



## **Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Aquatics Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date: April 8, 2010**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Location: Beaverton Swim Center**

#### **In Attendance**

Committee Members: Julia Kegg, Jon Schieltz, Ginny Baynes, Gene Darrah, Janel Hill, Lorene Sjoblom, Kristina Britton, and Kathy Johnson

Staff: Ross Van Sickle and Sharon Hoffmeister

Guest: Kathy Stitt

#### **I. Call to Order**

Julia opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the March 4, 2010 meeting were approved with one correction (the word "dive" was duplicated in a sentence in Ross Van Sickle's report).

#### **III. Financial Report**

Current balance as of February 1, 2010 is \$18,464.54. Staff explained to the new members how the funds are generated (proceeds from vending and Fruitfull bars sales as well as swim product sales at Aloha and the Aquatic Center).

#### **IV. Old Business**

The Family Triathlon Planning Committee: First planning meeting was held just prior to this meeting. The Family Triathlon will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2010 as part of the Party in the Park celebration. Staff distributed a draft copy of the event brochure.

#### **V. New Business**

The Committee welcomed three new members. Janel Hill, Lorene Sjoblom and Kristina Britton joined the newly restructured Committee.

National Water Safety Month: The National Recreation and Park Association has designated May as National Water Safety Month. During this month, we promote water safety with our guests. One of the programs that we promote is our Helping Hands campaign. The Centers sell Helping Hands coupons for \$1 each and display them at the facilities. Funds raised go to help fund swim lessons for children whose families might not otherwise be able to afford classes. Also, we use some of the funds to match funds from the local Elementary School swim lesson programs (McKay and Aloha-Huber).

## **VI. Other**

Reports from Committee members and staff:

Jon Schieltz, Beaverton Swim Center: Beaverton was closed for two weeks in March for maintenance projects including, retile the showers, painting projects, HVAC repair.

Janel Hill, Member-At-Large: Janel asked who set the pool schedules. The Center Supervisors from each of the pools set their own program schedules based on demand.

Gene Darrah, Aloha Swim Center: The new Family Changing Rooms are complete and open to the public. The pool is busy with PE classes from Aloha High School coming to the Center for classes. Also, 4<sup>th</sup> graders from the Aloha-Huber Elementary School will be in the last two weeks of April. Two and one-half classes (approximately 66 children) will be in each week for a total of 132 students in for swim lessons, many who have not had the opportunity to take swim lessons.

Kristina Britton, Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, participates at the Center in the mornings. She will begin to provide updates from the Center. Staff informed the Committee that Conestoga recently hosted their very popular Underwater Egg Hunt event on Friday, April 2, 2010. Three groups, of approximately 80 children each, had a chance to select five eggs each from the bottom of the pool (small children in the Leisure Pool and older children in the main pool).

Ginny Baynes, Aquatic Center: The Aquatic Center has scheduled the Tualatin Valley Junior Academy for swim lessons in May. The school does this every spring, bringing over all of their students (approximately 90) for swim lessons (3 time slots, 2 grades per time slot). The Tualatin Hills Water Polo Club is hosting their annual Rose Cup Tournament, April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The bulkhead was removed from the pool over Spring Break to prepare the pool for long course. The bulkhead will be reinstalled in the fall. The Tualatin Hills Swim Club is hosting their annual Spring Open April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ross Van Sickle, Program Coordinator, Aquatic Center: The Aquatic Center hosted Aquatic School over Spring Break. We offered a Water Safety Instructor course (10 students), a Lifeguard Training course (20 students) and a Junior Lifeguard class (6 students). Ross also shared with the Committee members the plans for the family dressing rooms, a bond measure project scheduled for fall 2010. Other projects tentatively set for completion in the fall include replastering the pool tank and boiler replacement.

Kathy Johnson, Sunset Swim Center: Sunset held a Summer Program Open House on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, to provide summer program information for the public. Summer registration begins Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff had their quarterly in-service for spring. Projects funded by the Committee are complete, including the shed (due to its size, they are able to install a loft to expand the storage capacity) and the new cover for the wading pool. Staff are working on resolving an issue with the front doors. They are difficult to open either due to the weight of the doors or air imbalance at the Center.

Lorene Sjoblom, Member-At-Large: The Raleigh summer schedule lists conflicting information on the morning Deep Water Aerobics class. In the general information, it shows the class is Monday through Friday (as the class members requested from last

summer); however, on the grid, the class is only listed for Monday-Wednesday-Friday. Staff will check with the Center Supervisor to see which is correct.

Julia Kegg, Harman Swim Center: Staff have put together a new Department-wide new staff orientation program. The first session was held on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. This program will be offered on a monthly basis or as needed. Harman staff is offering a Water Safety Instructor course in April. The class is full with 8 students, 5 of which are employees. For National Water Safety Month, Harman is hosting a Fitness Challenge for guests through the month of May. The next Supervisor Tea will be held on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am.

**VII. Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. A facility tour followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoffmeister  
Recording Secretary