

EAST LYME AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER COMMITTEE

Mission: Establish and maintain for the ELBOE the optimal, non school use of the ELHS Swimming Pool that benefits the East Lyme Community and school system.

January 27, 2014
East Lyme High School
5:30 p.m.

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Members Present: Nancy Burkhardt, Tim Hagen, Steve Hargis, Jane Powers, Barbara Smith.

Members Absent: Robert Albright, Jay Lillquist, Jan Logozzo, Loretta McIlhenny

Welcome: Steve Hargis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Barbara Smith to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting with a second by Nancy Burkhardt; motion passed unanimously.

Pool Update:

Jack reviewed the attached "Profit & Loss Prev. Year Comparison, July 1, 2013 through January 25, 2014" with explanation. He noted the following:

(1) memberships are up 20% (2) total income is up by 13.3% (3) Net income is up by 29.6%.

Jen presented information regarding the distribution among the school of a brochure describing programs offered to adults and children, along with times, and prices. Also included was the offer of a one week trial membership, which was very successful. She would like to expand the distribution of this brochure to the community at large. Barbara Smith offered to take brochures to the Senior Center. Jen will contact the Town of East Lyme to see if they can help with a town-wide mailing.

Jen is looking into the issue of why swim lessons for children are down. It was noted the weather has been exceptionally cold and the pool deck area and locker

rooms were cold due to a mechanical issue with the air handling system. As a result, some parents decided to rent a motel pool to have lessons. Melissa Parker will coordinate lessons and hire new staff; hopefully by the fourth session numbers will have increased.

Nutmeg has 125 children involved, which increases revenue along with increased expenses.

Discussion ensued regarding the summer Sports Academy. Plans are to have it run from June 23 to August 1. This would be for six weeks rather than the four or five weeks previously offered. Steve will talk with Jack and Jen as to why the number of weeks has been moving from four to five, back to four, and this year move to six weeks. There is a question of being able to hire an adequate number of high school staff and if supplemental staff from the larger community will need to be hired to accommodate a six-week program.

Jen will continue to look at all programs to determine how to maximize quality at an affordable price.

Jack noted that he is using less chlorine and the moss system is working well.

There is an issue with snow/ice sliding off the roof during the winter by the walkway leading to the back parking lot. Fencing will be put in place giving a five foot barrier area so people will not be injured by falling snow/ice.

Steve and Jack will discuss with Central Office the issue of pool closings when schools are closed for snow or delayed opening days. There is an issue of lost revenue and often the roads are clear enough to drive.

A request was made by Nancy Burckhardt to have the back parking lot lights turned on at 4:45 a.m.

Presentation to the Board of Education:

Tim Hagen asked that a presentation to the Board of Education be made in the spring. This will be for the benefit of new Board members to better understand the role of the East Lyme Aquatic and Fitness Center.

New Business:

The attached proposal from TLB Architecture was reviewed for the "Conceptual Design for Locker Rooms and Bleachers at Natatorium/Proposal for Design Services." The cost of this design is \$9,500 which will ultimately pay for itself with increased safety and hosting of larger events. The pool account will pay for this design, which can be taken to the Board of Education and to the community at large, all prior to the raising of money. A motion was made by Barbara Smith to take the proposal as described by TLB Architecture to the Board of Education for cost approval. The motion was seconded by Nancy Burckhardt and was passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, March 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

Nancy Burckhardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and seconded by Jane Powers; motion passed unanimously.