



NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As the ducks and other creatures start to settle in at Beachwood, we get a chance to look back and capsule another great summer. The weather was extremely “summery” and warm throughout most of the season. The weekends were exceptionally nice.

Activities!!!! It sure was fun watching all of our kids this year.

The tennis team, led by Paco and staff, came in 2nd place in the inner club finals. We also had increased participation in all areas of tennis. Thank you to Eric for getting the Men’s Night off to a great start, and the ladies dominated the courts on Wednesday nights.

Mike Venos led the Barracuda’s to a fabulous third place in A Finals. We also had a massive showing at B finals and almost all of our swimmers improved on their best times.

Another hit this year was the evening Water Polo practices! We had a great turnout.

Many of us celebrated the summer with friends and family. The Pavilion was a favorite spot for parties and gatherings the whole summer. There were several families that stepped up and volunteered in many areas. We would like to thank all those who participated in the Beachwood Clean

Up and many other events. Todd Losey, our pool manager, is moving on to greener pastures. He is joining his fiancée in New York.

Todd assisted in the reception area changes, updating our computers, and electrical needs, as well as training the staff and assistant managers. Todd’s valuable mechanical knowledge of our systems will be sorely missed. This past season, he was responsible for saving the club over \$ 2,000 in chemical costs. He was a master at setting up for all key events and taking on many of the projects himself. We want to wish him and his new family the best!!

The slippery floors in the locker rooms were covered up with a non-slip material thanks to Don McLean. Many of the walls received fresh paint, and several plumbing repairs and upgrades were tackled by Dave Kozlowski. We are adding a much needed storage area at the east end of the clubhouse. This extension was on a plan submitted to the city 10 years ago. This storage area will be used for deck items, seating and tables, and misc. swimming and tennis equipment.

We had a great Movie Night and Town Meeting where several families braved the lighting filled skies to have a great evening.

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- ASAP:** member’s survey
- 11/14/07:** annual meeting
- 2/01/08:** dues statements mailed
- 2/10/08:** call if you haven’t received your statement
- 3/03/08:** dues due w/o late fee
- 3/17/08:** dues due w/late fee of \$50
- 3/18/08:** membership considered terminated if dues not received
- 4/26/08:** swim/tennis sign-up at the Troy Community Center.
- Date TBA:** Spring Clean-up
- Memorial Weekend:** Beachwood opens for the season!

We had a brief meeting and much discussion about the status of our club and what needs to be addressed in the near future.

We will either have another Town Meeting, or meet at the Annual Meeting to discuss and present any more information on possible changes to the Club.

I have asked that anyone interested in joining the committee on Capital Improvements please contact me. There is so much new information out there, it is incredible.

The Board has put together a survey that will be in your newsletter this month. Please let us know your opinions of our Club and facilities...

1) There has been several suggestions that we look at an affordable addition to the pool for

toddlers. We have to replace our liners before next season. This would be an ideal time to do any other improvements. We will attempt to present some options on what that would look like and, of course the estimated costs.

2) There was also discussion about more play areas next to the baby pool, more shade areas, and expanding the fences back to give us more usable green space.

I'd like to encourage all members to attend the Annual Membership Meeting this November 14th. Many issues have been discussed at recent board meetings that require membership input.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the board should contact our secretary,

Euniece Donabedian, and have your name placed on the ballot.

While board members are not paid for the long hours they serve or the expenses they incur, they do receive a waiver of guest fees during the season they serve and a waiver of membership dues for the season following completion of a years service.

We had an incredible season. Thanks to everyone for their continued support and encouragement. Have a great fall and winter. See you next spring! Please continue to watch the great changes in our Website, and come to our annual meeting!

Glenn Ruther
gruther@sbcglobal.net

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to all who volunteered in the Spring Clean-up. The weather was perfect, with soft soil from the rain the night before. We had the largest turn-out (30+) thanks to the response of the new and the faithful and loyal green-thumb members. Free coffee, juice and donuts were served and great fellowship was enjoyed by all.

In four hours, Beachwood was transformed into a thing of beauty. Because of the strong response, we were able to clean, weed, & mulch a significant number of areas that have not been touched in years. Everyone who came was put to work and left whenever they needed to.

