

North Shores Aquatic Society (Approved Jan 7, 2015)

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MINUTES

7:30PM JOHN BRAITHWAITE REC CENTRE

TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly
NOTE TAKER	Bruce Tout
REGRETS	Perry Ceholski, Lea Howard, Catherine Blythe
ATTENDEES	Linda Sullivan, Mike Dowling, Bruce Tout, Kim Jones, Juan Gomez, Kara Moore, Julie Lahey

Agenda topics

Meeting came to Order: 7:40 pm

Additions to the agenda

Approval of October 1, 2014 Minutes - Motion to Approve – Bruce Tout
Seconded – Mike Dowling

SPORT COUNCIL UPDATE

BRUCE TOUT

DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sport Council has created a sub-committee to prepare a report on Sport Facility Needs for North Vancouver. Bruce Tout has accepted the position of Sub-committee Chair. Plan to present the final report to both City and District council, School Board and Recreation Commission Board. 2. 2015 has been declared the Year of Women in Sport. Sport council has declared its support and worth encourage Sport Council Member Organizations to also declare their support. This was discussed briefly with those present. Motion was put forward that the North Shore Aquatic Society declare its support the initiative. 3. The Chair Person for the 55+ BC Summer Games did a presentation to the Sport Council. Aquatic events have been moved from Ron Andrews to Harry Jerome pool. The 55+ games committee is still looking for a Chair person for Swimming. If you know anyone, let myself or Tom Walker know. Karen Schofeld is the meet manager and will be looking for officials and other volunteers. Games are August 25 thru 29, 2015 		
CONCLUSIONS	1. North Shore Aquatics Society endorses the year 2015 as being “The Year of Women in Sport” Bruce will forward this information to the Sport Council.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Inform Sport Council of Declaration to Support” 2015 the Year of Women in Sport”	Bruce Tout	Next Meeting	

West Vancouver Aquatic Users form North Vancouver Numbers – Lea Howard

DISCUSSION	Lea Howard has not been able to make recent meetings so Kara Moore and Julia will follow up with her to see if attendance figures for North Vancouver residence participating in West Vancouver Aquatic Programs.		
CONCLUSIONS			
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Contact Lea Howard to see where she is with West Vancouver Aquatic Figures	Julie Lahey	Jan 7,2015	

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PROMOTION OF POOL – OUTLOOK NEWSPAPER

DISCUSSION	Kim Jones was instrumental in creating a Promotional Ad for the North Shore Outlook. The Ad was run in the Outlook Newspaper in November on the week of the election. So far all the reports received have been positive. The North Shore Cruisers and the Chena Swim Club share the cost for publishing in the Outlook Newspaper	
CONCLUSIONS	Members present were very pleased with the ad and expressed their thanks to Kim for her effort. A special thanks to the Chena Swim Club and the North Shores Cruisers. Well done.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Municipal Election Review – Round Table

DISCUSSION	All present contributed to a round table discussion on how the election results will impact the goal of promoting the 50 meter pool and what should happen next	
CONCLUSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a potential increase of City of North Vancouver Council support as both Don Bell and Holly Back expressed their interest in building a larger pool at Harry Jerome. Guy Heywood is no longer on council so we lost his support. Need to follow up with both Don Bell and Holly Back 2. During the Election campaign, the idea of the District contributing the \$10 million to the city was proposed to Robin Hicks and Mathew Bond. Both are interested in pursuing this possibility and need to be followed up with. 3. In a meeting with Craig Keating, the idea of a workshop involving the Rec Commission, city planners, North Shore Aquatics Society and council representatives was proposed to determine what is truly required in a 50 meter pool as this will affect the differential cost of construction. Need to follow up with Craig Keating to ensure this meeting happens 4. Follow-up with elected officials and candidate who did not get elected so establish a communications line. Keep the positive pool momentum going. Mike Dowling has already sent email to Holly Back congratulating her on her election. Bruce has contact Kerry Morris and Iani Makris. Both are will to help us out in getting this pool. 5. Mike Dowling submitted a list of "Election Conversations" which gave a brief description on 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact Don Bell and Robin Hicks and arrange meeting.	Mike Dowling	Jan 7 th 2015
Contact Craig Keating and Mathew Bond and arrange meeting	Bruce Tout	Jan 7 th 2015
Contact Connie DeBoer to determine if she will assist us.	Julie Lahey	Jan 7 th 2015
Contact Mayor of Coquitlam and see if we can get some support. Mayor Stewart – strong supporter of Aquatics in Coquitlam	Kara Moore	Jan 7 th 2015

William Griffin Pool – Julie Lahey

DISCUSSION	Julie asked if that there is still an opportunity to encourage the District to increase the size of William Griffin pool to a 37.5 meter pool like the pool it is replacing. She has also noticed that work has seem to have stopped with only a large hole in the ground.	
CONCLUSIONS	Bruce had thought that the William Griffin pool design was already final, but is open to asking the question. Asked for volunteers to take on the task of contacting both the District and the Rec Commission.	
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Contact Heather Turner at the Rec Commission	Kara Moore	Jan 7 th 2015
Contact the District of North Vancouver Planning Department – Linda Sullivan has a friend in the department which can direct us to the correct person	Linda Sullivan	Jan 7 th 2015

