

Memorial Day Member Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2022

5pm at OHSC

President/Secretary Report by John Zimmerman and Lauren Barber

Welcome back to the pool and thanks for coming out to the membership meeting. My name is John Zimmerman, current President of the board after serving in other positions for the past five years. The pool looks very good this year, and we have many of you to thank as our volunteers. Our new maintenance fee plan and earning hours is doing wonders for this pool! Our maintenance director, Chris Bing, ran some very well organized clean up days. Some of you went way above and beyond to prep our facility for this weekend, and your hard work shows. Even the bathroom mats, floors, and walls were power washed! Thank you.

We are missing a few board members today who couldn't be here for various reasons, including Lauren Barber, Secretary; Maureen Reed, Membership, and Katherine McClure, Dive Time.

Lauren asked me to share a few things with the members:

The secretary works on managing the documents and tasks of our board. This board has been very busy for the last nine months to prepare for this season. Each one will share some highlights today. Please thank them for their hard work when you see them at the pool. And each is always looking for help. We would love to see each board member have an assistant (and eventually a replacement). If you have a vested interest in seeing this wonderful community continue to thrive, please join the board! We are now accepting apprentices and shadows.

We continue to add new jobs to our sign up genius for earning your volunteer hours, and there will be clean up days this fall, too. Please check it regularly, and if you have an idea of something you would like to add as a job, please email secretary@orangehunswimclub.org. We still need help behind the scenes and on the pool deck. Thank you for sharing your talents with your community.

Ok, speaking for myself again, a couple areas of particular focus for me earlier this year and this summer are an update to the bylaws and leading the efforts to resolve the high dive.

With regard to the bylaws, at the end of the summer, we will be asking for an official vote on updated bylaws. A committee of volunteers and I have largely completed the update. I am currently creating a fully marked up copy of the bylaws, a clean copy of the proposed revised bylaws, and a summary of the changes. I will release those documents a few weeks before labor day so they can be voted on at that meeting.

For the high dive, a committee and I will be meeting later this week for the first official meeting. The board has previously attempted a number of solutions with the general issue being that we can't find a company / individual who is licensed to work on the high dive as their insurance won't allow it. Hopefully, bringing in some new people will uncover additional ideas and we will be able to successfully repair the high dive.

Turning over to our vice-president, Rob Prunty.

Vice President Report by Rob Prunty

- Insurance – we renewed our umbrella policies under The Swim Club Insurance program administered by Smith Brothers. That policy has a “grandfather clause” in it that allows us to keep our high-dive and avoid having to remove it, as most all other policies in the industry will not cover a high-dive, and would require us to get rid of it. More information and updates on potential repair efforts for the high-dive will be coming through the High-Dive Standing Committee, as you heard John Zimmerman just mention.
- Pool Management – we have entered into a one-year agreement with Crystal Aquatics again for this season. We are doing some research and comparisons for pricing structures offered across the industry by other management companies, to make sure we get the best deal possible for future contract renewals or pursuit of a new contract with a different management company, if we determine that better value and costs would be realized under a different contract.
- White Coat (pool plaster surface) Refinishing – we are due for another resurfacing of the White Coat. The initial price we received earlier in the year had to be revised due to the change in cost of materials and labor under the current inflation-plagued economy. We are negotiating with Crystal Aquatics, who provided the lowest bid by far out of 5 vendors, to give us a compromise price for redoing the white coat this fall – this should help with “pool toe” and other minor hairline cracks, etc. in the surface of the pool floor
- Capital Projects Shout-Out – Chris Bing, our maintenance director on the Board, arranged for our new roof on the guardhouse/bathrooms to be installed this past fall, and it has never looked better. It desperately needed to be replaced after sustaining damage from tree limbs this past year. The same goes for the tree removal and tennis court fence repair that was done on the tennis courts after a tree fell in a storm. Many thanks to Chris for his hard work.
- Pool Reciprocal Agreements – We are in the process of renewing our master agreement with West Springfield area pools for reciprocity in the event of an all-day pool closure, as well for swim and dive meets in the evening. Stay tuned for updates throughout the summer on which pools we can use on evenings where there is a dive meet or swim meet hosted at Orange Hunt – there are two of each this year (Mondays and Tuesdays), so check the website or Facebook for updates.

