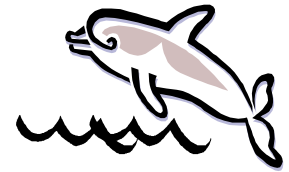


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This is the first newsletter to go out to the membership of Freedom Swim Club for the 2008 season. It is hard to believe that there are less than three months before the pool opens for the summer swim season. I would hope that this greets all of you with a lot of enthusiasm for the upcoming season.

The leadership of the Club this year is as follows:

Mike Platte – President  
Bill Flanagan - V. P. Pool & Grounds  
Tammy Artman – V. P. Administration  
Dick Bange – Treasurer

Stacey Baker – V. P. Socials  
Christine Flanagan – Secretary  
Nancy Ryder – Membership  
Nina Lansinger - Swim Team

The dues are the same as they have been for the past several years at \$320.00. I think that this is pretty amazing concerning all the price increases in the marketplace. Below is a list of duties that we would like some assistance with on the family clean up days at the pool. Remember that we are able to keep dues down only as long as we can maintain our expenses. Costs are contained by having as much of the work done by members as possible. Your efforts enable us to charge less for dues.

I would hope that those members who have children would encourage them to participate in swim team. This is a positive activity for children in that it not only helps them to get into good physical condition, but it teaches them sportsmanship and sharpens the competitive spirit. Let us have a winning team this year. Nina Lansinger, Brenda Edwards and Carole Williamson are back as the swim team representatives. The tentative date for registration is April 24th from 4 pm - 7 pm. Final information will be posted on the Club's web site. Sign-ups will be held at the Sykesville Fire Station. Please park around back and use the back hall door to enter. Swim team is a great way to meet people and make friends. Swimming is a sport for the whole family and swim meets involve participation from everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer for another exciting season. If you have any questions about Freedom Dolphins Swim Team, please call Nina Lansinger at (410) 549-4654 or email at [ninajeanne@netzero.net](mailto:ninajeanne@netzero.net)

We are looking forward to having a safe year. Many of the former guards are returning and some new personnel will be added. One of the concerns from a safety standpoint is leaving children unattended. Keeping a sharp eye on your children helps us in keeping insurance premiums to a minimum. The duties of the life guards do not include baby sitting. Each family is responsible for the conduct and care of their children.

The social events, which are to be scheduled this summer, include a crab feast, steak and ale night, family fun day, and movie nights. The dates have not yet been established. Please support Stacey so that we can continue to schedule enjoyable events. If you have an idea for an event, share it with her. New ideas generate new events.

The workdays at the pool are May 3 and May 17. We are encouraging teens to participate in clean up. Our goal is to try to get credit for community service for participation however, we cannot guarantee that result at this time. The following is a partial list of things that need to be done:

- The volleyball courts need to be cleaned and raked.
- The driveway, parking lot, and grounds need to be cleaned of dead tree limbs and low hanging branches.
- A smoking area needs to be added over by the bike racks.
- Gravel needs to be added to the drain opening on the hill and any sinking blocks around the pool.
- The floor mats in the rest rooms need to be pressure washed.
- The fence needs to be checked around the perimeter for holes and fixed.

Kim can schedule you for any time that you can give. If you can volunteer, please contact her at [navasix@verizon.net](mailto:navasix@verizon.net) about your availability.

A new class of membership will be available this summer. If you are over 50 years of age and have been a member of the pool for at least 20 years, you may elect to redeem your bond and purchase up to 13 guest passes at the guest rate. This will allow more mature individuals to continue involvement at the pool without having to keep their bond. Election of the status of Emeritus Member will result in the loss of voting rights. Transition back to full membership will be allowed only if a vacancy exists along with an open bond. The number of people who elect this status should be minimal.

I would encourage you to participate in the activities of the pool, enjoy the socials, and support the swim team as much as possible. You are not only members; you are the owners of the pool! If you have any questions, or concerns, feel free to call any member of the board or Kim Nava, the Manager.

The Board of Directors wishes you a happy and healthy swim season.

Mike Platte  
President

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**2008 Swim Season Dues**

Dues for the 2008 swim season are \$320.00 payable on or before **April 1, 2008**. Payments received after that date will be subject to a 10% late fee.

Please send your check payable to Freedom Swim Club to:

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