

**Ft.Thomas Swim Club
Special Meeting
October 27, 2014 - 8:00 pm at the St. Thomas Activity Center**

Board Members Present: Janet Ball, Lori Bardgett, Brandon Barlow, Sean Conley, Brandon Cook, Tom Duckworth, Kathy Henderson, Jack Porter, Jeff Rehberger, Julie Schimpf

Vice-President Jeff Rehberger presided over the meetings that began at 8:10 pm and informed the attendees that everyone was to be respectful and limit their comments and questions to 2 minutes. Members were told that they could vote immediately on the alcohol policy and leave the meeting or stay for discussion. The majority of the members voted and stayed for the discussion.

It was explained to members that in the 6/2014 meeting, a member petitioned the FTSC to allow alcohol during pool hours. The petition had the required 25 member signature. Discussions took place during the June and July monthly board meetings, where a 5 to 4 vote in favor of allowing alcohol took place. Many issues were discussed, including insurance increases, liability, rules, controls and various potential alcohol related situations. At the August meeting, a board member and 4 members petitioned to not consider allowing alcohol at the pool. Also, 20 staff members indicated they would not return as employees if the policy passed.

Ultimately, it was decided that the vote should be brought to the membership as a by-law change, to vote on at a special meeting, which was to be held immediately following the Annual general Meeting. A by-law change requires a 2/3 majority vote of members in attendance of the Special Meeting. Over the course of the next 2 meetings, board members contacted the one swim club that sells alcohol and the one club that permits members to bring alcohol on the premises. The two clubs noted that they had not had any incidents. Board members also contacted Pendrey Insurance about increases and liability. They were told there would not be an increase and that the FTSC policy was covered under an umbrella policy for liability to any member or board member. There could be additional expenses for court fees, attorneys and the policy does not protect an individual that is named and sued as an individual and not just a member or board member of the club. Pendrey Insurance also informed us that this policy and coverage is based on rules and controls that the FTSC would put in place, if the vote passed permitting alcohol.

Concerns and questions were entertained for 26 minutes while members continued to vote and ballots were counted. Members concerns ranged from liability, cost of insurance, moral obligations, individual lawsuits, minors

consuming alcohol, handling an intoxicated guest, employees, specifically young, underage lifeguards handling inebriated guests.

The ballots were tallied and the result was:

58 against alcohol

43 for alcohol

The vote required $\frac{2}{3}$ (67) votes to pass, and it did not.

Discussions will continue at the November board meeting.

Jeff motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:40 and Tom seconded the motion.