Presentation to Council & Rec Commission

DISCUSSION	Bruce suggested the planned January presentation to Councils and Rec Commission be delayed a month as there is a lot to activity within the Rec Commission and the Planning department concerning the Harry Jerome development and one on one meetings with the parties involved may be more productive. The idea of someone being at council meetings and Rec Commission meeting was brought up and was supported. A schedule of the meetings will be researched and brought forward to the board at the next meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS	Linda will proceed with developing the presentation so that it is ready to be used whenever it is decided to present to council.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Schedule for 2015 Council and Rec Commission Meetings	Bruce Tout	Jan 7 2015

Promotion of Pool – Information Session

Discussion	Linda Sullivan suggested the idea of manning an information table at one of the local shopping malls to promote public awareness and provide information on the 50 meter pool. It was agreed that this is something to pursue, but will require volunteers from the user groups to man the table during a predetermined weekend. Linda suggested approaching the coaches of the user groups to see if their schedules would permit them volunteer and participate.	
Conclusions	The weekend of January 24, 2015 was proposed as the targeted weekend. Linda Sullivan will see about availability of mall space for a table. Club representatives will contact their respective coaches to see about availability.	
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Book Mall	Linda Sullivan	Jan 7,2015
Chena Coaches	Kim Jones	Jan 7,2015
Cruiser Coaches	Linda Sullivan	Jan 7,2015
Swim Fast Coaches	Juan Gomez	Jan 7,2015
Dolphins Diving Club coaches	Julie Lahey	Jan 7,2015

Meeting with MLAs - Financial Feasibility Case

Discussion	Does the Aquatic Society want to meet with the local MLAs and seek support for the pool? This is a follow-up of the October meeting where it was discussed that we should do a presentation of the Financial feasibility plan to both city and district MLAs.	
Conclusions	It was decided to pursue seeking the support of the local MLAs and present the Financial Feasibility plan. The City MLA Naomi Yamamoto is hosting a Christmas Social at her office on Dec 5 th . An invite has been received and Juan Gomez has volunteered to attend and represent the society. Meetings will be set up with the MLAs in the New Year.	
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Presentation for MLAs	Linda Sullivan	Jan 2015
Attend Naomi Yamamoto Christmas Social	Juan Gomez	Dec 5, 2014

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Charitable status – Kim Jones

DISCUSSION	Kim Jones Informed the board she has the application for the Society to become a charitable society and asked she is to proceed. With the application, the minutes of the meetings is required and the Society Certificate.	
CONCLUSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was agreed to submit the application for a charitable Society so tax receipts can be issued. 2. Bruce will assemble the minutes of the Society meetings 3. Mike Dowling will Contact Barbara Grantham for information on fund raising and the feasibility of raising money for the pool. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact Barbara Grantham of the UBC Hospital Foundation	Mike Dowling	
Submit application for Charity Status	Kim Jones	
Assemble Minutes of meeting for Society	Bruce Tout	
Society Constitution development	Linda Sullivan	

Brochure/Pool Fact sheet – Linda Sullivan

Discussion	Linda distributed a newly designed and updated the Brochure for the Society which included various pool facts (Appendix B)	
Conclusions	The Brochure was reviewed and looked much better than the previous. Some comments were suggested and Linda will take into consideration and present a finalized version at next meeting.	
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Sponsorship Brochure	Linda Sullivan	Jan 7 th ,2014

Blue Shores Financial – Report

DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application for donations/sponsorship have been made to Blue Shore Financial. A partnership is being pursued and Naming rights for the pool are being promoted. Bruce and Linda are working together to develop a presentation on the chance of a request from Blue Shores Financial. At this time no response has been received from Blue Shore Financial. 2. North Shore Aquatic Society now has a bank account with Blue Shores Financial. There are 3 signing authorities registered with Blue Shores. Two signatures are required for any withdrawal. 	
CONCLUSIONS	Wait for a response.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

North Shore Recreation and Culture Commission

DISCUSSION	<p>Bruce brought up the suggestion that the Society needs to have a strong presence with the Recreation Commission. Bruce is going to seek appointment to the commission as a citizen representative for the District of North Vancouver.</p> <p>It was also suggested more interaction with the appointed board members be sought and attend Rec Board meetings which are open to the public.</p>	
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CONCLUSIONS	Get a list of Board Representatives on the Recreation Commission and establish some personal interaction to get their support for the pool. Get a list of the dates for the 2015 meetings	
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List of 2015 Meeting	Bruce Tout	Jan 7, 2015
List of Recreation Commission Board Members	Bruce Tout	Jan 7, 2015

Adjournment: 9:00 pm

SPECIAL NOTES	Next Meeting – January 7, 2015

Attachments:

Appendix A "Election Conversation"

Appendix B "Pool Facts"