Treasurer Report by Brian Busch

After the 2020 season we fell behind in filing taxes. I’m happy to report that as of April, we are current and up to date!

- Set a realistic budget based on 2021 numbers, accepted by the board in Dec 2021.
- Prioritized maintenance needs in this budget
- New board members all have access to reports to ensure transparency and to monitor their budget execution
- Execution mostly on track so far, minor variations for maintenance
- Continuing to anticipate the white coat capital expense in the fall
 - Some volunteer reimbursement checks are ready today! The rest will be ready throughout the summer.

Maintenance Report by Chris Bing

Thank you to all of the volunteers at Spring clean up day 1 and 2! Many projects were completed like powerwashing, painting, sand in the tetherball court, cleaning the bathrooms, etc. Volunteers also revamped the Shark Shack and built a gate around the slide pump. Future projects I am working on this summer include new doors for the bathrooms, removal of the wood logs on the property, and the new furniture.

Concessions Report by Tania Schulke

Thank you to the maintenance team for getting the Shark Shack up and gorgeous for this season! And a bigger thank you to everyone for sending your children to the pool with cash for the Shark Shack! It has been very successful so far, and we're excited!

We just finished hiring our 3rd worker for the summer - all are returning, so you'll see familiar faces if you've been here a while. I have a few more interested people that have already reached out, so I think we'll be closing that search for staff soon. My 16 year old, who is working in there right now with Peter, is working for family cash instead of getting paid by the pool, because that just doesn't feel right to me, in case you are wondering! With our current budget, I can pay for people to work about 70 slots, but if we open everyday, that's 98 slots, so obviously I need some volunteers. I just added more slots today to get us thru July 2nd, so if you are looking for opportunities, please consider working in the Shack! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa5af29a13-concessions>

Did you know that we don't have a sink in the Shark Shack? Because of that, my food philosophy for what we will be selling is that we'll only sell it if we can prepare it without touching it. So some of the items that used to be on the menu won't be coming back, like the pretzels, funnel cakes and corn dogs - unless I can find some that are individually wrapped. We do hope you enjoy the new warm food options, and I think they are going over well - one mom thanked me yesterday for feeding her family for \$10, so I think we're doing something right. But if you can get behind that "no touch" philosophy if your kids are complaining, I'd be most appreciative!

We are bringing slushies back starting next Saturday for the Adult Party, so if you have a favorite spiking beverage in a plastic bottle, because we frown on glass around the pool deck for safety reasons, then bring it on! We'll see about bringing back shaved ice - the machine requires more cleaning than I have time to do at the moment, so if we do bring those back, it won't be until after school is out.

Thanks again for your support! Sign up to work, and I'll be followed by Shelley who will tell you about the fun things she has planned for us!

Social Report by Shelley Rakip

The goal of the Social Activities role is to bring activities to the membership for all ages and for families, so that we can make the most of our time at the pool this summer.

We have several things planned for the summer, so I want to tell you the 3 ways to be aware of all upcoming events:

- 1) light blue bulletin boards by the ladies bathroom. Upcoming events are posted there.

2) Facebook page and membership newsletter list all upcoming events. Please make sure you are subscribed to the Membership newsletter, especially if you are not the adult that set up the membership account, but you are the social director of your family. The Facebook page and email list are also how you hear about pool closings (like for weather) and any event cancellations.

3) OrangeHuntSwimClub.org is the best resource for all of our upcoming events. There is a calendar on the homepage with all events.

After this weekend, we hope you will plan to join us Saturday night for the first summer Adult Pool Party. That is Saturday night, and you are welcome to bring guests. \$10 at the door pays lifeguard fees and our awesome DJ Perry will be here with music and entertainment.

Then Sunday is our Chili Cook-off. Details for all events are on our website.

