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Meeting called to order by President, Becky Moore

First order of business was to introduce proposed new board members for membership approval: Brian Kennedy as the new Vice President, Ron Kabelac as the new Treasurer, and Bonnie Hunter as new Secretary. Motion was made to approve, motion seconded, there were no objections to these selections.

Becky gave a run-down of last year's budget, what came in, what the expenditures were including the numerous improvements and repair projects – including, but not limited to, rewiring a large portion of the building, re-lamping the pool area to meet state requirements, numerous repairs to the dehumidifier and pumps for the pool area, installing more security lighting around the outside of the building, cleaning roof and gutters and a lot of different landscaping projects.

The subject of possibly changing the Club's tax status from C4 to C3 was explained with reasoning that prompted the desire to pursue clarification and member input. Discussion included needed upcoming repairs to pool because a leaky pipe under the pool is causing cavitation in the pumps which causes damage to those pumps (this will be a major repair to dig up concrete, repair pipe, re-pour, etc). Becky has investigated and this is expected to cost somewhere around \$800,000 and will probably need to be done within 5-7 years. At that time, the pool would have to be closed at least a few months but probably longer. Changing to C3 tax status would enable us to canvass for donations and give donors the ability to claim their donation on their taxes because we open the pool for community improvement allowing boy scouts, firefighters and others to use the pool and facilities for training, etc. free of charge.

A question was raised as to whether this tax change would require us to change our charter to require us to change our membership rules and dues to allow less prosperous members to pay less while others pay more for the same service. Because we are a privately-run community pool, the new tax status would not require us to have a sliding scale for membership dues and we would still be able to limit membership numbers.

A question was raised that the needed expense might cause dues to increase to the point where a normal family could no longer afford those dues. Becky explained that was the reason she started checking into the possibility of opening a "Go Fund Me" account, etc. to hopefully raise the money before it became a "have to do right now" repair while also keeping the members from having to shoulder the expense on their own.

Becky explained that it will cost approximately \$2700 to change our tax status and will take approximately 18 months. She said she is not asking for a vote right now, but wanted everyone to know what we anticipate in the not-too-distant future.

New caretaker, Joe Parkinson, was introduced.

A question was raised about the mirrors along the wall so Becky explained about the new rentals we have been encouraging to bring in more income for the club.

Everyone was reminded that our board meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 6:30 and all members welcome and encouraged to attend.

Rita McKendrick gave a “thank you” to everyone who remembers to put their membership number on their check for dues and the months for which those dues are being paid. She also reminded everyone that they might want to investigate having their dues paid through bill pay at their bank to decrease the chance of being locked out if they should forget to pay their dues on time. She also reminded everyone that their yearly assessment was due on July 1, with the exception of the people who became a new member after that date this year, and their assessment will come due on the anniversary of the date they became a member.

Input was asked of attendees for most critical improvements they would like to see happen at the club during the year.

Suggestions were:

Drinking fountain in the pool area that works,

Privacy screening of some sort in the men’s locker rooms (maybe curtains like in the women’s dressing room),

Lockers to rent out for members to store the items they bring to the pool every day,

PayPal for dues payment,

Clean (remove stains) from tiles around the pool deck,

Paint beams in pool different colors so swimmers who are swimming laps on their back know when they need to turn before running into the pool wall,

Software for accounts receivable use.

Winners of the free month of dues were Tanya Hathaway, Rachel Byrnes and Harold Boker. Harold Boker and Rachel Byrnes both opted to donate their win to Paula Siddons, and one of the gift cards which was won by Monica Sahib was donated to Helpline. We are truly blessed with a wonderful, caring group.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM