

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL WCRA MEETING

The purpose of this annual meeting:

- 1) Reports by the Current Board Members, Swim team, Dive team and Tennis Representatives.
- 2) Presentation and Approval of the Budget for 2017.
- 3) Membership Approval to spend up to \$45,000 to replace the pool white coat. This expenditure is greater than \$10,000 and requires membership approval. Funds to cover this cost are in long term savings.
- 4) Election of the following Directors for a one year term\*:
  - a. Scott Arenholz for President
  - b. Melissa Aune for Social Director
  - c. Tim Hartmann for Membership, Katherine Schultz in support

*\*Note: In order to provide continuity of experience to the WCRA Board, per the Bylaws, positions will be offset/staggered so that sufficient resident knowledge remains on the Board from year to year. The Positions above will be voted on this year for a one year term in order to facilitate the offset/staggering of Board positions moving forward.*

- 5) Election of the following Directors for a two year term:
  - a. Brian Collins for Vice President of Operations
  - b. Kris Anderson for Secretary
  - c. Nancy Pergolizzi for Treasurer, T. Patrick Smith in support
  - d. Danny Heltzel for Director of Long Range

Meeting Proxy: This proxy is requested on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wakefield Chapel Recreation Association, Inc. for the Annual Meeting of the Members on December 15, 2016 and will be voted at the meeting by Cary Fichtner-Vu, President. The proxy will be voted on all matters properly coming before the membership unless the undersigned member indicates below that the proxy should be voted only to determine quorum.

**PLEASE NOTE: Per WCRA Bylaws, presence of 15% of the Association membership, either in person or by written proxy as set forth above, is necessary to constitute a quorum of the membership.**

The undersigned appoints Cary Fichtner-Vu, President of WCRA, as proxy for and on behalf of the undersigned to attend the Annual Meeting on December 15, 2016, or any adjournments thereof, and to vote my membership as if I were personally present, in her discretion, on all matters as may otherwise specifically indicate on this proxy form.

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Member Signature	Member Number	Date
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I do NOT wish my proxy to be voted on any matter in the annual Meeting except as a “present” vote to determine a quorum.

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, It is very important that you sign this proxy and mail it to WCRA, P.O. Box 1248, Springfield VA 22151. Vote must be received by Cary Fichtner-Vu prior to the meeting.

## **WCRA Board Summary of 2016 Season**

**WCRA Board** - Cary Fichtner-Vu, President; Scott Arenholz, Operations; Joe Gross and Jae Yoo Ko, Long Range; Doug Prince, Secretary; Tim Chobot, Treasurer; Shelley and Tim Hartmann, Membership; Melissa Aune- Social; Liz Modder and Cathy Read, Swim team rep; Izabella Thomas and Courtney Collins, Dive team rep; Jackie Lluy- and Julia Kurtz-Tennis Rep; Snack Bar –Cary Fichtner-Vu; Season Crawford, Activities; Kathy Cooke, WCRA Website Administrator

### **Message from the President, Cary Fichtner-Vu**

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT THE WCRA! Thank you to the outstanding, selfless board members and team reps, who together make the WCRA a special neighborhood pool and tennis club!, Thank you to the social volunteers who rocked the WCRA world this summer and all the volunteers that make the programming at the WCRA – swim, dive, tennis, activities a booming success. On a personal note, our board members; volunteers from Bylaw committee, rules and regs, nomination committees and administrative volunteers have been some of the best folks I have worked within my 30 years in our community- thank you! We welcome and encourage every member to attend a board meeting or better, to get involved and experience first-hand the WCRA.

**2016 Nomination Committee** - Thank you to Jenny Otto, Billie Bergthold and Dawn Young who served on the WCRA 2016 Nominations Committee. Your insight and efforts in finding future board members is invaluable.

