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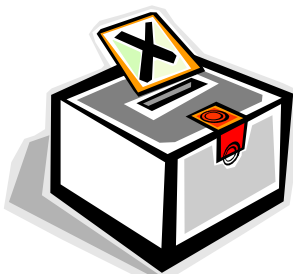
WWP Member bikes across USA

Former board president, perpetual adult swim team member, and iron-man Hugh Kimball, has retired from construction to light duty activities.

Check out his 2008 Seattle to Saint Augustine adventure at:

<http://public.fotki.com/Pliekkio/>

ANNUAL MEETING February XX 2009



Get and stay informed ~ Exercise your vote as a full member.

- * New board members ~ 4 TBD
- * State of the Pool
- * Old Business/new business
- * Other WW Pool business

More details in this and future Newsletters, Meeting Notice, and WWPoolTalk.

Pre-Annual meeting 2009 news

The Board's Conclusion re Last Year's Proposed Amendments to Bylaws:

Last year, 2007, the Board was under the impression the pool bylaws and policies were in conflict and that the by-laws prohibited the transfer of memberships via direct descendant or with the sale of a house. That brought forward the proposed by-law adjustments, presented to the membership for a vote.

Prompted by feedback from pool members, including past Board members, this year 2008, the Board investigated the history of our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Policies, and with a thorough legal review, found the Board's 2007 judgment to be mistaken.

Those two types of membership transfers as defined in the policies, are not in conflict with the bylaws.

In fact, the bylaws originally were written and approved with the intent to allow membership transfer to direct descendants and with the sale of a member's house.

Thus there is no need to amend the bylaws.

As a result, we will not ask the members to vote again on those bylaws changes at the next annual meeting, February 2009.

We will follow the pre-existing membership procedures including these two provisions for transferring a membership:

- 1) with the sale of one's home
- 2) to a member's adult child, who is already on the waitlist.

Thanks to all the past presidents and members who helped us locate the historical data and provided the legal analysis. This was truly a community effort.

Membership data analysis (2008)

Following is statistical and historical information which should provide perspective regarding the pool's membership proximity to the pool and the frequency with which membership transfers have occurred w/house sales or direct descendent.

WW Pool
Membership
2008 data stats &
history

Full Members' Zip codes	%
Pool's 98115	70
98105, 98125	13
All Others	17
	100

Senior Member Zip codes	%
Pool's 98115	66
98105, 98125	15
All Others	19
	100

Membership Transfers	#
Since 1999, w/House Sale	5
Since 1991, Direct descend	11

Near neighbor status and Board's forthcoming recommendation

All the discussions about membership brought a new situation to the Board's attention. Summer of 2008, we had a near neighbor who wanted a summer membership and did not get one. The previous year, in 2007, the family did get a summer membership, thus the kids, after having a great time on the swim team in 2007, couldn't join the swim team this year.

Near neighbors who are on the waitlist are eligible for summer memberships. When a full member takes a leave of absence (LOA), we offer a summer membership to the next near neighbor on the waitlist. If enough full members take a leave of absence, all the near neighbors can get summer memberships. This year we did not get enough LOAs to satisfy the number of summer membership requests.

The board will be putting forward a by-laws initiative to create up to 15 near neighbor memberships to be used solely for near neighbors. There are 36 homes within the predefined near neighbor boundaries. 16 are already members of the pool and 9 are currently on the waitlist.

We do not anticipate using all 15 near neighbor memberships. After reviewing the pool-use statistics for the past summer, we feel the pool can easily accommodate those additional members.

If the membership approves this new near neighbor membership strategy, it will then allow us to offer LOA summer memberships (based on any leave of absences) to those next in line on the waitlist.

In the January Newsletter we will send out the text of the proposed Near Neighbor bylaws language for your vote. Meanwhile, if you have any

questions you can always email the board at board@wwpool.org.

This initiative carries the strong support of the board toward inclusiveness of the pre-defined near neighbors, who are impacted by seasonal pool traffic.

Swim Team – Assistant Coach

Wide distribution to NE Seattle & North Lake WA swim community at large, please forward to interested parties, whom you may know.

Wedgwood Swim Club (NE Seattle) has begun the search for a new assistant swim coach. We are looking for a fun and motivating individual who will compliment our existing coaching staff.

This person should be able to work with kids of all ages, possess good organizational skills and have both the knowledge and ability to effectively teach swimming skills.

Individuals interested in this open position must be available to work from mid May through the first week of August.

If you or anybody you know are interested, please send a cover letter and a resume to both mattymiller@gmail.com and manager@wwpool.org .

Our timeline is tight as we are planning on scheduling interviews during the holiday school break and because of this our deadline for submittals is the 7th of December.

Kim Prestbo
Wedgwood Swim Team, Board member

Consider Serving on the Wedgwood Board

FOUR new members are elected each year to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting In February.

The term is for three years, meeting the 2nd Monday of each month, through the year.

It's a fabulous way to get to know the inner workings of the pool and to help continue the Wedgwood traditions. Please step forward and let us know if you're interested in being nominated for one of these three positions.

Public Pools Initiatives Update

Recent economic circumstances have made public pool initiatives a real challenge.

www.seattlepools.org has posted their intent to stand down at this time.

www.splash4all.org seems to be offline, and I've been unable to confirm their status.

Northshore Parks and Recreation Service District (NPRSA) completed a study June 2008. The 5 member municipal/county entities are evaluating how to proceed on a levy.

See more on NPRSA at http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/Support_Northshore_Aquatics/message/212

2008 WW Pool Board Members

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Newsletter Submittals deadline
15th each month

Newsletter Delivery Paths ~ 2008/2009

- Newsletters are posted, prox the 5th of each month at www.wwpool.org
- Set your calendar reminder, and download your copy.
- Snail mail through April 2009.
- A membership email listserve is being developed for a virtual delivery notification, when the newsletter is posted at www.pool.org, season '09.
- Office copies to be avail, Season '09.

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