Volunteering for Spring Clean-up is a great way to meet new members and expand your social circle. You are not obligated to stay the whole day, so even an hour or two helps tremendously and kids are welcome. Some parents brought their high school kids and they were able to get credit for volunteering. A great idea for students

THANKS!

looking to improve their chances when applying to their school of choice.

Thank you Melinda Keating for your ongoing upkeep and maintenance throughout the spring and summer. Beachwood looked fabulous for A Finals by replacing most of the plants inside the club before the big weekend.

Thank you members for allowing me to serve on the Board at Beachwood in my second year.

Sincerely,
Tighe Keating

FACILITIES REPORT

Hello, my name is Don McLean. This is my final report as this is my second year on the board at Beachwood. I would like to thank everyone who helped me keep the place in working order, including but not limited to Todd Losey, Dave Kozlowski and Glenn Ruther.

During the past year we purchased some new grills, took on the task of owning and running our vending machines, replaced some umbrellas, put down mats throughout the locker rooms, and put in a new sound system. We also intend to upgrade our surveillance cameras to use our existing system to its fullest. Currently we are in the middle of putting up a second and much needed storage area.

As I have reported in the past, our pool liner is on its last legs and we will face a major financial burden when we go to replace the liner. We have options of full replacement of the liner, or removing the liner and going with a hard pool surface. A small group of volunteers have started to investigate what is the best direction to go. With the baby pool needing to be replaced or completely reworked, we are looking at a large project.

I would like to ask all Beachwood members to please contact me if you see something that needs to be fixed, replaced or repaired as we shut the pool down in the coming weeks. Some of you have contacted me during the summer and I really appreciate your help and comments.

As a parting note to all members, I would ask that you all actively volunteer some time and energy to Beachwood. I can promise you it is very rewarding and you will find yourself working next to some of the nicest people you will ever meet. If you have served on the board, thank you for your effort and talent. If you haven't, please consider what you can do to help out.

Please feel free to contact me by email or by phone.

I look forward to seeing you all at the annual meeting in November!!

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Annual Membership Meeting Wednesday, November 14, 2007 7:00 p.m. Troy Community Center Room 302

SOCIAL WRAP-UP

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It flew by for me.

It started with:

May 20, Staff Appreciation dinner: Thank you to the Ruther Family for hosting. Thank you to my fellow board members who provided food.

June 19, Ladies Night Out: Thank you to our vendors who provided one of my favorite entertainments, shopping! Thank you two-buck chuck! Thank you Kelly Burke, Sally & Sarah Marx and all who helped!

June 26, Tween Party: Laurie Sanback and Kristen Labadie are the party pros. This is their 6th (I think) year of hosting either the kid or tween party. Thank you for your dedication, hard work and love to the children of Beachwood!

4th of July: It was a scaled down party this year. We had only 3 people who volunteered to help on this day. Thank you Tim Dalglish and the Troy Fire Department.

July 21, Euchre Night: Thank you Maureen and Steve Olson, Cathy and Lee Gearig! This is their second year hosting what has become a very popular event.

July 24, Teen party @ Forest Hills: This is the second year Forest Hills has hosted us. Thank you Jenny Kaugher, social chair at Forest Hills. Surf Club has already asked to join the fun next year. This was such a fun party that the

Birmingham police shut us down 10 minutes early for being too loud.

July 25, Kid Party: Thank you Kelly Angus, Stephanie Flynn and Amy Scott! You guys did a great job!

August 29, Movie Night: Thank you! Lynn & "Grill King" Don McLean. Thank you! Sheri & Lindsey Ruther. Thank you! Quinn, David and John Kolar. It was a wet start but we ended on a fun note.

September 28, Golf Outing: Let's continue the fun! Rob Olmstead organized this new outing for us this year. We hope to make it an annual event.

I apologize if I have failed to thank or recognize anyone here. I am deeply appreciative of all the help and support from my fellow members. Thank you very much! My term is coming to an end on the Beachwood Board. If you are interested in being social chair and have any questions, please give me a call or email me! I am passing the baton but will continue to support and help with the social events at our club.

I hope you and your family have a prosperous, healthy and wonderful year!

