

Wedgwood Pool News

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Greetings from the WW Pool Board of Directors!

We'll start by wishing everyone a very joyful and safe holiday season!

This will be a brief newsletter with some 'off-season' news. As always, feel free to be in touch with any of us or Raab Parker if you have questions or suggestions about the upcoming season.

WW Pool Annual Meeting and Proposed Bylaw Change Announcement

Please join us for the 2010 Annual Meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 8, at 7:00 pm.

North Seattle Friends Church Meeting Hall

7740 24th Avenue NE

With the unanimous support of the Board of Directors, a change is being proposed to the WW Pool Bylaws to move the Annual Meeting date from February to November of each year, beginning in November 2010 (to take the place of the February 2011 meeting).

This proposed change is detailed on pages 2-3 and will be placed on the February 2010 Annual Meeting ballot for a membership vote.

Early Notice for 2010 Annual Dues and Fees Statement

You will receive your 2010 annual dues statement via the US Postal mail in mid January, 2010. ALL dues & membership status changes **must be received by March 1st, 2010**. This is the third year we have had this earlier date, which allows for sufficient time to process all memberships and sales in time for the pool opening. Any payments or changes received after March 1st will incur a late fee. Once statements are mailed, email reminder notices will be sent to those whose emails are on file. If you are reading this newsletter in paper format, it means that membership does not have an email address on file for you. The pool sends reminders throughout the season via email for such things as pool opening date, landscape work party notices, etc. In addition, we would like to move to an

entirely electronic distribution for our pool newsletter. To ensure you receive these notices and the newsletter in the future, please send your name & email address to membership@wwpool.org.

Regular pool membership fees will remain the same as in 2009. However, we are planning for a \$10 increase to the landscape fee and the swim team participation fee will be \$75. Swim team fees were last raised in 2004, and at \$75, Wedgwood Pool swim team is still on the low end of fees for swim team participation at other pools in the league. More details about multiple participants from one family, etc., to be available this Spring.

If you have questions, contact Caryn Hopkins, membership@wwpool.org, or 206.361.0473.

2010 Membership Status Change Options

To initiate membership status changes, such as transferring, selling, modifying or converting your membership, use your annual dues statement, which will be mailed to you in mid January. Changes initiated after March 1st, 2010 will incur a late fee.

You have the following options for membership status change:

Membership Sale

Members selling their membership receive \$650.00, less any outstanding balance due to Wedgwood Pool. Sales MUST be signed by both parties listed as owners of the membership.

Conversion to Senior Swimmer Status

Consider converting to *Senior Swimmer Membership*. Membership holders who have 12 or more years of active membership may convert to Senior Swimmer Membership. Senior members are not entitled to sell their membership, as their membership is returned to the pool. You do receive 50 swims per season for 25% of the annual dues. Senior members may also purchase an additional 25 Early Morning Lap Swims.

Leave of Absence Modification

If you will be gone this summer consider modifying your membership by taking a leave of absence. The cost is \$100 plus the 2010 Landscape Fee.

Members on leave may not use the pool, but will continue to receive the newsletters.

Details on Proposed Bylaw Change

Prepared by Bill Leak and Greg Miller (WW Pool board members)

Article VIII - Member's Meetings

8.1 Annual/Special Meetings Notice

a. Annual Meeting: *There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the pool **which, beginning in November, 2010, shall be on the second Monday Tuesday in February November, each year.***

New directors put forth by the nominating committee shall be voted upon and confirmed at the November annual meetings, and take office the following January 1st.

In the notice for the annual meeting, the secretary shall set forth the name and a brief biography of each person nominated for director.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGE:

The proposed Bylaw change does two things. First, it moves the annual meeting and election of Board Members from February to November beginning in November, 2010. And second, it moves the start and end of Board Members' terms of office from February back one month to January.

The proposed change would result in a one-month shortening of the terms for three classes of Board Members, starting with those whose terms expire in 2011.

The fiscal year remains unchanged as a calendar year. Interim financial statements through October will be presented at the November annual meetings.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS

In approximately 1998-99, the board treasurer in office at that time put forth a bylaws change moving the pool fiscal year to a calendar year, and thereby shifting the Fall annual meeting to a February meeting date. It was approved by the general membership. In retrospect, certain benefits of a Fall annual meeting and election were inadvertently lost.

As recently vetted with the current finance committee members, board of directors, and pool accountant, there was agreement that moving the Annual Meeting back to the Fall is desirable. With a the core goal of moving the WW Pool Annual Meeting to November (2nd Tuesday, avoiding any Monday night football conflicts/excuses!) we would facilitate elections of new board members in November – before people get caught up in the business of the holiday season - and have them start in January with the new calendar year. December is typically a social board meeting, which would be a good venue to engage new board members. Calendar year 2010 would have a February meeting and a November meeting, transitioning to the new cycle.

Pros

- Provide for new board member recruiting earlier in-season, and earlier post-season election
- Allows a genuine transition so new board members have the chance to be more fully-functioning when they take office in January. By holding the election in November, social transition in December, and taking office in January (versus the current system of taking office in February with no transition), the Board can function much more smoothly earlier in its pre-season planning work.
- Provide greater pre-swim season time with fully-functioning new members starting January, rather than starting February with new members who do not get up to speed until March or April. This will give earlier and better action/planning/training with new board members on any critical capital/maintenance, membership, and senior staff issues.
- Returns the Board's budgeting, planning, and succession process to what had been in place 1963-1998

Cons

- Board members for three rotations beginning with those whose terms expire in 2011 will each lose one month at the end of their term.

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Greg Miller ~ Treasurer
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