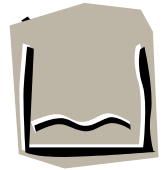




Strawberry Hill Recreation Association October 2005 Newsletter



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Board Meetings

Mondays, 7 PM, at the Clubhouse.
Members are always welcome.

- Monday, October 10th
- Monday, November 14th
- Monday, December 12th

Halloween Party—Oct. 30th

2 – 4 PM: Kids should come in costumes. There will be crafts & trick or treating. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Volunteers are needed to help make the party a success! Please contact Amanda at 573-7199.

CHILI, BENGALS & BEER



Join your neighbors to watch the Bengals game on November 6th in the Clubhouse with

Chili and Beer. Bring your kids who are old enough to watch football. SHRA will be experimenting with a non-summer, non-pool social event to gauge interest in a year round social program. The game starts at 1 PM, and Chili will be provided, along with opportunities for Cornhole and horseshoes.

SEPT 12 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Present: Ed Doherty, Willie Klum, Dave Vermette, Mike Morgan, Kristin Spiekerman, & Business Manager, Theresa Klum.

The meeting took place at Crossroads' Restaurant and was called to order at 7:05 PM.

The Board:

- Requested that Willie obtain an estimate to replace the blinds at the Clubhouse with the same type of blinds used at Crossroads Restaurant. Twelve 3-ft wide by 8-ft high panels would be needed. The Board inspected the system in use at the restaurant.
- Reviewed the 2005 Pool Season and discussed the 2006 season, particularly regarding insuring that members only use the pool. There was a discussion about the best ways to insure this in light of a condominium project under construction near the recreation area in front of the driving range.
- Requested that Willie obtain estimates for a new pool fence, and that Theresa obtain estimates for an ID card/Card Swipe system.
- Discussed off season security and pool closure, and off-season security in general.

The pool is partially drained and covered in October, prior to leaves falling.

- Requested that Frank obtain estimates for an updated camera/security system.
- Requested that Dave obtain an estimate to seal cracks in the tennis courts prior to the winter to prevent freeze/thaw damage.
- Agreed that a replacement for the tennis backboard be deferred until the spring.
- Discussed the success of the Labor Day Cookout and various plans to incorporate more social/family events into the Association's calendar. Several ideas were discussed and tabled for future meetings. The Board's plan is to discuss the 2006 social calendar at each meeting through January to arrive at a plan that increases gathering events without increasing the overall social budget.
- Heard from Mike Morgan that the \$25 Clubhouse rental rate has been very successful, encouraging more and more residents to use the facilities for birthday parties and other events. The Board planned to keep the reduced rental rate indefinitely.
- Discussed a New Year's Eve Party, BYOB. Further discussions were tabled until the October meeting.
- Approved the use of the Clubhouse for a Football & Chili Family event for the Bengals game at Baltimore on November 6th. Coordinated by Dave Vermette.
- Approved the flyer and distribution for the Garage Sale on September 24th.
- Reviewed the financial statements prepared by Business Manager Theresa Klum. Expenses are projected to be under budget for the year, with an opportunity to increase the contribution to the repair & replacement fund.
- Approved the dates for future events as follows:
Board Meetings: October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th.
- Children's Halloween Party: October 30th, 2-4 PM.
- Discussed the Membership Financial Meeting for December 12th when the budget is finalized and approved by the membership for 2006. The October and November meetings will be primarily for determining the budget.

Message from the President

During the last two Board meetings, we discussed the social aspects of living in the Strawberry Hill/Gatsby Green/North Shore area. We all agreed that the social 'high point' of the year has historically been the Fourth of July

Party when close to 200 people are at the pool having fun.

- As a result of the August discussion, we decided to hold a simple Labor Day Cookout for the first time, and we were pleasantly surprised at the attendance and reaction.
- As a result of that success, we discussed holding social events over the non-pool season, because there seemed to be an interest in more than we have been offering.
- We discussed holding a Bengals TV social event, which is scheduled for November 6th, as a test project to see if holding year round social events has merit. We have determined that we CAN do this within our current budget, by re-allocating expenses from other events.

We ARE interested in what you think, and you can let us know by sending an email through our web site, or by showing up on November 6th and 'voting' with your attendance. See you on the 6th!!!

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RENT THE CLUBHOUSE

Please contact Mike Morgan before 9 PM at 398-0140 to reserve the Clubhouse for a Good Neighbor-style event.