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President's Message

**Next meeting,
Tuesday,
January 17
Wenonah Train
Station**

It sure was not the ordinary attire for the Wenonah Swim Club. Denim jeans, long sleeve shirts and fall jackets were the norm. Attendees to the first Oktoberfest celebration were not at the club to swim! The pools had been closed for over a month. We came together to enjoy the grounds, to socialize, to consume large quantities of seasonal specialties, get warm by the fire pits and rock out with the live band. Rud Porter, a newly elected board member, spearheaded our Oktoberfest and put together a remarkable event. Thank you, Rud!

Also in October, we were pleased to welcome three new members to the Pool Board: David Rucci (Grounds), Rud Porter (Buildings) and Denise Murphy (Activities). These three individuals hit the ground running with energetic ideas to rejuvenate the club. The Board as a whole has made a commitment to renovating the screen house and exploring options for updating our playground equipment, among other items, in the off-season.

In addition, Brian Briggs has volunteered to oversee a membership drive. In my 19 years as a member of the club, I have only seen it at full membership on two occasions. I applaud Brian's enthusiasm and optimism as he approaches this goal.

To share your ideas on ways to help Brian reach his goal, contact him at:

membership@wenonahswimclub.com

Lastly, I would be remiss to not acknowledge out-going President Bill Lyons and Secretary Carey Cowles. Bill and Carey have over 20 years experience as Board members between them and have done much to improve the quality of Wenonah Swim Club over the years. They have been intricately involved with all aspects of running the club from mundane duties like purchasing supplies for our annual events, to overseeing the construction of the new pool a few years back. Bill and Carey never hesitated to dig in and provided their insight and leadership when needed. The club is a better place due to their service. Our thanks to Bill and Carey.

-Donald Coughlan

<http://www.wenonahswimclub.com/> or
president@wenonahswimclub.com

Pool and grounds

It is always a sad day to see the pool closed and covered! All preparations have been made to the pool and pump room to protect our pool and equipment from our hard winter. With Labor Day and Thanksgiving gone and everyone enjoying the holidays, it is hard to believe that we are thinking and talking about the pool. How great would it be to have all your closest friends and family swimming and hanging out at Wenonah Swim Club this summer? Did you know that the club was voted Best Swim Club in Gloucester County? Tell a friend...they may just join! See you in the spring!

- Rob Lukens

Budget October 2011 - September 2012

Proposed 2012

Income

Dues - Annual Spring Dues	\$170,000.00
Renovations	
Renovation Fees \$150/bond	48,800.00
Trial Dues	500.00
Bond Application Fees	1,000.00
Guest Fees	12,500.00
Late Fees on Dues Payment	250.00
Late Resignation Fees	
Social/Miscellaneous	100.00
Special Member Fees	1,000.00
Swim Team Payroll Contrib.	5,500.00
Swimming Lessons	
Tennis Lessons	
Rent/Snack Bar	
Interest Income	200.00
MISC Income	0.00
Insurance Rebates	

\$239,850.00

Total Income

Expenses

Administration Cost

Loan Repayment	\$36,300.00
Pool Ankle Bands	250.00
Bank Cost/Safe Deposit	300.00
Licensing and Fees	500.00
Postage	500.00
Admin. Office Supplies	500.00
Xerography and Printing	500.00

Total Administration Cost

\$38,850.00

Building Expense

Winterizing	750.00
Building Furn. And Equip.	\$0.00
Fire Extinguisher - Snack Bar	500.00
Pest Control	750.00
Building Repairs	1,000.00
Building Supplies	2,000.00

Total Building Cost

\$5,000.00

Fixed Expenses

Electric	\$11,500.00
Insurance	17,500.00
Real Estate Taxes	22,500.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Water and Sewer	6,000.00

Total Fixed Expenses

\$59,000.00

Grounds Expenses

Grills Purchased and Supplies	\$1,200.00
Lawncare & Spring Clean-up	15,000.00
Propane - Grills Only	1,000.00
Misc. Grounds Repair	900.00

