

Due to weather conditions on Memorial Day, this meeting was held on Sunday, June 4th, 2023.

**President, John Zimmerman, and Membership Director, Maureen Reed**

For those I may not have met, my name is John Zimmerman, and I am the current President of the board after previously serving at various times as Vice President and Treasurer. I can, in complete honesty, tell you that this is the strongest board that I have been a part of, which is resulting in the pool being in the best shape it has been in years. I will leave it to others to talk about the big improvements, including the high dive and whitecoat.

As Maureen Reed, our membership director could not be here tonight, I will quickly cover some membership items as well. To date, we have 19 new permanent memberships this year, which I believe is about 5 higher than we typically get in any given year. We are currently at more than 80% of our estimated membership for the year, and I am confident we will hit our membership estimate in the next few weeks. Finally, we did add a new membership benefit to our inactive memberships. Historically, these are generally long-time members who want to continue to support the pool, but not to the extent of a full membership. For these members, they now will receive 15 passes to enter the pool, for their inactive membership fee.

As a final note, while the board today is very strong, we always need the insights that new board members bring. Therefore, I ask that everyone consider joining the board at the end of this season as we will have some openings as people rotate after their years of service.

**Vice President, Rob Prunty**

We invested heavily in long-term maintenance improvements this past year, in the way of a new pool white coat and new pool tiling for the floor lane line markers and wall markings. No more pool toe or elbow scratches from rough surfaces on the bottom or sides of the pool! We also updated our underwater light fixtures to be LED.

Our pool management contract with Crystal Aquatics expired this past year and we opted to end our contractual relationship with them for this coming season. Instead, our pool management contract committee evaluated other pool management companies and responses on requests for bids for the coming year. After considering the various bids received, and in talking with other area pools, we have selected NV Pools as our pool management company for the 2023 swim season. As of this summer, they are the pool management provider of choice for all the surrounding West Springfield area community pools, except for those that are self-managed like Cottontail. We are very pleased with the customer service we have received this far. With NV Pools now managing the pool and providing lifeguards, you will notice new faces in the lifeguard stands and front office. If you have questions or feedback about our new group of NV Pools guards, let one of us on the Board know. Please welcome them to our pool and our community.

We are in the process of setting up renewal of reciprocal agreements with the surrounding West Springfield pools, for times when the pool is closed for a swim meet or dive meet, as well as for instance for when a pool emergency results in the closure of the facilities for 24 hours or more. More information is forthcoming on that, so look for updates via email or Facebook.

This year we have one of the strongest boards ever and we are excited about the progress this group of hard-working volunteers has to share with you.

## **Treasurer, Brian Busch and Finance Officer, Nick Popp**

Good afternoon, my name is Brian Busch and I'm the Treasurer. This is my second full year on the board, and the first in my new term. I'm honored to work with all these great board members in keeping Orange Hunt Pool a great place to come and have fun! Without taking all afternoon, here's the current state of the finances of the pool.

Prior to receiving any income for the 2023 season, we had about \$38k in the bank. We significantly depleted our cash in the bank for the white coat at the end of last season. We had two very good years the last two summers and had the money to do the white coat, so we made the decision last year to make that investment. More on investments later.

Our process for budgeting last year worked very well so I asked all our directors to do the same thing this year: overestimate our expenses and underestimate our revenue. We needed to be very careful this year because we don't have the same size cushion we had last year in the bank and, at the time, still had the significant project of dealing with the high dive. In November, we approved a budget that had \$313k in income and \$347k in expenses. From previous experience, this discrepancy is not as bad as it sounds - we budgeted for projects we didn't think we were going to get to and overestimated the cost of the big projects we really wanted to get done.

As of about 10 days ago, we were at approximately 60% of our income and 30% of our expenses. I would say for this year, based on income and expense rates from the last two seasons, that we're on target. Based on the actual cost of the high dive and other projects, we are likely going to come in significantly under our budgeted expenses, which is great news for future investments.

Speaking of future investments, we are doing what we can to prioritize current maintenance while saving money for large capital projects. We know that we have at least 4 big projects: the shark shack, the guard shack, the parking lot, and the tennis courts. We will need many more good years to get through all these projects so please keep coming to the pool and buying stuff from the shark shack!

I'm sure everyone is wondering how we are planning to do the volunteer reimbursements this year. I am planning to do the same thing I did last year - set aside a few hours a month on a weekend and be available for people to pick up their checks. I plan to hold one of these weekends in mid-June once I can get to the checks. I will announce the date and time through the email newsletter, so keep an eye out for that!

