Minutes of the  
SCRA Board Meeting  
April 23, 2013

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the SCRA Board was held at the noticed time in the SCRA Meeting Room, and was called to order at 7:05 by Jan Rossi, who presided at the meeting. Board members present included: Obul Kambham, Jan Rossi, Mark Gonzalgo, Scott Fendorf, Catherine Wilson, and April Triantis. Steve Robe also was present. Corinne Thomas was absent, as was Ray Purpur.

II. Review and Approval of March 23, 2013 Meeting Minutes (Triantis)

Fendorf moved to approve the minutes. Unanimous approval.

III. Action Items

   A. Committees, establish (Rossi)

      Rossi suggested that we each meet with members and broadcast if you want members for your committee.

   B. Grant of dues absence (Rossi and Robe)

      In response to last month’s discussion about the member who has requested to have a sabbatical from the club for personal reasons, a letter was presented to Steve Robe in connection with this request. The member remains anonymous to the board members. Rossi proposed to vote on whether to grant the request out of compassion (the family has been members in good standing for 5 years; hope they will return in a year). Rossi moved to vote and the board agreed unanimously to grant said leave.

IV. Report Items

   A. Membership and Variance (Financial) Report (Robe and Kambham)

      Robe reported we have 5 new members (due largely to the success of the refer a friend). Robe suggested that during the upcoming events we do a promotion for new members to get their first month free.

      Robe and Kambham have met and discussed the report. We now have $207k on reserve. According to Robe, we are on track to stay in the black, and add to that reserve. Discussion about revenues and timing of receipt (including swim revenues from last August).
B. Tennis Report (Barnes)

Andrea reported:
1. Spring junior team and clinic session underway with our highest enrollment ever. The session is substantially shorter than previous years due to the change in the Palo Alto school district calendar change.
2. Adult USTA spring season is underway and runs through early July. We will host 27 home matches, all on weekends, during the season.
3. Spring Junior 12 and under USTA League season is underway. This is a new program and has been very well received.
4. Weekly court washing has begun for the spring and summer.

Comments in addition to Andrea’s notes: Andrea had expected to have lower enrollment with the shorter season but higher than ever (perhaps should have shorter seasons in the future?). Andrea discussed whether we should have something other than USTA for adult play (something lower key so we can have more interaction among club members). Discussion ensued about the cleaning of the courts (there is a crew that is supposed to do it at least 2x/week) and whether we need to blow the courts every day. There is a question about whether or not Colony is reliable enough to come every day.

C. Aquatics Report (Fendorf)

Fendorf reported that he interviewed all three swim coaches in order to determine whether compensation and division of labor is appropriate. They all agree that the three of them are a team and each person feels that the other two are valuable assets to the team. Scott suggested that we rethink titles. Fendorf suggests making both Joey and Laura full time; this would be a 33% increase (although their salary would remain about the same; it would just give them benefits and security and send the signal that we value their hard work). ACTION ITEMS: Fendorf to ask Scott to draft the budget and show exactly what the different would be. Robe then would incorporate into SCRA budget to show the board how it would look (with or without this change). Then we would need to talk with Ray Purpur and follow protocol for the new positions (advertising positions, interviewing, etc.)

D. Activities Report (Triantis & Robe)

1. May 5 – SMAK’s cinco de mayo (this is a potluck; no cost to SCRA)
2. May 18 – Sync swim BBQ (we would provide the hotdogs and burgers; cost would be $1,000-$2,000)
3. Wine tasting on June 22nd (wine tasting is free; no cost to SCRA)

E. Facilities Report/Discussion (Rossi, Robe, Wilson)

1. Play structure update (and rubber v. wood chips):
Cost of the play structure has gone up a bit. Discussion about rubber vs. wood chips.
Rossi moved to vote. Board agreed unanimously to approve the new cost and rubber mulch.

2. Ground stone BBQ area near pool
   Issue is that BBQ area near pool isn’t very nice; doesn’t get rented out. Do we want to get rid of the decomposed granite. Questions are whether to get rid of the crushed stone and whether we should put an arbor or some sort of cover. Another question is whether to retain the wall surrounding the area.

3. Stone area next to court 4&5
   Question about whether to remove the crushed stone next to court 4&5. The issue is that it blows around and it doesn’t drain well in the rain.

4. Pump room
   The pump room is also getting sun damage. Question about whether or not to have an awning over that area.

F. Aquatics Report (Shea)

Lessons: Spring at 100% capacity weekends; Summer registration open
Summer Team: Team starts May 6; Kickoff Saturday April 27 – 1-3 pm
USA Swim Team: Gream meets this spring; Age group – started last week after break;
Senior – preparing for HS Champs; it’s been a great season and it’s still going!
Masters Swimming/Adult Fitness: Masters – doing very well

Additional discussion about revenues (and timing of revenues) from swimming. Scott reported that he expects revenues in the next year similar to the numbers from last year. Scott also said that he expects to be beyond expectations in swimming revenues. More spring lessons than ever!

V. Old/New Business and Other Items for Discussion

Kambham discussed the possibility of having food at the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by April Triantis