



# Special Session

Sunday, September 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order at the home of David and Amy Busch at approximately 7:00 p. m.

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Board members present included those with a check mark by their name:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Ambrosen    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Ibri<br>(Acting Treasurer) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Scouler (President) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Busch (V.P.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Houser                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorrie Salzl Seylar                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coleman Carter              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Houghton<br>(Treasurer-elect) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Wyer                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandra Hibbard   |   |  |

Jonathon Leaf also was present.

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**I. The meeting was called to order.**

A quorum of the directors being present, the meeting proceeded with business.

**II. Treasurer: Motion made and passed.**

Shelly Ibri's resignation as Treasurer was accepted. Bob Houghton was proposed as Treasurer. Following discussion, Sandra moved and Mark seconded to vote. Bob was unanimously approved as the Anchor Club's new treasurer.

**III. Endowment committee report**

Bob, Amy, Lorrie and Maren are on the endowment committee. They have identified three funding buckets:

- Short-term, immediate financial needs
- Ongoing viability
- Capital investment / stand-alone initiative

The balance is not yet there, but they are closing in.

**IV. MMW: Proposed legislation.**

The School Board passed renovation of the MMW pool at its last meeting. Dr. Peterson stressed the impact of the attendance of the Anchor Club at meetings, as well as our letter of commitment that provided context and proved our ongoing engagement in the renovation of the pool and development of the Aquatics program.

Dr. Peterson also introduced an initiative to have ALL students learn to swim *before* reaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

The School Board (via Paul Bourgeois) has asked that we provide financial commitment to this renovation (suggesting \$100,000 to \$150,000).

The Anchor Club Board unanimously agreed that we should provide financial support.

### **Motion made and passed.**

The motion was made (by Sandra, seconded by Beth) to provide the following support to the School District:

- \$50,000 provided over the next two years
- Payment for pool rental during renovation (to accommodate the Swim Club, swim lessons, Masters, life guards, and open swim) of up to \$25,000

This commitment, along with a vision of Minnetonka Aquatics, will be presented to the School Board at their November meeting.

A draft of the presentation, in keeping with our discussion, is on the following page.

As no other business was before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be October 14, 2012, as regularly scheduled.

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President

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Secretary

## TO THE MINNETONKA SCHOOL BOARD

The Minnetonka Anchor Club is committed to continuing to provide support to all Aquatics Programming in the district. This support is evident in the commitment and passion of its volunteers and donors as we strive to become the national standard for aquatics programming.

We raise funds through meets and an annual Swim-A-Thon. With these funds, we will continue to support short-term projects that have immediate financial needs. We also are targeting funds for the ongoing viability of aquatics programming. The renovation at MMW fits into both of these categories.

There is a third category that will drive our fundraising for the future: capital investment in a 50 meter facility that will enable growth of existing programs and fulfillment of new programs. We believe this future vision is what will support—via Minnetonka Aquatic’s Learn-to-Swim (LTS) programs—the school district’s goal that *every* child in the district learn to swim before they reach 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We believe this future vision will enable growth of Minnetonka’s high school swim and dive programs, as well as growth of the Minnetonka Swim Club and Minnetonka Masters programs. We believe this future vision will enable support of Minnetonka Synchronized Swimming as a high school sport as well as club sport, and spur the growth and development of new programming for water polo, exercise programs, and other water-based learning and development.

Core to sustainable aquatic programming is the presence of a strong LTS program. The proposed renovation of MMW will drive improvement and growth to Minnetonka’s LTS program by providing a shallow, warm water venue. The renovated facility also will provide increased opportunity for aquatics exercises, and still support the current needs of the Minnetonka Swim Club.

This renovation is a small part of our long-term vision, which will continue to drive our fundraising. Therefore, the Anchor Club proposed the following:

- \$50,000 provided over the next two years
- Payment for pool rental during renovation (to accommodate the Swim Club, swim lessons, Masters, life guards, and open swim) of up to \$25,000

*In our Swim-A-Thon conducted last May, swimmers competed within their groups and overall to raise the most donations. Here to present our first installment of \$25,000 are our top fundraisers.*