

Orange Hunt Swim Club General Membership Meeting – June 14, 2020

The meeting officially started at 4:02. There were approximately 35 members outside of board members present at the meeting.

President Linda Ruff: Welcome everyone to our spring general membership meeting. I am Linda Ruff and I have been an OHSC member since 2001. This is my fourth year as President. I previously held the Communications position for 2 years and, while President, also covered dive for one season and social for one season when we did not have board members for those positions. I want to thank the all our current board members for all their hard work since September, including many board members who aren't as much in the public eye, such as Meredith Keseley for her work on our new web site, Holly Rennert for compiling the information for the transfer to Membersplash and Kimberly Warschaw and Katherine McClure for getting our new online membership registration system up and running, and Beau Rennert, Julie and Pete Schuck (our past president) for working on our Covid-19 task group. We spent many hours and took on some large tasks for 2020 and worked hard to make every effort to open the club this season, and we will address the Covid situation at the end of our introductions and reports of our board members. Since last September, John Zimmerman agreed to move into the Treasurer position on the executive board and Dan Augusti graciously joined the board as our Vice President. We all pulled late nights getting to where we are today, and we will continue through 2020 to be ready for what we all hope will be a truly special 2021 as we all gather together with family and friends to enjoy what we all believe to be the best swim club in the area.

Note that in September of this year, the following board positions will be up for election: 1) Communications, 2) Concessions, 3) Maintenance, 4) President, 5) Social, and 6) Tennis.

Treasurer: John Zimmerman: As Linda mentioned, I am currently the Treasurer after serving three years as the Vice-President. I am not providing a specific financial report today as the financial information provided in the Q&As is more than we would typically release in a normal year. I will do my best to answer any questions that the membership has or will provide an answer in the future if there is something I am unable to answer today.

Vice President: Dan Augusti, recently joined the board. As Vice-President, Dan is responsible for working with the pool management company and the insurance company. It should be noted that by making a timely decision to close the pool for the year, Orange Hunt saved a considerable amount of money in both insurance and pool management costs for the year. Dan also addressed the recent report that run-off from Orange Hunt was entering streams in the area. The county has reviewed and determined that it is not Orange Hunt pool that caused the run-off (no specific cause has been determined).

Secretary: Lauren Barber, is the current secretary on the executive board, and joined the board in September 2019. She grew up swimming every summer in another state and loves having her children be able to do the same! Lauren has lived in the area for over 10 years and loves this neighborhood and pool. As secretary she hopes to keep the Board as organized and as efficient as possible.

Communications: Meredith Keseley is our Communications board member and joined the board in June of 2019. Her recent responsibilities have included leading the creation of our new web site and addressing and/or forwarding to the appropriate board member the many communications we have received during the pandemic.

Concessions is our current vacant position. Obviously, at the moment, it isn't needed but we hope to get a volunteer going into next year.

Dive: Katherine McClure has been a member of OHSTC since she moved into the neighborhood in 2011. Her youngest son joined the dive team in 2015 and her family has been a part of the Dive Family since. She joined the board as the Dive Representative last fall and is looking forward to our 2021 Dive Season and hope to grow our team by nurturing the young divers at our club, and providing dive opportunities to divers from other nearby pools that do not have dive teams.

Maintenance: Beau Rennert is our current maintenance board representative. Either Beau or his wife, Holly, have been a board member for X years (we do not allow more than one individual from a household to serve on the board concurrently). Beau either personally completes, guides volunteer members, or contracts with service providers for all of the pool's maintenance needs.

Membership: Kimberly Warschaw, joined the board in September 2019. In this past year, she:

- Transferred to an online system with very few paper applications and she hopes to consider moving more things online over the remainder of the year (pavilion reservation forms, registration for social, reservation for parking off season)
- We refunded anyone who became a new member this year so they can still get the deal next year with their bond fee.
- Currently in our Membersplash the following is our breakdown of permanent members: 1) 17 permanent double, 2) 149 permanent family, 3) 14 permanent inactive, 4) 12 permanent senior double, 5) 5 permanent senior single, and 6) 10 permanent single
- Currently, we have only 8 people who have asked to be put on the CIF Bond Waitlist since May 29, which brings the total number to 188.

Social: Shelley Rakip is our current Social board representative. She joined the board in September 2019. While the pool is closed this year, we are still hoping to have a number of Social activities, predominately in the parking lot. If you have ideas, please contact Shelley at social@orangehunswimclub.org.

Swim: Laurie Smith, who joined the board in September 2019, is our current Swim board representative. Swim also has two swim team representatives, Christie Dasher and Anne Baird. Christie has served many roles on the board in the past, including being Laurie's immediate

predecessor in the Swim board position. The Swim team, based on a decision by the Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL), was cancelled early in May but we are hoping to come back strong next year.

