

RFCA General Membership Meeting

March 24, 2022
Minutes
(Zoom Meeting)

Introduction

The March 24, 2022, General Membership Meeting was held via Zoom Call. Marcie Winitt, President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. The minutes from the October 28, 2021, General Membership Meeting were approved.

Feature Presentation - Audrey Moore Rec Center – Dan Peters, General Manager
Dan opened his presentation by saying he started at the Rec Center in 1990 and plans to retire in August 2023. Some resources available today include racquet ball, swimming, fitness classes, tennis courts and projects for kids. With the coming renovations, two pickle ball courts will replace two tennis courts. Two tennis courts will be restriped to include pickle ball striping. The skateboard park will be redesigned within the year; until then it will be repaired and safe to use.

Renovation – the Rec Center will be completely renovated. The Concept design will be finished late Spring 2022 and a Community Meeting will be held in the Summer of 2022. As yet, there is no start date for the renovation.

Q&A

1. What are the top three projects? The swimming pool and gymnasium. Also, the hallways will be enlarged, areas to downstairs and the spa. The Pottery lab will have state of the art equipment.
2. What is the best kept secret? The center's staff itself. Plus, the summer camps (full each summer), Pickle Ball (lessons are full). And there is a new membership structure: by-weekly: 1 Adult \$26, second member \$15, third member \$4, and fourth-eighth member \$2 each. The Rec Center also has a partnership with INOVA Physical Therapy including the pool.
3. What is Pickle Ball? The court is smaller than a tennis court, players use a wiffle ball and paddle and strike underhanded. It is slower than tennis and easy to learn.
4. Maskless? Completely maskless; optional. The Rec Center has masks on site if anyone needs one.
5. How long will the renovations take? It will take a calendar year. The big question now is how long will it take to get to shovel ready.
6. What about the Glass Recycling? There is a lot of trash around the container, and we do not want it to be removed. Dan said he would bring it up to the center administrators.
7. When the renovations start, will the entire center be closed or just the areas being renovated at the time? Dan said that they would like it to remain open, but it depends on the contractors. Mt. Vernon was to remain open, but it has just been asked to close.

8. What are the Senior rates? \$24 for Bi-weekly. Single visits are \$10/visit for adults, \$6.20 for Seniors and Youth. Yearly pass senior rate is \$529/year.
9. What extras must be paid? Tennis reservation \$6/hour. Classes are separate from membership. There are some drop-in classes available.
10. Are there concessions for those in the community who cannot pay the fees for membership, for example a type of scholarship fund for the classes? Dan advised the topic has been discussed.

Business Meeting

Announcements: Marcie advised that meetings would continue to be held via Zoom due to the new variant going around. She advised planning for a BBQ in August is continuing.

Budget: Kristoffer advised that membership dues were down due to the problems with the PayPal option on the web site. He is continuing to work with the bank to reestablish the link that will direct the PayPal payments to the bank account. Marcie asked Lisa Myers if she could share the list of streets that did not have block captains assigned. Lisa agreed. The unused funds budgeted for The Taste of Ravensworth may be transferred to the funds that could be used for the BBQ in August. The Reserve Funds have been held in case the association should be sued. Another option for the use of the funds may be to purchase liability insurance for single events such as the General Membership Meetings and the BBQ.

Nominating Committee: Ginger reported that there had been no volunteers for the committee.

Pet Waste Stations: Bob Nielsen, FLAP, stated that it costs \$1100/year for the purchase of dog waste bags for the pet waste stations throughout the park. FLAP would like some type of donation for the project. He will put an article in the next Farmer and will attend the General Membership Meeting in May to discuss further. He also asked if the meeting would be in person in the fall. Ginger advised that the Church may be available, however, the Church may require the association to have a Liability Policy to hold the meeting.

Dredging Project – Lake Accotink: Allan Robertson mentioned that there are two options under discussion at this time. Option 1: Wakefield Park – Pipeline would be built from the lake to the shed at Wakefield. It would provide access for trucks, but 7-9 acres of trees would be removed. Option2: Southern Drive. Waste would be taken to an industrial park off an access road; the lot is a vacant rail spur, and the pipeline would be short. However, the company does not own the land and the waste would need to be trucked through the Crestwood development on residential streets.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.