



**Poplar Heights Recreation Association
Annual Shareholder Meeting
November 27, 2018
Shreveewood Elementary School Cafeteria**

Call to Order

A quorum being present with some 80 members in attendance and more than 70 proxies, President Shari Kane called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting

A motion was moved, and seconded, to approve the Minutes from the November 28, 2017 Annual Meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote. No objections were heard.

Election of Directors

There were seven vacancies on the Board to be filled. The slate of candidates before the membership included four current Board members -- Matt Borman, Shawn Kline, Mark Weitz and Cynthia Wilson – who were standing for re-election. Other candidates who submitted their names for a position on the board were: Bill Bickel, Peter Gouvis, Sandy Kiersz, Jonathan Lang, Dorothy Lange, Eric Maier, Cary Meltzer, Jim Nach and Megan Pawlowski.

One nomination was received from the floor: Jennifer Rosholt-High.

There being no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed, and the Registrar proceeded with the vote count.

Reports

1. Swimming Pool

Representatives from Titan Pool Company were unable to attend, so Shari provided a few key points. Titan has recommended some \$40,000 in parts and maintenance to prepare for next season. The new board will review these. This includes diving board equipment, lifeguard chairs, filters and pump items. We believe the pump room leaks have been fixed.

The algae growth will be removed. Titan's white coating will be examined and some cracks will have to be repaired.

2. Tennis Program

Alex Shek of CORE Tennis could not attend, so Matt Borman, the Tennis Liaison for the Board, provided an overview. This was a strong year for all the club teams, but especially for the 8- to 18-year-old Juniors. Regarding the courts, some lights remain out but will be replaced with LED bulbs. The fence will be fixed or replaced, using much stronger side posts and corner posts. Some cracks on the court have surfaced and will need to be repaired but the scheduling for such repairs is not easy. The tennis pavilion was completed in the spring and has proven to be a welcome addition to the club.

3. Treasurer

Mark Weitz reported that we have \$231,086 in our checking accounts, and \$77,624 in an annuity that will mature soon. Our total cash equivalent is \$308,710.

Mark noted that we had a number of unanticipated expenses last year, including two urinals for the men's changing room. The overall budget costs are higher due to Member Splash (the software system for the website and registration), higher legal fees due largely to the CORE Tennis Bubble proposal; and the added costs (\$1,000) associated with the process for the second Annual Meeting. Mark added that we had some 22 fewer full season renters than normal, primarily because of the late start in implementing the new Member Splash registration system. We also had higher utilities costs than we had planned.

Mark was asked whether the board plans to purchase another annuity. Mark said he would like to but that he believes the club might need the money for any costs associated with a potential tennis court bubble, or for new pool pipes for the water filter exchange.

4. 2008-2018 Capital Improvements Plan

Barb Mayer reviewed the ten-year plan, now completed. Highlights included the major pool deck additions, the main swimming pool pavilion (2014), and the new tennis pavilion (2018). The 2007-2008 proposal for a new clubhouse was not approved by the membership. Easements were given to the County for bolstering the anti-flooding measures in Tripps Run, and also to Fairfax Water. She noted that the club still faces the potential for a catastrophic event for the swimming pool piping system. She reported that the giant umbrella for the baby pool had been installed in 2011, and that the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) steps into the main pool had been built in 2008.

Barb suggested that the club could use an engineering survey for the grounds. She said the 10.4-acre property is tricky: it is huge but not all the property is useful.

Shari reported that another large tree has fallen down into the creek, and that she will meet with County officials soon to see whether the club or the County will need to pay for its removal.

5. PH Crush

Shari stated that the Crush won three and lost two meets last season, and that the head coach is expected to return for next summer. She added that Winter Swim, for swimmers aged 5-12, would be launched soon.

6. Review of Tennis, Swim Programs

Kristin Fitzgerald, co-captain of the women's tennis team, provided an overview of both the tennis and swim team programs, underscoring that the programs are similar but are not being treated in a parallel manner by the board. For example, the Swim Team Rep almost always hires the swim coaches, and drafts the contract and the board is not involved. But this is not the case with the tennis coach. She noted that the tennis coach is paid \$2,700 a month for his March-November contract, but that this is less than what the swim coaches make for each month of their two-month contracts. The swim coaches supplement their incomes with private lessons (although they are not allowed to teach non-members). The tennis coach also needs to supplement his income with instructional programs.

Kristin complained that the board's committee who worked on the tennis coach's contract included individuals who do not play tennis and are not involved in the tennis program. She offered three requests to the new board: 1) commit to hiring a tennis coach as we do for a swim teach coach and let the tennis community make the decisions on the tennis coach; 2) renew the tennis contract on a more regular basis; 3) continue to let non-members participate in PHRA programs and clinics.

7. Review of Tennis Advisory Committee (TAC)

Megan Pawlowski, TAC Chair, reported on the conclusions of the TAC meetings, which had been charged with examining the CORE Tennis Bubble proposal and how a membership vote on such a proposal should be structured. She noted that the TAC had been evenly divided as it discussed these issues, so had reached a stalemate on its recommendations. But by consensus the TAC had recommended that if the club decides to pursue a tennis court bubble, in any potential arrangement, that it first conduct a feasibility study likely to cost at least \$40,000.

Results of Board Elections

The official vote counters – Kevin Coleman and Erik Autor – provided Shari with the results, which she announced to the gathering: Bill Bickel, Shawn Kline, Dorothy Lange, Cary Meltzer, Jim Nach, Megan Pawlowki, and Cynthia Wilson were elected to two-year terms.

Adjourn

There being no other items, Shari adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Secretary, Dan O'Grady