Putting on my other hat, I have also taken on the responsibility of technology "director", an unofficial board position. I spent the offseason doing what I could to bring the pool into the 21st century. First, we replaced the broken amplifier for the speaker system. Next, we installed the digital signage in the guard shack to keep everyone up to date on news and events. We replaced the computer for the guards, as that was of 2008 vintage. Finally, I upgraded most of the power and networking infrastructure, giving us a lot of expansion capabilities over the next few years.

The crossover event between my two positions that everyone has asked about for the last few years is digital payment in the Shark Shack. We have the infrastructure now, as we installed a tablet earlier this spring giving shark shack volunteers access to the internet. Where

we're having a lot of trouble, however, is finding a provider that supports the way we do business here. We've looked at many options and have had trouble with a few already (specifically Venmo and the Cash app). I'm still working through a few other options and hope to have something working shortly. Apologies for the issues, but we appreciate your patience while we sort through everything.

### **Secretary, Lauren Barber**

I want to echo what others have said: this is a strong board and a wonderful group to be a part of. There will be some open positions at the end of this season, so please consider becoming a part of the Board of Directors. As the secretary, I manage the documents for the pool. This year we switched our emails to be housed in Google (which did not change our addresses), and that has been a game-changer for me! We can share and edit documents a lot easier now. I also work on things like the sign-up genius for the volunteer jobs, as well.

### **Communications Director, Margo Steahly**

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Pool closures due to weather are posted on facebook, both in the public business page and the private OHSC Member Group. The lifeguards post there directly when the pool has to close for weather or other reasons.

We continue to gather sponsors, especially as we prepare for All Stars again this July.

### **Maintenance Team Directors, Chris Bing, Ryan Yanchuleff, Amit Khosla**

Repairs/ projects completed:

By Ryan Yanchuleff, Grounds Director" Tennis pavilion rebuilt and re-landscaped, parking lot re-stripped and painted, gathering feedback for a landscape and overall site refresh plan (turf upgrades, flower/shrub refresh, new Shark Shack location). Also, not sure if anyone cares, but we upgraded the pool's email system to Gmail, so the board is more responsive to member feedback.

By Amit Khosla, Facilities Director: High dive repaired and repainted, new water fountain and water bottle filler, new roofs on pavilion structures, various repainting - doors, picnic tables, shuffleboard (in process)

By Chris Bing, Capital Improvements Director: We will work on gathering funds and estimates this summer for our next capital improvement project. We are considering renovating the Shark Shack, bathrooms/guard house, tennis courts, and repaving the parking lot.

### **Concessions Director, Tania Schulke**

We ended last season with the lofty goal of adding a sink! Shortly after our meeting last year, we learned that the only drain we have in The Shack actually discharges into the woods behind the pool...not to the sewer system as we were hoping. So we could theoretically add a sink, but we'd have to use soap that doesn't meet disinfection standards to save the

environment, so we won't be adding a sink going forward – unless y'all vote for a Shark Shack upgrade! We'll be continuing our "if we have to touch it, we won't serve it" philosophy. We have 5 teens trained with food handler training who will be on site during catered events and events where things might be touched (like pizza slices, for example). We're just trying to keep our exemption to food safety inspections by doing the right thing according to the Fairfax County codes. I also have recruited an amazing assistant – Megan Beckett – who has made the whole situation much more manageable, and I'm very thankful for her dedication and cheerful attitude! We also have a team of 4 official cash counters at the end of each night, and sharing the load is working very well! We have kept a limited menu for 2023, and we strive to continue to make it easy to volunteer in there. We still can't find individually packaged pizzas this year, but we have added corndogs, string cheese and, at least for a limited time, lunchables – while keeping our standbys: Jamaican beef patties, chicken and cheese quesadillas, cup of noodles, popcorn, sodas, Gatorade, Arnold Palmers, chips, candy and ice cream! We've also added Reese's cups, nutty buddies, and Snickers ice cream bars in a specific fridge – because we added peanuts to the menu, we do require volunteers to be trained before serving to prevent cross-contamination for those of our members with severe allergies. We were super excited to install the bottle filler on the guard shack, and we stopped selling bottles of water because of that – it's better for the environment and better for inventory and offerings out of our refrigerators! We are selling Shark Shack Exclusive water bottles to those who do not bring ones from home. Lastly, Because of the occupation of a 4-legged friend or two, the slushies and snow cones are both on indefinite holds at the moment! We're looking forward to another amazing season in the Shack – thank you as always for your considerable support – and if you are looking for an air conditioned way to get your maintenance fee refunded, you can always scan the QR code on the Shack and sign up! We'll be happy to get you trained!