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SWIM TEAM NEWS

Hi everyone!

The Barracudas had a great year this year. We had a lot of great volunteers, the kids and parents had a lot of fun, and we finished third in the league championship, our highest finish in years. We had great swims and great contributions from many age groups at both A and B finals. We hosted both the 8 and under mini meet and A finals with our expected success, and had several fun events including a team trip to a Tigers game and a family barbecue. We added 60 new swimmers and went over 200 total swimmers. Thank you to all the swimmers for all the hard work that you put in (especially the teenage swimmers). It is a very large commitment to swim all summer, you should be proud of yourselves for staying with it!

One of my goals as your swim rep was to increase the volunteer contributions to the team and delegate responsibilities as much as possible to the countless really capable volunteers we have at BWRA. I am proud to say that so many of you stepped up and helped Ellen and I when we asked for it. As you all know, the swim program is a very large undertaking, and without the help of our countless parent volunteers there is no way to have had such a successful season. THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped us. GREAT JOB! Now for the pitch....Think about what you might want to do next year and let me know, we will really need your help again next year.

TENNIS REPORT

Faster than an Andy Roddick serve, summer has aced on by, and now our thoughts turn to school, fall sports and the holiday season. I want to thank all of you for a great summer of tennis. My first year as your board-member liaison was a wonderful learning experience. Some minor improvements were made to the tennis program and the facilities ,new score cards, court caddies, and preseason after school tennis classes, to name a few. Next summer the program will undergo some further improvements, such as an extended season (including additional matches), some junior program time changes, and a ladies team that will compete against our rival clubs. Other new ideas will be considered for implementation; however your feed back is crucial. Please take the time to complete the enclosed member survey. It is imperative that we get your individual input in order to address the wants and needs of the overall membership. I have many things I can improve upon as your representative and with the continued help and support of our

For all of the members that are unaware of what the swim team is all about, other than closing the pool 3 nights of the year for our meets & taking away one weekend of the year to run the A finals meet, Thank You for allowing us to do so. For the 3rd year in a row the Swim program was run under budget and in fact, with a little bit of help from corporate America, we were able to raise enough money to fund and pay for many improvements for the swim team.



Without A finals @ our club every year we could not continue to contribute to the upgrading of our club and keep the high level of coaching we are so fortunate to have.

Finally, if you have any suggestions, thoughts, musings, ruminations, complaints, concerns, questions or if you just want to say hello, feel free to drop me an email at any time.

Have a great off-season; we hope that as many swimmers as possible stay wet all winter long! If any body needs information on how to keep your competitive edge this winter feel free to contact me at Brian.Perham@comcast.net
Brian Perham

membership I am confident that the appropriate adjustments will be made.



On a lighter note, those of you wishing to keep improving on your tennis skills through the winter months can contact Paco Trinidad, Ogi Senic, or Eric Sturgis. All three very capable pros will be working at various local tennis clubs starting in mid September.

In conclusion I would like to thank the volunteers for all the time they gave to make our tennis season an unforgettable one. A special recognition goes out to Carol Forman who went above and beyond. For any questions comments or constructive criticisms please contact me at olmstead.rob@gmail.com.
Loggngly yours,
Rob Olmstead.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This past season we added 25 additional families to bring our total membership up to 425 families. In total, there were 57 spots to fill for the 2007 season. Currently, there are 153 families on the waiting list.

For 2008 there is a new due date for the annual dues. Membership dues statements will be mailed on February 1, 2008. If you have not received a bill as of February 10, 2008, you should contact me. The due dates have been moved up to allow time to contact prospective new members in a more timely manner. The due date will be March 3, 2008. After this date through March 17, 2008, there will be a \$50 late fee. If dues are not paid & received, either with a postmark date of March 17, 2008 or dropped off at my home by that same date, it will be assumed that you no longer want to retain your membership and a check for your equity reimbursement will be mailed. There will be no reminders following the February 1st statements. Please mark your calendars now so you don't sacrifice your membership.

