

Almaden Cabana Club Board Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2008

7:00 pm at Brian Tuck's house

Attendees: Denise Aitken, Steve Angus, Katherine Cance, Tony Cannestra, Jeff Lowe, Dante Petro, Jonathan Streete, Brian Tuck

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.

The February minutes were approved.

Status of Cabana burglary and arrests

There have been no updates on the burglary and arrests from the September incidents at the pool. Brian Tuck will ask Skip Harsany for updates and email Steve Angus the case number so Steve can track the progress of the case.

Review of Farmers Insurance proposal

The Club has renewed our State Farm insurance coverage. As soon as possible, the Board would like to switch to Farmers Insurance based on a presentation and proposal from Cabana Club member Milica Farrington. The new proposal increased the deductible from \$500 to \$1,000, and it was decided we should get additional quotes for \$5,000 and \$10,000 deductibles to compare. Jeff Lowe offered to do a line-by-line comparison of the proposed policy and our existing policy and he will follow up with Milica. All present agreed it is a goal to switch to Farmers because Milica stepped forward and as a member will represent the pool's interests well.

Budget Items

Jonathan Streete proposed opening a new line item in the budget for repairs that need to be made after the recent vandalism. This will create a "gap" in the budget which will be addressed at the end of the year when the budget is reviewed and actual income has been determined.

There was a brief discussion of membership and problems with the registration process. Some returning guest members said they had not received their membership information yet. It was determined that, ideally, membership sign-ups should be sent as early as possible to allow people time to determine if they intend to join.

Last year approximately 10 new guest members joined the Club, after contacting roughly 40 names on the waiting list. Two years ago the Club added 10 additional members for the short-term income boost they provided and there was a brief discussion of increasing membership again. There was also a brief discussion of people on the wait list who would be willing to donate professional services in exchange for gaining membership, such as contractors willing to provide project management. The topic of membership numbers will be revisited at the end of the year.

The point was made that approximately one half of proprietary members used the pool in 2007. It was also clarified that in the case of rental properties, with the tenant or the proprietary member has a vote.

93 members had paid their fees, and there were no comments on the increased price, although some people had spoken with people who had mentioned it.

Project Proposals

New barbecues, solar heating in the parking lot, and a new diving board were all discussed as possible projects the Club should consider. There was a lengthy discussion of the urgency of accomplishing small projects, like new barbecues, and the possibility of starting larger long-term projects, like solar. Some fundraising ideas were suggested, such as considering renting the pools for scuba lessons, and increased fundraising- including negotiating lower prices with service providers in exchange for advertising at the pool. Jeff Lowe made a motion to hold a separate meeting dedicated to fundraising. It was also agreed that there should be a survey given to members to get input on proposed improvements.

Committee Reports

Rentals are moving along.

Personnel has only received 7 lifeguard applications, while approximately 20 are needed to adequately staff the pool. All applicants to date are male – 2 returning and 5 new.

Pool & Grounds got the pool heater working. They will be replacing sprinklers, reseeding the dead grass areas, and working on the general landscaping. There was also a discussion of the effectiveness and necessity of a professional service for the bathrooms – they are currently coming every other week.

Swim Lessons flyers are being sent out to all of the neighborhood schools. The sessions may start late due to limited staffing available.

Social – There is a great committee working on the Easter Egg Hunt.

Welcome – Terry Prazak will contact Katherine Cance about the Welcome Social.

Swim Team has approximately 170 swimmers – a great turnout – and begins on April 7.

Operations Manual is still being worked on by Jeff Lowe.

Webmaster – it was commented that there is a need for faster posting to the website.

Waves - The first issue of the year was sent out and the Board complimented Wayne Brown on the high quality of the newsletter.

The next meeting will take place on April 21, 2008 at Steve Angus' house.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Katherine Cance