## **WCRA Board Summary of the 2016 Seasons**

### **Capital Improvements, Renovations and Repairs**

The Board maintains and reviews a monthly Action List. The Board follows state regulations, which are enforced by Fairfax County, to maintain the facility. As regulations require, work is completed by professionals with compliance of permit and code. Volunteer projects are welcomed for non-professional services.

As we prepared for the 2016 season, we encountered several items that needed to be repaired. The pools required several repairs: the baby pool white coat need to be replaced (\$6,365), caulk around the perimeter of both pools need to be replace (\$6,200), replace a deteriorating skimmer pad (\$650), replace an underwater light with a LED fixture (\$750), tile repairs from winter damage (\$350). We are currently evaluating replacement media for the pool filters. The media is past due for replacement and this is believed to be a major contributor to the cloudiness in the main pool we've seen this past season.

### **Professional Services – Landscaping, Trees, Pests, Propane**

Elias Landscaping continued to perform mowing and weeding on a regular basis. Fall cleanup will be performed again this fall to ensure that the spring cleanup is more manageable. The fall efforts will focus on leaf and debris cleanup, trimming back many of the natural areas and removal of the dead tree on the hill coming down to the pool from Holborn. Regularly scheduled mosquito/tick spraying with Mosquito Authority and regular propane refills with Propane Taxi also occurred again this year.

### **Administrative/Organizational Improvements**

**Rules and Regulations:** WCRA Rules and Regulations were reviewed and updated this past summer. The updated document is posted to the website.

**Bylaws:** Approved at the 2015 Annual Membership meeting pending incorporation documentation review. The updated document is posted to the website.

**Communication:** Email/Website - Thank you to Kathryn Cook for maintaining the Constant Contact email system and the WCRA website. Advance schedules were created for email reminders for pool closings, pool parties, etc. so that membership could plan their pool time accordingly. Facebook: Thank you to Siobhan Green for being our Facebook guru!

**In process: Closing the Tennis Bond:** The tennis court project of 2006 required a \$7,000 tennis bond, which to date has not been closed and refunded to the WCRA. In 2013, all the outstanding requirements were completed with the exception of the VDOT transfer. We are currently satisfying new procedures implemented in May 2016 to close the Bond. We successfully had the \$900+ yearly fees to maintain the Tennis Bond waived for 2012- 2015 since we were actively seeking resolve.

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING - Joe Gross and Jae Yoo Ko**

WCRA has completed a number of renovation projects over the past few years – but Long Range Planning continues to review and plan for known maintenance projects along with additional projects to enhance the appeal of our association. The largest upcoming known maintenance project is re-doing the pool's white coat and coping stone, and we received three vendor proposals for the repair. The while coat will get done prior to next season. The coping stone will only require minimal repair.

Additional projects we are investigating focus on many of the social areas of the facility, including the upper hill. Some current projects in consideration are construction of a covered pavilion where the picnic tables are, installation of a half-basketball court near the back sheds and a more permanent cover over the Ledo deck. We continue to investigate construction options and pricing and, after presentation to the board, will bring them to the general membership for consideration.

