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## **MINUTES for WATER WIZARDS MEETING held OCTOBER 17 2018**

*(NEXT MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 15 2018; RUMSEY: 11am to 12noon)*

### **WE DESERVE TO BE HEARD!!**

***Yes, I (Lynn Hinton) swam in the cold water Monday morning at Takoma, totally unacceptable. I called and made a complaint as soon as I got home. Coach Roger advised the Water Wizards not to swim in cold water but a few of us practiced anyway. Contact information to report an immediate complaint; call DPR Mr. John Stokes 202-288-7275 (Deputy Director, Community Engagement) I spoke to him and Ms. Dolly Turner 202-654-6406 (Deputy Chief of Staff for council member Brandon Todd Office - Ward 4) I left a voice message. The bottom line is Mr. John Stokes said the repair folks were enroute to Takoma pool to fix the temperature problems on Monday Oct 22, 2018.***

### **OCTOBER 17 2018 --- MINUTES WATER WIZARDS MEETING**

1. New member - Barbara Laymon and will swim at Rumsey Pool.
2. Old Business - David Ball informed the group that he had receipts for reimbursement for expense from the DC Senior Games 2018 from Mary Kaniewski \$37.95; Larry Thurston \$8.94; and Hudie Fleming \$27.37. Mary informed the group that she had been reimbursed. David will give the receipts to the Treasurer Sonja Williams for additional reimbursements.
3. Treasurer / Budget – updated financial report is needed from Treasurer Sonja Williams – status update TBD. Budget - The Water Wizards must decide on Budget spending issues; Audrey Hipkins and Coach Roger will develop a budget for the team to review.
4. Kathleen Grant stated that she spoke with Aquatics Director, James Washington, and Courtney Barber one of Mr. Washington's senior staff during

the summer swim session. Kathleen suggests having a meeting with either James Washington or Courtney Barber as soon as possible to discuss the following:

- The Local Senior Swim Games May 2019 - Can DPR Aquatics Dept. provide Coach Roger with the assistance he needs – specifically timers, starters, and more. Would it be easier for DPR to get that assistance during the week rather than on the weekend? Finally, how can we ensure that the DPR Senior Games Website and registration information are accurate? Coach Roger noted that the Aquatics Dept. previously provided help, but they had more staff then, not now. The local DC Senior Games competition is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2019. Coach Roger has scheduled meets for December 1, 2018 and January 5, 2019. With more info to follow.
- Summer outdoor pool lanes requested - The Water Wizards did not have dedicated swim lanes for outdoor swim practice at Banneker Pool this past summer. Kathleen Grant was informed that since the Water Wizards are a DPR Program, the team needs to request the number of lanes required no later than December 2018 in order to reserve the lanes for the summer 2019. The reservation must come from Coach Roger. We need to specify the number of lanes, the dates, and the time of day the lanes are reserved. Coach Roger noted that they forget about Water Wizards reserving lanes/times. There has been a standing reservation request. He will request in December 2018 and keep repeating monthly so that it isn't forgotten again. Tentatively there will be two swim practice sessions 7:00am-9:00am and 9:00am-11:00 am.

5. Lynn, David and Christine sent a meeting invitation to Mr. Washington and Courtney Barber to attend Water Wizards November 15th meeting at Rumsey Aquatics Facility from 11:00am - 12 noon.

6. Maintenance - Issues were discussed and centered on Rumsey Pool not having a dedicated maintenance worker for the facility. What does DPR mean by maintenance? What is the schedule? Can we get an official copy of the schedule? **This Action item: To be discussed with Mr. Washington**

7. Communication and Advertising - Can the Water Wizards' web site be linked to DPR web site? That would help in the Water Wizards' recruiting efforts. Can Mr. Washington recommend someone in the Office of Communication that can meet with us to discuss advertising for the Water Wizards, fundraisers, and more? **This Action Item: To be discussed with Mr. Washington**

8. The 2019 National Senior Olympics Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 14 -25, 2019 - What type of financial support does the DPR/DC provide? Purchasing jackets for the team, travel authorization for a Coach and lodging? Has the City paid the registration fee? Jennifer Hanson in Senior Services runs the games. We can ask about swag for the team. **This Action Item: To be discussed with Mr. Washington**

9. Fund Raising - Audrey Hipkins volunteered to run the Swim-a-Thon in March 2019. We also need to discuss how the money raised by the Water Wizards is to be used? A lot of discussion but no clear answer yet. Suggested uses: cover travel cost to the National Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico for those that can't afford it; 50% of the money each person raised could be applied to their own travel expenses, and cover the Coach's cost if DPR won't pay.

10. The following Water Wizards were in attendance: Ball, David  
Blount, Marvin / Butler, Maurice / Crumm, Leonard / Dyer, Joan / Fleming,  
Hudie

Godfrey, Al / Grant, Kathleen / Hinton, Lynn / Hipkins, Audrey / Johnson, Ruth  
Kaniewski, Mary / Reese, Robin / Sale, James / Sale, Janet / Stewart, Barbara  
Stoecker, Sally / Coach Roger

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