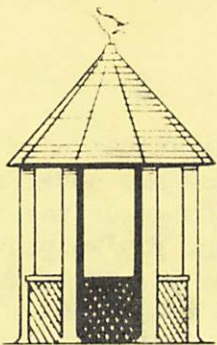


Pembroke Meadows Civic League



News Letter

AUGUST 1980

STATE OF THE RECREATION CENTER - 1980

If you were one of the 162 persons who attended the beer and shrimp feast, you probably heard the report on the financial and physical condition of the recreation center. A recap is presented herein.

As of 30 June 1980, the total income stood at \$25,024.38 while \$31,500.00 was the total budgeted. Membership as of 11 July, was 187 - down 13% below last year. In comparison with previous years consider the following. In 1975 actual expenditures amounted to \$23,000. At the \$31,500 budgeted for 1980, the average annual increase is only 6% - certainly below the average rate of inflation. During this same period membership has decreased from 250 in 1975 to 187 at present - a 6% per year decrease. Although some money is based from special functions, such as the shrimp feast, the key to prosperity is membership recruitment. Every effort was made this year to recruit new members from within the community. Membership letters were mailed to 800 households including over 200 to neighboring areas. Almost \$450 was expended in newspaper advertisements, and an extensive, community wide, door-to-door campaign launched.

But our community is grown up. Children have left home in pursuit of their own careers, and more families are requesting inactive membership status. The fact is that 25 families have become inactive for the first time this year. Apparently the enthusiasm and support that went into the construction and opening of the center in the summer of 1969 has been lost, and it now appears that the future of the center rests in the ability to successfully recruit outside members.

For the 1980 season \$12,102 had been expended by 30 June. Adjusted budgeted expenses total \$28,460, leaving a remainder of approximately \$16,400 to complete the season. The center has approximately \$17,300 in the bank, which should be sufficient to meet the 1980 financial obligations barring a catastrophe. But there are problems. If we're lucky, there will be \$1000 to carry over to the 1981 season. However, we has \$5380 carried over from 1979.

What happened to all the money? In addition to the membership short fall, there have been expenditures in an effort to upgrade the facility and restore membership confidence. The center needed a "face-lift", improved water quality, and better on site management to resurrect otherwise failing operations. We could no longer afford to allow the depreciation of our facilities year after year. As a first step the building was painted, giving the outward appearance of a successful operation. After all no one wants to back a loser. The facilities were last painted (by contract) in 1976, but this year a handful of members did all the work - the center bought the paint. The city required us to install a mechanical chemical feed pump which you were

told last year would cost \$1500. The actual cost was under \$300 by doing the work ourselves. The iron gate entrance way has never conformed to the state code which requires a fence "to prohibit the passage of the smallest child". But unless you came by when Don Giboney was welding, you've probably never noticed that we've doubled the number of iron bars. The diving board was out of service for about a week when the steel base rusted thru and failed. A new replacement (parts only) retails for \$800, but ours has been rebuilt and is stronger than ever - for less money. Membership cars - you must have noticed the improvement, but they weren't free. Bylaw changes, 3 big socials, the swim team organization - everyone on the recreation committee has put forth the effort to turn the center around and reverse the downhill trend. But we are being financially strangled.

What about next year? Unless the center can start putting money in the bank for large capital expenditures, restorations, and contingencies I'm afraid the organization may be subjected to financial collapse. Before the center can open for the 1981 season we must connect the pool backwash system to the sanitary sewers. The cost is anywhere from \$800 to \$4000 depending on the city's requirements - we are still negotiating. Pool furniture is being broken every week. An annual replacement program of 10% per year seems reasonable; yet the last major purchase was in 1974. Can you believe \$30 for an arm chair? (You don't want to know the cost of a lounge.) Remember when the pool was resurfaced in 1978? We have already found a failure in the pool bottom this year. We were successful in having a patch made before any serious damage occurred, but how much longer can it hold up? The cost was \$10,000 in 1978 and will soon be \$15,000 to reface it might not be as far away as you think. Electrical problems have been around for years. \$1300 was spent to repair the pool lights in 1979 - still they have not worked properly until just recently. The post lanterns will probably not be used the rest of this season. When lit, touching the post will yield a similar experience to sticking your finger in a lamp socket. We have roof leaks, concrete settling problems - but only \$1000 (?) to carry over for next year.

The next couple of years should prove crucial to the success or failure of the center. There is no longer a financial cushion to absorb the mistakes of a less than enthusiastic recreation committee. Those elected to serve must be fully committed to achieving the financial goals necessary to restore the center to its former prominence. The 1981 recreation committee will be elected the evening of 8 August. Come out and meet the candidates. Elect those persons you feel will best serve the interests of the center. Consider that each year of operation may be the last.