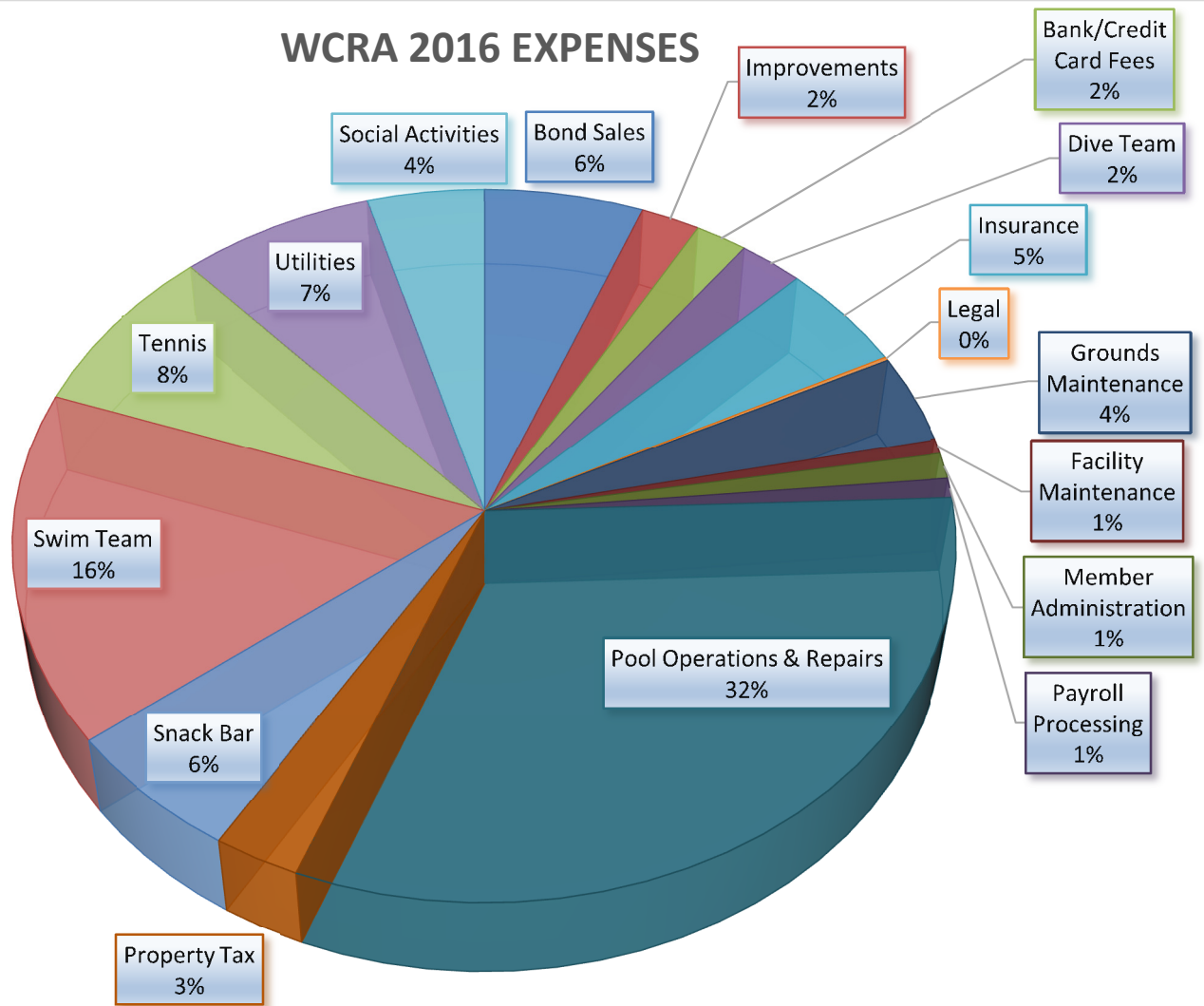
### **MEMBERSHIP - Shelley and Tim Hartmann**

At WCRA we currently have 469 active bonded members, 31 inactive or unassigned bonds and 35 membership sales requests received after September 2015. This season 16 members sold their bonds and 21 new members bought bonds. The association had 16 summer temporary memberships and 30 military memberships. Thank you for your patience with the launch of the new membership system. Make sure you keep your system generated login/password handy for the 2017 season!

### **2016 FINANCIALS – Tim Chobot**

The WCRA remains financially healthy with over \$140,000 in cash within our main operating account plus funds set aside for long-term projects. To date, the WCRA is within budget and has spent about \$305,000 to support pool and program operations and invest in facility improvements. Expenses include a combined 26% in support of our swim, tennis, and dive teams; 29% in support of our Premier Aquatics contract for pool operations and repairs; and 10% to provide members with social events, activities, and snack bar offerings. Please reference the below 2016 WCRA expense pie chart for additional details.