### **Dive Team Director, Katherine McClure**

Thank you to the pool board and members for their continued support of our Dive Team. It is an asset to our community! We have 30 divers registered for the team so far and are excited that our coaching staff (Coach Sophia Bailey and Coach Ainsley Taylor) from last year is returning. We've added two Assistant Coaches this season. Our home meets are Wednesday, July 5 and Tuesday, July 18 and begin at 6:00. The pool stays open during dive meets and we invite everyone to come watch the meets! While the focus of the NVSL Dive program is to be a developmental program to "grow new divers", we have several divers who are diving at higher levels and are fun to watch.

### **Swim Team Director, Allison Hetzel**

- This year we have three team reps. Allison Hetzel, Laurie Smith, and Jenn Schneider. Jenn is coming on this year as this is Laurie's last year.
- Coaching Team:
  - Jill Kelly (head coach, new this year, comes to us with 14+ years of coaching experience)
  - Nick Sharrer (assistant coach, returning)
  - Charlotte Grieve (assistant coach, returning)

- Lane Coaches: Isaac Ermarth, Riley Zimmerman, Natalie Sorensen, Abigail Yonas, Myles Carley
- Carly Daniels (head coach for Mini Sharks)
- Mini Shark coaches: Grace Slovensky, Annalise Thaler, Seth Loeffert, Abigail York, Cameron Smith
- We are hosting dinner at the pool while school is still in session. We are trying to make the choice to come to the pool easy; we know this is a hectic time of year!
- Shark Gear is not just for swim, dive, and tennis! Show your OH pride and get a pool t-shirt! Orders close on June 12th.
- We will host All Stars again on 7/29. There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer. The pool will be closed, but reciprocal pools will be available.
- There are currently ~150 Swim Team members; there is no cap on membership.
- There are currently ~ 40 Mini sharks; 45 is the maximum number of Mini Sharks. Register soon if you'd like to participate!
- We also have a Master's Swim program from 7am-7:50 am each morning. Come join the fun as part of this non-competitive program!

### **Tennis Team Director, John Zimmer**

Tennis pro (Jeff Jones) started the 2023 season mid-May with Spring tennis clinics for children on Friday afternoons. These continue through June 16th. We also have a similar Fall program after the pool closes. Starting June 19th, we offer weekly tennis lessons for children and youth, held M-Th mornings. Members can register through <https://www.unbeatabletennis.com/orange-hunt> We have a morning tennis camp (weekdays 8a-12pm) with tennis lessons, other activities, and coordination with swim or dive practices if needed. Registration is also through Unbeatable Tennis. We hope to offer some adult tennis socials. Please see Orange Hunt Pool Website (under Tennis). OR contact [tennis@orangehuntingswimclub.org](mailto:tennis@orangehuntingswimclub.org) for more information.

During the off-season, we have four marked pickleball courts with four portable nets for pickleball use. Pickleball socials started in May and will continue throughout the summer. You can check the schedule on the OH Pool website, under "Upcoming Pool Events". There is a sign up genius to sign up for open slots. In addition, we will have pickleball (doubles players/double elimination) tournaments once per month (in June, July, and August).

During the summer, tennis will offer members volunteer reimbursement hours by helping to sweep the tennis courts as needed. Please contact [tennis@orangehuntingswimclub.org](mailto:tennis@orangehuntingswimclub.org) if you find areas in and around the tennis courts that need cleaning.

### **Social Director, Shelley Rakip**

This year's Social Activities Calendar is full of events for all ages. We publish events in many ways, because we want you to know what is happening at the pool! Our bulletin board by the lifeguard stand lists upcoming social activities, as well as the calendar on our website homepage and on Facebook. This summer we have kicked off our social calendar with the Aloha party (for the entire family), we have upcoming a Chili Cook-Off, a Pie Tasting Contest, Trivia nights, after hours parties for teens and for adults, a party just for Elementary kids, and

lots of other fun activities for kids and families. We would like to continue our Fourth of July fun but we need volunteers to make it happen. We are able to put these activities on the calendar because of our wonderful volunteers. If there is something you would like to see happen at the pool, please contact [Social@OrangeHuntSwimClub.org](mailto:Social@OrangeHuntSwimClub.org) and let's discuss your ideas.

We will also continue to make available the pool pavilions for your summer party needs. A pool party is a great (and affordable) way to celebrate the season. Contact [Social@OrangeHuntSwimClub.org](mailto:Social@OrangeHuntSwimClub.org) to set up your party this summer. We love seeing all of you at the pool, meeting new neighbors and making friends. Thank you for your support of our great pool!