Tennis: Julie Schuck has been the board's tennis representative for six years. Tennis is an activity that can continue this summer although the pool itself is closed. With regard to tennis:

- Tennis courts are available for use by permanent members and tennis only members.
- Guidelines for use are posted at the courts and on the website.
- ProsToYou are offering tennis lessons for children and adults at nearby swim clubs.
- The Northern Virginia Tennis League is planning to coordinate match play in August for their juniors, men, and women divisions.
- If you are interested in any tennis activities, please contact the tennis representative at tennis@orangehunswimclub.org

Prior to moving into the open discussion portion of the board meeting, please note that the board developed two extensive question and answer documents posted both on our website and our Facebook page. A few key points from those documents:

- Phase 2 guidelines, limited to 50 (including staff), timed visits with social distancing, lap swimming or aerobics (3 family members to 1 lane), no guest privileges, no shower, 1 emergency rest room (men and women), no baby pool, no shallow end (no recreational swimming). Phase 2 will be for at least 3 weeks (longer if the first 2 weeks in Phase 2 have an increase in Covid cases in Northern Virginia).
- There are numerous other pools that have determined they will close for the summer as well as pools which are indicating they are going to open, but are not yet open.
- Email the board if you want to help maintenance with mowing, weeding, socially distanced social events on the lot through the summer at guidelines permit. A board member will gladly accept your assistance (but a board member must be present during the time you are volunteering at the club) due to insurance and liability issues.
maintenance@orangehunswimclub.org

Summary of questions and answers:

- 1) What will the board be doing the rest of the summer? Answer: While we have made the decision that the pool is closed, the board is going to continue to operate throughout the summer and subsequent winter. Among other items, we are planning social events to keep community engaged (e.g., movie night, food trucks, events for graduates) and looking for ways to increase revenue and save money for club and members now and 2021 season.
- 2) There was a request for more financial information as well as the publication of board meeting minutes.
- 3) How can general members help the board and pool? Answer: There is an open board position now and will certainly be more in the future. Furthermore, we definitely could use help with social events and maintenance activities and there are many other tasks throughout a normal summer that could use more volunteers.
- 4) CIF Bond - what is current status of list? What would have happened to the CIF list if pool had to shut down and county took over property? Answer: There are approximately 190 individuals on the list at that moment, representing almost \$100,000 of debt. According to the bylaws, we can only pay off the CIF list when a new permanent member joins, which

protects the operating funds of the pool. However, if we closed, we can assume all current permanent members with bonds would be added to the list and whatever funding remained after paying higher priority debtors would be split among the bond-holders and those on the CIF list. This would almost certainly result in only a small percentage of each bond being paid.

- 5) Question: How can membership be better in the loop on board decision making? Can board minutes be available? FAQs helpful but not timely enough, though we do recognize this is unprecedented situation where much information came together quickly at critical decision time and still much information unavailable? Answer: The board will look to publish meeting minutes on a regular basis.
- 6) Question: Did we consider grants? Defer loans? Answer: We did explore grants and to date we are not eligible because we don't have employees. We are a member of the large group of pools that have been collectively discussing the COVID-19 situation and although we are closed will continue on this task force. If this group is able to get government help for the pools, we will work to ensure we get a piece of this help despite closing. We didn't seriously consider asking for a deferral on the loan as that would just result in the pool paying more interest over time.
- 7) Question: How did other pools make decision to open/close? How are those that open able to manage? Answer: Every pool is in a different situation with different management and revenue sources. Some pools have long waiting lists for membership and can thus force everyone to pay full price in order to remain members even if they didn't feel safe coming to the pool. Other pools are a part of a Homeowners Association and thus are effectively a benefit of belonging to a community and thus could feel forced to open. Finally, some pools may have felt that if they didn't open this year they may go bankrupt and thus had to open. We are lucky that we have enough reserve to allow us to make what we consider to be a wise financial decision to close for the year.
- 8) Question: What are upcoming maintenance costs? Answer: The long-term maintenance costs of a pool are significant and currently include new white coat (\$40,000), roof, and new shark shack. We did recently purchase the pool cover which gets us in front of a likely future county requirement and will also buy us a year or two more before we have to white coat.
- 9) Question: After specifically saying Thank You to the board, one member asked how can we help? Answer: Throughout the summer and winter, we will continue to have maintenance needs, grounds update - can contact maintenance to schedule time.
- 10) Question Are there lap swimming options in area. Answer; It was recommended to contact Cottontail as they are usually more open than other local pools.
- 11) Question: Is board information and contact on website? Answer: Yes – Names, Titles, and Email addresses