



**Coulwood Community Council Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda/Minutes**

Monday, September 11th, 7:30pm

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance – Call to order @ 7:05 pm (CF), Invocation (KB)

Attendees & Guests

- **Board members:** Cindy Ferguson (CF), Abby Limaugue (AL), Kim Baumgarner (KB), Betsy Mauney (BM), Joanne Baker (JB), Thomas Haygood (TH), Jenna Restrepo (JR)
- **Guests:** Joanne Shoemake, Tina Robinson, Mark Zagar, Gus and Donna Kretschmer, Sandy Wyllie, Arlene Smith, Lydia Rozier, John Smalle, Anne Smith, Tamara Haygarth, Steve Baumgarner, Steven Jones, Rhett Barker, Hannah Griffith, Wanda Adkisson, Valerie and Bob ----, Steven Mauney, Candice Dehney

President's Remarks (5min) (CF)

- Great opportunity to renovate the pool. We want a pool that we are proud of. The pool will be under an entire renovation. New deck, pumps, bathhouse, etc.
- Approximately 200k in the bank – one donor donated 150k to this project
- Currently approved with First National bank – 430k loan
- At the ten-year mark we will have a balloon payment to make and refinance the loan
- Memberships will not increase next year but will the year after
- We will be getting rid of the deep end, moving to a swim at your own risk
- Can't wait for season 2024!

Acknowledgement of Guest Concerns (30 min)

- What is the timeline for getting the pool project started?
 - o Will be starting in November and finished by April 15th
- Are we still going with trident? Will we have an attendant? Will whoever is over there know about the chemicals and how to do all of that?
 - o We will not be working with Trident anymore. We have been working with someone to take care of the chemicals. We have discussed getting an attendant once we see how the numbers pan out with the construction. Joanne has volunteered to be the CPA.
 - o Mecklenburg county declares you have a CPO check the water once in a 24hr period. (JS)
- Will the hours be extended when we change to swim at your own risk?

- o We have talked about extending the hours to 8am-8pm and extending the season.
- Where does the insurance say and liability go with when something occurs when we are a swim at your own risk pool?
 - o Talking with a company about this matter and making sure all ends our covered on our end with the insurance policy. All members will have to sign a wavier.
- The condition at the pool restricted us to hire companies to work with. More people we can shop with when we lose the deep end.
- Can we still ask the question to the company ---how would it be handled if ever sued?
 - o Per the conversation with the insurance agency- requires ample signage, pool rules posted, and waivers signed.
- Would members have to sign something before they swim?
 - o All members, guest, and new members would have to sign a waiver
- Will there be an age requirement to swim at your own risk?
 - o We will be refreshing the rules over the winter – what is allowed and not allowed – there will be a board member on call each week – a statement will be in the policy that the board has the permission to end your membership if one of the rules is broken.
- Do any of these improvements include the parking lot?
 - o Currently the budget does not include the parking lot, hopefully that could be a project for the future.
- Why do we need to pay a fee when I have already been a member?
 - o Reality of working towards a new pool means the cost would have to go up
 - o We as a community would have a padding to lean on when something goes wrong with the pool if needed
 - o Most communities pay an initiation fee. New shiny pool comes with a cost.
- Is this fee a one time contribution or if you skip questions will you have to pay again?
 - o We have not discussed that question and we will talk about that before next pool season.
 - o We are not planning to touch the well, Assuming we will still keep it
- Will you continue to fundraise or will you take a pause?
 - o I do not think we will ever stop fundraising as a board meeting
- The fee back in 1988 was the same as the membership – Wanda thinks this is a great idea and we should charge people if they take breaks in their membership.
- How many actual members does the budget count for?
 - o The family memberships are what we want for the pool mainly because it is the most expensive. The budget is listed in the final page of the report.
- Have we talked about what is the plan halfway between now and the ten year plan if we do not meet the down payments?
 - o The capital fund will help with this if this happens.

- Will there be an early bird special next year?
 - o Yes, we plan to keep the early bird.
- Regardless of the 5ft, I think it is a terrible idea to lose a lifeguard. We can say that parents should watch their kids, the pool has been their 60 plus years, and we have not had one drowning at that pool yet. I think we need to do whatever we need to do to staff this pool. (JS)
- Wanda states that she is surprised someone did not drown this past year with the quality of the guards we had last year.
- JR states we all agree with having guards at the pool, but what we are setting up right now wanting to make this possible and will if we can.
- Tamara – We joined the pool about three years ago. Once we joined the pool, we realized how much effort goes into running a pool. She suggests telling people why it costs so much and having people understand what goes into it.
- Ideas- can we have someone come out and get certified at the first event?
- Can we make sure the signage is posted more around the pool since we will not have an attendant? The answer is yes. A board member will always be on call.
- What is the age for seniors? 65 and older
- Sandy – mentioned a Go Fund Me page – thinks if we build a case, we do stand a chance. Passed out a narrative – suggestion for the board to take a look at. Everyone needs to post and spread the word.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (AL)

- [August 2023 Minutes](#) (JB motioned, TH 2nd)

Treasurer's Report

- No report this time. We are down a treasurer but have someone interested in stepping up to the plate.

Committee Reports

Welcoming/Public Relations (JB)

- Welcome Packet Update
 - o Postcard about the pool, working on a magnet, sports page is donating a coupon, Coulwood movement and Coulwood tire is adding the packet.
- Brick Campaign Updates
 - o JB is running the campaign – getting people to buy bricks – less expensive – brick will be displayed in front of the pool

Clubhouse (JR)

- Coulwood Movement Collective Update

- Caitlyn is a new member to the neighborhood – holding classes for the community – holding the classes inside the clubhouse and at the park.
- Neighborhood Matching Grant
 - We have applied for the grant specially for the clubhouse
 - Hoping to fix the floor and bathroom fixtures
 - We should know about whether we get the grant or not in the next 6-8 weeks
- We have the new door lock for the clubhouse – this will help make the building safer

Membership/Grievance (JB)

- We need more members!

Entertainment/Athletic (BM)

- NA

Building/Grounds/Maintenance- (TH)

- Community Fall work day - October 14th
 - Use the leftover wood from the stage to make the bridge a little wider
 - We will be shutting down the pool
 - JR – can we add hedge trimming to the clubhouse?
 - Check out the local boy scouts to see if they are wanting to help out
- RSVP on website



- Details of the event

Save Pool Committee (JB, BM, CF)

- Fundraising
- Budgeting + Accounting
- Project Mgmt + Operations

Unfinished Business

- NA

New Business

- Car Show on Saturday 9/16
 - BBQ plate for sale, sweet treats, winner is the grand Marshall for the next parade, and a DJ

- The Board to appoint a signee on behalf of the corporation for a debt obligation to First National Bank in the amount of \$430K. Motion for the presidency to be the signee on behalf of the corporation – Holly Webster motioned, Joanne Baker 2nd

- Vote on two new board members
 - Nominations
 - Holly Webster – nominated by CF, JR 2nd
 - Leslie Campbell – Nominated by CF, JR 2nd

Next Meeting – Monday, October 9th, 2023

Adjournment – CF motioned, JB 2nd