If you are a new member and you have joined just to dip in the pool on hot days, welcome! We are glad you are here.

But if you are a member who is eager to meet people, or find kids your kids' age, welcome! We are glad you are here.

Orange Hunt Swim Club is a place where you can find kids the same age as yours, or in the same school, and this is a place neighbors can become friends.

We are glad you are here.

Communications Report by Margo Steahly

Means of Communication:

- Weekly Email
- Facebook Posts
 - Weather delays
 - Events
 - Public page and information
- Facebook Member Group
 - Private Group
 - Interaction between members
- Website
 - Updated calendar
 - Contact information

Sponsors

- Multiple sponsors this year
- Please support and thank them for sponsoring the pool!

Membership Report by Maureen Reed

- Thank you for your patience this spring as I learned Member Splash and the role of the Membership Chair
- Current membership numbers:
 - Permanent: 88
 - Associate: 156
- Still have memberships available, let your family, neighbors and friends know
- Contact me at membership@orangehuntswimclub.org with any questions

Swim Team Report by Allison Hetzel

This is going to be a great year for the Orange Hunt Sharks!

The team is swimming in NVSL Division 4. We expect have approximately 180 on Swim Team and 40 in Mini Sharks.

We start evening practices tomorrow night, but the pool is still open with plenty of room for anyone not on the team who wants to come and enjoy the pool.

Coaches are:

Ben Sharrer - Head Coach
Nick Sharrer - Assistant Coach
Brady Dasher - Assistant Coach
Charlotte Grieve - Assistant Coach
Grace McEvoy - Head Mini Shark Coach

Lane Coaches:

Bree Tiago
Isaac Ermarth
Myles Carley
Billy Rhodes

Mini Shark Coaches:

Grace Slovensky
Abigail Yonas
Riley Zimmerman
Jessica Logan
Carly Daniels

Laurie Smith, Co-Rep, and I love seeing our young sharks grown into coaches over the years. This is important for our team and we think they are wonderful role models for our next generation who are just starting to swim.

Meet Schedule-please see the website. Reciprocal pools will be available if there are closures for meets.

Master's Swim is a new, non-competitive program for adults. See the website for more information and come meet some new friends while getting a great workout.

We are hosting Individual All Stars for the NVSL this year. This will be a big-pool wide endeavor and there are lots of ways to earn volunteer points by helping with the meet!

Allison Hetzel
Swim Team Board Member

Dive Team Report by Katherine McClure

We are so excited about our upcoming season. We have our new coaches - Coach Sophia and Coach Ainsley who will be at our first practice tomorrow. If you see them, please welcome them to the OHSC family!

Our team is competing in NVSL Division 8 this season, and in addition to being our team rep, Katherine is the division coordinator again this year.

We currently have 20 registered divers, 8 try-dive participants signed up and 5 people who have told me they're coming but haven't signed up yet. (ha!) We have invited members from all the pools in the WSHS pyramid that do not have dive teams to come join us if they are interested in dive.

If you have a little shark who you think would enjoy diving, please have them come join us this week or next for one of our Try-Dive! sessions. Dive is a wonderful sport, and is a great opportunity for kids to join a team sport. We would love to grow the team (so we can keep Ms. Dasher happy - the high school is desperate for varsity divers!)

Try-Dive Information is on the website.

Thank you to the board for their ongoing support of our dive team.

Tennis Team Report by Julie Schuck

For the 2022 season, we continue to offer tennis lessons for children and youth through Pros2You. We are looking into adult clinics if there's interest. The Spring program started in April with Friday afternoon clinics. The tennis morning camp as well as weekly lessons will start June 13 and run through August. Registration is available through the Pros2You website and their link is available on our tennis page. New this year, we will host family social pickleball sessions, primarily on Sunday evenings. Watch for sign-up genius on the club newsletter and blasts. Anyone still looking for hours for maintenance fee reimbursement - there are ongoing opportunities to clean tennis courts as weeds develop and storms toss debris into the courts.