In addition to the elected positions there are many other jobs requiring support from the membership. If you feel you don't have the time to serve on the committee, but are willing to help, let the director know what you can do. We need persons to serve on the membership, pool and grounds, finance, public relations, swim team, and nominating sub-committees. We need volunteers to do electrical, plumbing, concrete work, roof repairs, grounds maintenance, and numerous other jobs. No individual or small group of individuals will be capable of reviving the center alone. It takes a community effort. We all need you to do your part.

CHARLES W. RUSS
Director

RECREATION CENTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The evening of August 8 will be able not only to consume your fill of brew, but you will also have the opportunity to vote on the following.

(1) Special Assessment -

Amount: \$20.00 per family membership
 Applicable to: All active membership categories including recreational committee officers.
 When Payable: Immediately upon approval of the recreation center membership.
 Credit: \$20.00 credit given toward payment of 1981 dues.

(2) Election of Recreation Committee for 1981 -

Nominees as of 11 July are indicated below. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor on 8 August. Nominees not elected for officer positions may be considered for positions as committee members.

Director: Mort Kenton, Richard Booker
 Ass't. Dir: Bill Mathews, Dennis Micheles
 Secretary: Norma Jean Pope, Sylvia Canada
 Treasurer: Rhona Boyce, Brad Cook
 Comm. Members: Kathy Bexdek, Rosco Liverman, Mike McDonald, Liz Mercer, Virginia Miller, John Pucillio, Sid Sward

PEMBROKE MEADOWS REC. CENTER GENERAL ELECTIONS/BEER BUST

Pembroke Meadows Rec. Center will once again host its annual General Election plus Beer Bust on August 8th at 7 p.m. poolside. For a minimal cost of \$1.50 per person you can enjoy good food, an unlimited supply of beer, fellowship and at the same time elect the candidate of your choice for next years Recreation Committee. All members are encouraged to bring a covered dish. Take this opportunity to join us at this seasons last open social event. Please call 499-5258 or 499-3069 for reservations by 6 August 1980. Lets make this social gathering as successful as our annual shrimp feast.

REC CENTER GUEST PRIVILEGES

In an effort to curtail abuses of the guest privileges, A NOTE WILL BE REQUIRED for the admittance of each guest to the pool on a one time per guest basis. The note must indicate the sponsoring member's name, the guest's name and home address, the applicable dates, and must bear the signiture of the ADULT member. Only one note is required for the same guest for the entire season. Guest fees, if applicable, remain unchanged.

FUN(NY) RUN SET FOR September 13

Chairman Sid Sward announced that the second annual Pembroke Meadows Fun(ny) run will take place Saturday, September 13. Sid, aided by Jim Willenbrink, Bob Brotman and Don Dreelin expect a large group of entrants and a successful event.

The Funny run will be a one mile

event. Crazy hats will be the uniform of the day.

The serious runners will get the chance to compete in the two mile run.

Join the fun. Circle Sept 13th on the calender. Start training now!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD
ADS FREE EXCEPT BUSINESS ADS*

*Business Ad - an ad placed by a person, partnership or corporation engaged in commerce, manufacturing or a service for profit. Exceptions are; babysitting and similar type jobs performed by teenagers and sale of personal property.

Rules - Cencel ad upon sale of item. Ads will automatically be cancelled every three months unless renewed by person placing the ad. Ads must be limited to no more than 4 lines.

Business ads may be placed by calling 490-2621. The rate is \$1.50 per month.

BABY SITTERS

Kellie Watson, 18 yrs. old, exp. 1 PM
8 PM week days. Anytime weekend. Call
499-7296

Jennifer Mikulka - 497-5856

FOR SALE

Schwinn Varsity 27" 10 speed. Blue,
Mens \$150.00. Less then 1 year old.
499-4350

Extra-fine condition Bundy trumpet.
Used only 3 months. Offer includes
carrying case and lyer. 499-2246

Sears Roebuck 8'x7' carpet. Item is
Harmony House Best, beighe, w/floral
pattern. 499-2246

7.5 HP Sears Outboard Engine. Offer
includes' an engine caddy, gasoline tank
with connecting hose, and small quantity
of oil and grease. 499-2246

Window screens of sizes that fit Dutch
Colonial Home of Pembroke Meadows/Shores
area. Call 499-2246

BABY SITTER

Robin Colby 499-5356. Baby sitting, odd
jobs, running errands. Fees negotiable.

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DELTA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. State Registered
Contractor. New homes, Room Additions,
Remodeling, Porches, Decks. 482-4449 John
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For all your real estate questions call your
neighbors, Don or Ava Kaegi, Red Carpet/
Bennett Realty. Home 490-1048, Office 486-0000.

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Room Additions, Siding, Roofing,
Wood decks. Free estimates
Financing arranged 464-0900

LOCAL NUMBERS RUNNERS
As announced last month, a group
of youngsters under the direction
of Laura Taylor, will paint your
house number on your curb. If you
do not want this service call
490-0455. Cost is \$1 per house.

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