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.

NEXT AAC Meeting is March 13 at 11:30 AM in the Administration Building

Respectfully Submitted,
Vivian Koroknay
Secretary, Aquatics Committee