

**FOX HUNT SWIM AND TENNIS CLUB  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

January 11, 2005

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gail Hafey, Germaine Goldsby, Joe & Diane Giardina, Bob Alexander, Lew Smith, Jerry Leonard, Kathy Leger, Christine Landoll, Sue Rabil, Karolyn Stewart, and Tom Gregg

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the changes to the Club's by-laws that were voted on at the December meeting. Also discussed were the by-law's provisions for when and how changes to the by-laws could be enacted. Proposed wording had been distributed to the board members prior to the January meeting. Some modifications were agreed upon during the discussion and more than the required two-thirds majority approved the resulting modifications. The modifications will be distributed to the board prior to the General Membership meeting on January 19, 2005. The modified by-laws will be presented at the General Membership meeting.

The board continued its discussion from the December 2004 meeting of instituting a fee as an incentive to get members to volunteer their time for pool upkeep. Although the board had voted for a volunteer fee in December 2004, the sense of the board turned during the meeting. The pros and cons of the volunteer fee were discussed. On the positive side, was a potential increase in volunteerism, but many didn't think there would be that many more volunteers. More dollars would be raised for the operating expenses of the pool; however, it was felt that if the club needs more funds to operate that an increase in the dues were in order. On the negative side of the issue were the mechanics of collecting, maintaining, and returning the fee throughout the year. In addition, the board does not have any indication of how the membership would react to the new fee. A similar fee was resisted for the Swim Team several years ago. Action was tabled until after the budget discussion.

Gail Hafey is still waiting for an estimate from K&J for a replacement cover for the baby pool. NV Pools claims that their records show that there wasn't a baby pool cover when they stored our main pool cover last year. NV Pools is still attempting to charge us for a 2003 invoice. The treasurer repeated her statement that all NV Pools invoices from 2003 have been paid. NV Pools is going to send us further details.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sue Rabil reported that the lock to the tennis courts is broken. She will call a locksmith to get it repaired. A recommendation was made to get a keyed on/off switch for the lights. The same key for the gate should be used for the lights. Sue will contact the Lake Braddock high school tennis coach about their use of the courts for practice.

Lew Smith is still looking for someone to mow the pool grass this summer. An ad will be placed on the Club's web site ([www.foxhuntswimclub.com](http://www.foxhuntswimclub.com)). Lew will send Karolyn proposed language for the ad. Lew asked about electronic transfer to pay whoever is hired to mow the grass. The treasurer had an issue because of the need for two signatures on each check. Lew reported that a contractor has removed the leaves from the tennis courts and the pool deck.

Diane Giardina reported on behalf of the Social committee. Social requested and received permission to send out a survey with the dues letter. The survey will solicit ideas for social events this coming summer. As an incentive to fill out and return the survey, participants will have their names entered in a hat and one name will be selected to win a \$25 gift certificate at Outback Steakhouse. The survey will also be placed on the club website.

The remainder of the meeting revolved around the 2005 budget. Christine Landoll led a discussion of last year's expenditures and status at the end of the year. We were not able to put any money into the sinking fund because of the increased capital expenses we incurred. This year's budget shows a slight increase in spending will be needed. The volunteer fee was discussed again. The board reversed its December vote and decided to increase membership dues instead. The dues will increase by \$15.00 for both permanent and associate members for 2005. As a result, the permanent membership dues will be \$275/year and the associate membership dues will be \$365/year, subject to the approval of the membership at the General Membership meeting.

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the General Membership meeting on Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. The meeting will be at Pohick Regional Library in meeting room one.

The next board meeting will be in March. The time and place are TBD. The main topic for that meeting will be changes to operating rules. Tom Gregg will email the current rules to the board members prior to March 1, so that the board members may review and provide suggestions to the Club Secretary prior to the meeting. To facilitate the discussion, a consolidated list of proposed changes will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Bob Alexander, President

Tom Gregg, Secretary