Spring and Fall Clean Up	600.00
Sprinkler System and Maint.	650.00
Grounds Supplies	700.00
Trash Removal	2,000.00
Parking Lot	0.00
Total Grounds Expenses	\$22,050.00
Other Admin Expenses	
Accounting	\$3,750.00
Activities/Entertain/Socials	750.00
Newspaper Ads	350.00
First Aid	150.00
Games/Toys/Tennis Supplies	0.00
General Misc.	0.00
Personnell Equip.	1,500.00
Sound Service/Alarm System	500.00
Trophy/Gifts	0.00
Total Other Admin. Exp.	\$7,000.00
Payroll and Payroll Taxes	
Payroll	82,200.00
Payroll Taxes	10,000.00
Corporate Taxes Paid	250.00
Asst Treasurer	
Total Payroll and Taxes	\$92,450.00
Pool Expenses	
Chemicals and Supplies	\$5,500.00
Pool Opening Costs	3,500.00
Lab Reports	1,000.00
Misc. Test Kits, Etc.	0.00
Pool Closing Costs	3,500.00
Pool Repairs	2,000.00
Total Pool Expenses	\$15,500.00
Total Expenses	\$239,850.00
Operating Profit	\$0.00

Treasurer's report

The members of the Wenonah Swim Club Board worked very hard last year in every committee to ensure that the membership dues we all pay are being spent wisely. The board committed to a budget that enabled the swim club to continue to operate on a solid financial footing during touomic times. Unfortunately, we are not immune to the tough economic climate facing most Americans. We are not currently at full membership but the board has an aggressive plan to address that. Attaining full membership is something all of us, as members of Wenonah Swim Club, should be working towards. Full membership drives the quality of life at the pool.

Despite our best efforts to hold our operating costs down, our expenses continue to go up. Property taxes, payroll, insurance and utilities are large parts of our budget that never go down. In order to provide excellent services and meet our financial commitments, there will be a slight increase in dues this year. The board will be implementing several new things to make your membership payments much easier to manage. In addition to the October early dues payment, we will begin a payment plan option for our members. Many of you have asked and we listened and you will be able to use your credit card to pay for your membership this year.

Thank you for making Wenonah Swim Club such a great place for our families. The attached budget will be submitted for a formal review and approval at our next monthly meeting, **Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Wenonah Train Station**. If you have any questions regarding our budget and the financial operations of the pool, please do not hesitate to email me at daneisenhart@comcast.net – Dan Eisenhart

Personnel

We are happy to announce the return of our manager, Becky Goff to her post for summer 2012. She will continue to provide support to the Board on a day-to-day basis as well as cultivate a competent crew of lifeguards for the upcoming season. We are actively interviewing for a new assistant manager for the 2012 season. Interested applicants may submit resume and references to Jennifer Drees at dreesfamily@verizon.net.

-Jenn Drees



Waverunners!

No "Sophomore Slump" for Swim Team Head Coach Chris Dalsey! After a great 2010 season winning Tri-County Swimming's "D" Division, the Wenonah Waverunners (aka Wenonah Energy) blasted through 2011, taking the "C" Division for their second title in a row! In his second year as head coach, Chris Dalsey led the kids through an incredible season, where many of our swimmers improved and had some incredible races at the 2011 Tri-County Championship! Hard work and dedication led to an undefeated 5-0 record and a promotion to "B" division. Another great season is only six months away!

We should thank our many volunteers for their hard work, selfless dedication, and time that they gave over the past season and in particular, special thanks to Ron Labenski, our TriCounty Rep and to all those who volunteered throughout the year. Thank you for giving your time.

Kyle Banks did a fantastic job in his second year of coaching the Wenonah Dive Team. As our Dive Coach, Kyle encouraged our new and returning divers to improve their technique and reach their potential. Our divers performed well in the numerous diving events throughout our Tri-County area.

Parents, friends and families of Wenonah swimmers and divers enjoyed many social events organized and sponsored by the swim team. These events, although optional, were a chance to enjoy each others' company without the sound of the starter's horn or the pressure of getting the kids lined up behind the blocks on time. These events are fun for all involved, but also help form the bonds and relationships that contribute to the great team spirit that makes summer swimming fun.

To get a head start on the upcoming season, the Parent's Organization will be meeting soon and we are looking to expand our fundraising activities to offset some of the annual expenses. Please think of ideas of how we can make 2012 even better than 2011!

Communication is the key to making the next year a memorable and enjoyable one for our kids. Please watch for emails which I will be sending on a regular basis from wenonahswimming@gmail.com. I've sent a few emails out already. So, if you have not gotten them, email me right away! Please email me with any questions, comments or concerns. We are welcoming everyone to get involved and help in any way you can. Aside from our coaches, we are all unpaid volunteers, so the more the merrier!

Stay warm, enjoy the holidays and hope to see you over the winter.

Thanks,
Dave McNamara
Swim Team Rep.