## WCRA 2016 EXPENSES



### TENNIS – Jackie Lluy and Julia Kurtz

WCRA tennis enthusiasts participated in youth and adult clinics and competitive matches Spring -Fall this year!

Adult tennis play offerings included Monday Men's night, adult clinics Wednesday and Thursday evenings, drop into the courts social play on Fridays, and Saturday morning Men's matches! Thank you to Jeff Robinson for coordinating Men's night and Brian George for fearlessly taking on our Saturday mornings.

A huge thank you to Julia Kurtz for all of her hard work on our youth programs, making our program stronger with more opportunities each year for skill level and competitive play against other tennis programs. We had a record number of youth participate in Spring and Summer clinics and weekly camps, Varsity warm up clinics and matches. We are looking for someone to fill her court shoes in 2017!

New TREK benches were installed on the upper courts for all to enjoy! New locks installed to deter vandalism, and activities other than tennis play. New nets will be installed prior to the Spring season and we want to maintain their function by keeping soccer, lacrosse, skateboarding etc. off the courts.

Please contact Jackie Lluy @ 571.839.9040 via text for the lock code, for access to the courts during the off season. Jackie Lluy (jlluy@aol.com) or Julia Kurtz (jjkurtz@aol.com)

## **SOCIAL – Melissa Aune**

Thank you so much for a fantastic summer at WCRA! We started off the summer with our Opening Day picnic which was enjoyed by many members, even in the rain! WCRA member volunteers also hosted an Olympics-themed Ladies Night, Kids Party with magician, Luau Tween Party, Teen Party, 55 & Over Party, Crab Feast, and a Closing Day picnic complete with a light parade. We were also able to hold a few fun new events this year including Indonesian Night, a Craft Beer Tasting, and Tacos & Trivia. Food truck Fridays debuted this year with visits from Kafta Mania, The Big Cheese, Hardy's BBQ, Crepe Love, and Fava Pot. I cannot thank our volunteer hosts enough for making this such an enjoyable summer. Your creativity, enthusiasm, and hard work are what make our social events possible.

If you have a great idea for an event next year, or you would just like to get more involved at WCRA, I encourage you to host or volunteer at a social event next year. These social events are only possible through the efforts of our members. Your ideas and availability drive the direction of the WCRA social calendar. Please contact me at [melissaaune@gmail.com](mailto:melissaaune@gmail.com), if you have a great idea and/or would like to be involved in the planning for next year. Thank you for your continued support of our vibrant social scene at WCRA!

## **SNACK BAR – Cary Fichtner-Vu**

The Snack Bar adds enjoyment to our members and their guests by offering a wide variety of snacks and drinks during pool operating hours, in a clean and friendly environment. Each year the snack bar grows in popularity, and requires a group of hardworking teens to run and oversee the operation. This year we hired two students along with 11 WRCA teens to work the snack bar. Emily Lund along with Matthew Ferrari did the majority of the buying, organizing and working alongside the snack bar employees at the numerous swim meets. The snack bar in addition to serving our membership, served numerous swim meets and divisional meets. We once again had a very successful summer at the Snack Bar! Thank you to Georgette Diaz-Lea for handling accounts receivable and deposits. Thank you to Mark Pocock for creating and managing the snack cards! For the 2017 season Matthew Ferrari and Alex McGarey will student manage the snack bar.

## **DIVE TEAM – IZABELLA THOMAS AND COURTNEY COLLINS**

The 2016 Wahoo Dive team remained in Division IV after only being a full formed team since 2008. The team size and demographics posed a challenge to us this year in terms of competitive standing. We are hoping to fill in some of the gaps next summer, and late in the season saw some promising interest from some badly needed female participants. The second diving board continues to make meets go smoothly and quickly, enabled us to host required judges training, and makes WCRA stand out as an enviable venue for future group meets. The Dive Team continues to be thankful to the membership of WCRA for their support.