If you have any questions regarding the changes made with respect to the dues or any other membership matter, feel free to contact me either by phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,

Julie Monroe
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HELP WANTED

Beachwood Recreation Association has openings for a Club manager and Assistant manager for the 2008 summer season. The manager is responsible for hiring and training the lifeguard staff along with the daily duties associated with a swim and tennis recreational facility. The season runs approximately from Memorial Day through Labor Day. If you or anyone you know is interested in either of these positions, please send your resume to:

Beachwood Recreation Association
P.O. Box 542
Troy MI 48099

Now that the club is closed, we hope that you and your family enjoyed yourselves and took full advantage of all of the social and athletic opportunities the club had to offer this past summer at Beachwood. However, the 2007 season is not over yet!

There is one more item that needs your attention before we can close the books and look forward to 2008: the attached survey asks for your feedback on various items. From the cleanliness of our restrooms to the upcoming capital expenditures that the club is facing, the survey asks for you to provide your feedback on how the club performed and where you'd like to see changes occur.

Please consider taking the time to provide your input; without it, your voice will not be heard. One of the primary functions of the board is to manage the club operations and expenditures so all families can gain a high degree of enjoyment and usefulness from their dues. Your input is a valuable component that helps the board decide how to prioritize our future expenses.

We want to continue to be a safe and fun place for all types of families to enjoy each summer. We know there are many ways Troy and Birmingham families can spend their recreational time, and we appreciate you wanting to spend a significant portion of your summers at Beachwood. We want to remain one of the best swim and tennis clubs in Southeastern Michigan. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Beachwood Board of Directors

BEACHWOOD SURVEY

FAMILY NAME_____

EMAIL_____

SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR YOUR FAMILY FOLLOWS:

(This information is helpful in establishing the club's operating hours.)

1. How many times per week did your family visit the club on average?

2. In which activities does your family participate?

Tennis___ Tennis Team_____ Tennis Lessons_____

Swimming_____ Swim Team_____ Swim Lessons____

Water Polo___ Beach Volleyball_____

Planned Social Events_____

3. Did you feel the club was?

Over-crowded_____

Well-attended but not over-crowded_____

Underutilized_____

4. Which is the most effective way for you to receive club information?

EMAIL_____ BULLETIN BOARD_____ CLUB WEBSITE_____

DRY ERASE BOARD (located at club entrance)_____

5. The Beachwood Board is developing a long-term capital plan. We want to solicit your input on the priorities for areas of Beachwood needing repair, replacement, improvement and expansion. Using the numbers 1-13, 1-being the highest, please indicate the priority you would place on each of the items listed below. The results of this survey will help direct future capital investments. Because available funding is limited, large items would require commercial financing. Please indicate whether you feel the club should obtain a loan to fund each of these items.

AREA	RANKING	LOAN (Y/N)
Pavilion		
Pool Liner		
Pool Expansion		
Baby Pool		
Baby Pool Expansion		
Tennis courts resurfacing		
Tennis courts lights		
New Tennis Pavilion & Office		
Fencing		
Playground Equipment		
Clubhouse		
Basketball court		
4-Square court		

USE THIS KEY TO ANSWER THE REST OF THE QUESTIONS.

SA-STRONGLY AGREE, A-AGREE, N-NO OPINION
D-DISAGREE, SD-STRONGLY DISAGREE

- 6. The BEACHWOOD Website was useful._____
- 7. BEACHWOOD staff (managers & lifeguards) were friendly and professional._____
- 8. Club facilities (pool, pavilion & restrooms etc.) were clean and free of debris. _____
- 9. I was well informed of club activities and events._____
- 10. The adult & junior tennis programs met my needs and expectations (pricing and program times)_____
- 11. The tennis staff met my needs and expectations._____
- 12. The tennis facilities met my needs and expectations (court availability, cleanliness, equipment)_____
- 13. The tennis program and lessons pricing were fair._____
- 14. The swim program met my needs and expectations._____
- 15. The swim team staff met my needs and expectations____
- 16. The swim team and swim lesson pricing were fair,_____

Please indicate below any additional comments or suggestions for improvement in any area at BEACH WOOD.

We are looking for members to join several committees: Capital Improvements and long-range planning, Club Standards & Employee Manual and Manager & Staff search. Please indicate if you would like to join one of these committees.



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