



## Betmar Swim Club Membership Meeting

Minutes for April 14, 2025

**Present:** Richard Heon, Glenn Loding, Jackie Geisler, Deanna Wachsmuth, Wayne Nareau

**Absent:** Sue Flynn, Lisa Peters

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Richard Heon called the meeting to order at 9:32 am in Clubhouse#2.

Deanna Wachsmuth read the minutes for the March 17<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting. There being no additions or omissions, the minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tom Frain, acting Treasurer, was not present.

### **Membership Report**

Jackie Geisler, Membership Director, reported that we currently have 821 members, including 49 who signed up prior to March. Guest donations of \$1596 have been collected and pool improvement donations totaling \$1579 were received with the new and renewing memberships.

### **Fundraising Report**

Laurie Black discussed picnic for the pool – the last one is scheduled for after this meeting. We have 152 tickets sold. Richard mentioned that we have a total of over \$2500 (including \$1281 from the last picnic and \$1290 for the cookie sale) that can be donated to the Betmar Owners during their Board meeting on Thursday. That will finish up our commitment for an annual donation to Betmar Owners.

### **Operations/Pool Equipment Report**

Wayne Nareau had nothing to report other than the two ladders that he is planning to remount because they were installed improperly when the pool was



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built. He is ordering the tools needed. They are waiting for more information on the heater replacement. Other than that, everything is running well right now.

Deanna distributed a list of all the repairs and improvements that have been done to the pool during the last year for the membership's information if they are interested. We will keep this as a record of when various pieces of equipment were replaced, etc. and Wayne can keep it updated going forward.

Richard also provided a copy of the investments including CDs and money market accounts as well as the checking account balance for anyone to review. He also provided the latest statement of the checking account for the incoming treasurer as well as the bag of keys, checkbook, credit card, and deposit slip book. Bob has Lisa's keys.

Richard wished the new Board and the newly elected President, Bob Engler, great success in the future.

Deanna will submit the meeting records for the last two years into the Betmar office for the permanent records.

Richard provided copies of the oath of office for distribution to the new members who were to be sworn in. Once the forms were filled out, the new Board members present were sworn in, and the signed forms were turned in to the Secretary.

The departing Board members left the meeting table, and the new Board was seated.

### **New Business and Membership Discussion**

Bob Engler reported that he is working on hiring a company to clean the pool bathrooms. There are no volunteers willing to take this on and it needs to be done consistently. There was discussion about previous cleaning companies that did not do an adequate job, and Richard Heon provided some input on past



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experiences. Bob will look into it further. When a decision is made, he will go to the Trustees for approval and signing of the contract.

A member brought up the possibility of hiring someone who lives in Betmar to do the cleaning. This is typically discouraged. If there are no volunteers, we should hire a professional company to avoid problems. The trustees will sign any contract and Bob will find someone that can be trusted and will monitor their performance going forward.

Bob also reported that we will be obtaining dedicated betmar.org email addresses for all swim board members. This will ensure the email addresses stay with the position and not the individual and records are retained properly for future reference. This is similar to the way the Betmar Owners board handles their emails. The cost will be \$7/month per address, and we will be able to save enough money by moving our Internet service to Frontier (from Verizon) to cover the extra expenses.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the expense of the emails for the Swim Board members.

Bob asked if there is any equipment without a spare available. He wants to minimize the downtime to the extent possible in the future. Glenn and Scott Wachsmuth responded that it may not make sense to keep new spare pumps in inventory because the warranty period starts when purchased, not when put into service. There may be some rebuilds that make sense to keep in stock.

The one jacuzzi pump has never been replaced and Pinch a Penny can help us with that replacement when the time comes. Glenn stated the turnaround on pump replacement should be no more than two days, which is reasonable.

The need to review and update the Swim Club Bylaws was discussed. There was extensive debate about whether music should be allowed outside of the already sanctioned activity times. There are a number of pros and cons. Currently music is



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not allowed outside of the Volleyball and Aerobics activity times but the rule is not being enforced (and it should be until the membership votes to change it).

More investigation is needed and we will discuss in more detail in the fall.

There was also discussion about the overall need for members to assist in making sure rules are followed. This is difficult to do. Food and drink are prohibited but it continues to be a problem. Swim diapers are also prohibited but members hesitate to bring it up when noticed.

Bob wants to put a weather-proof box at the pools with the rules clearly posted so a member can use it for support when they notice violations. It's also not what you say sometimes, but how you say it.

One member asked for clarification about the need to take a shower every time you move from the pools to the hot tubs. No one knows about this and there is a lot of confusion. The issue is not so much when moving from the pool to the hot tub but when you have moved from the pool to the lounge chairs (sweating in the sunshine, etc.) and then, later on, moving to the hot tubs. Common sense has to come into play. For example, members finishing with aerobics and going from the pool directly to the spa is acceptable. Having showered prior to entering the pool, it is ok to leave the pool and go directly to the spa or to the other pool without stopping. Most people have not heard this before so we need to clarify it. When is a new shower necessary and when is it not? As an explanation, the spas are smaller bodies of water and are extremely vulnerable to body oils and sweat if a member does not shower first OR has showered and then been out of the pool or spa for a period of time.

There was additional discussion about the need to distribute the rules to all members. Currently all new members get a copy when they sign up. The rules are posted on the Swim page website and on Facebook. We should look at ways to re-distribute the updated rules to all members each year. We are working on a Swim



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Club email list and may be able to use that method to distribute the updated rules without having to print hard copies too.

Bob stated that we also have to update Jackie's membership and fob security software. The cost is around \$350 and it may give us the opportunity to do a mail merge for emails, etc. We hope to be set up to do this by the fall. We can send emails notifying everyone of pool closures and other information more quickly and easily.

There was a lengthy discussion between Betmar President Frain and other members about the need to add an AED to the small pool. Currently there is one at the large pool but it may be advantageous to have one at the small pool as well.

They will coordinate with the trustees.

A member asked about the drain covers in the large pool. Can we please keep this on the list so it isn't forgotten? Bob will look in to it and figure it out.

A member asked if we could offer some limited pool membership packages for short term stays, infrequent use, etc. Golf has a package deal. Jackie stated there would be no way to enforce this with our current fob system. No way to limit the access, shut it off after a period of time, etc. Also, the pools are very expensive to maintain and anyone who wants to use the pools should pay the annual fee. It is really not that high a fee compared to golf. Bob stated the system is not set up that way at all. More importantly, we need to make sure people aren't still being allowed entrance by others without their own fob/membership. The pools are very expensive to run and we really can't do fractional memberships.

After more discussion, there was a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. The meeting was ended.