All of our divers showed great improvement in their dive skills under the spirited coaching team of Joe Amato, Owen Collins, and Olivia Rummel. We hope our divers will return with enthusiasm for the coming season, and Bring A Friend! Dive Team is a smaller, more intimate sport than most so if your child is looking for an athletic team that fosters some individual attention and small group bonding, please encourage them to try it out.

Our record for the season was one win, four losses – but of those losses, we remained within mere points of the opposing team. For many of our meets, we were without divers in certain crucial categories so that hurt our overall score. National Dive Meets, Zones, Boy scout camp, field hockey camp and baseball tournaments had a big impact on our dive roster. That being said though, we had many divers qualify for

divisionals and continue on to All Stars. We have what it takes, we just need to increase our participation numbers.

We hope to have a mini “dive expo” to highlight some of our divers best talents at the opening day picnic, and cultivate more interest in the team. We encourage all to try it out for a week (after signing the waiver, of course) and see if your child is interested in continuing with the sport. It is truly a great sport, exciting for participants and spectators alike.

We are so impressed with the courage, athleticism and spirit of our divers. We also have much gratitude for our committed parent volunteers. There couldn't be a team without the ongoing support of our concession, judging, and table working volunteer team. We look forward to another safe and fun season at our neighborhood pool. If anyone is interested in more information about Wahoo dive, please contact Courtney Collins or Izabella Thomas at [wakefieldchapeldive@gmail.com](mailto:wakefieldchapeldive@gmail.com).

### **SWIM TEAM– Liz Modder and Cathy Read**

The Wahoos had a lot of fun and great swimming in NVSL Division 1. Highlights include a fourth place finish at Division Relays and a fifth place finish at All Star Relays and during the swim meet equivalent of half time – both teams line dancing together during the break before relay portion of the meet. Several long standing team records were broken and the 13-14 Boys set a new NVSL medley relay record. The Wahoos also had twenty swimmers qualify for Individual All-Stars. Our swimmers had some excellent time drops during the year. Monday night meets were spirited, fun, and, most surprisingly, short-ish! Get ready to have some more fun in the sun next year with the most spirited team in the NVSL!

Thank you to the many volunteers that made last season's accomplishments possible and to those that have stepped up to assist next season. Cathy Read will continue as Team Representative in 2017 and is looking for someone to help her. Andi Ferrari is returning as Developmental Team Representative for the third year and also needs someone to help her. The unique spirit of the Wahoos, the opportunity for our kids to swim, work as coaches, have fun and build community all depends on the willingness of parents to volunteer. Please consider your ability to volunteer and contact Cathy Read soon. We look forward to seeing you all on deck in 2017! For other swim team information, please consult our website: [www.wakefieldchapelswimteam.org](http://www.wakefieldchapelswimteam.org). GO WAHOOS! Cathy Read

### **ACTIVITIES- Season Crawford**

Fitness, Fun and Art at WCRA! This past summer we brought back opportunities for everyone to have fun and get fit: Water Aerobics and Yoga Camp with our fabulous teachers, Maria Falzone and Swati Aneja, and Synergy Boot Camp. Thank you D'Lisa Turner for teaching impressionism, expressionism and abstract art to WCRA children. The Art & Wine class was a lot of fun too. We plan to bring back similar opportunities next summer. Please call 571-425-7846 or write to [seasoncrawford@outlook.com](mailto:seasoncrawford@outlook.com) with your ideas for activities we can add in 2017.

# PROXY INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER

## WE NEED YOUR REPLY!

If you cannot attend the ANNUAL MEETING it is very important that you sign this PROXY and mail it to WCRA, P.O. Box 1248, Springfield VA by 3 December.

**Please plan to attend our  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**December 15, 2016**

**at 7:00 p.m.**

**Wakefield Forest  
Elementary Cafeteria**

**4011 Iva Lane**

Wakefield Chapel Recreation Association

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