

Pinecrest Swim and Tennis Club

Annual Member Newsletter - March 2024

You are hereby notified of the 2024 Annual Meeting

Place: Rachel Carson Middle School Cafeteria

Date: Thursday, March 21st

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Roll call and counting of proxies
2. Reading and approval of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. 2024 Board of Directors (BoD) report
4. Adoption of 2024 budget and dues
5. Election of Officers for vacant terms
6. Old and new business

All members must vote online. We must have 100 votes accounted for to conduct business. Without a quorum, business cannot be conducted, the annual meeting will have to be rescheduled and the pool opening will be delayed. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to vote. The proxy form in on our MemberSplash site, it will only accept one entry per membership. If you are unable to vote online, you may request a paper ballot by emailing info@pinecrest20171.com. The paper proxy will be sent with instructions to scan and e-mail back. The Bookkeeper will enter the proxy data using your membership number. Go to www.pinecrest20171.com to view, download, and/or print a copy of our annual newsletter with news from the Board, candidates' bios, and the 2024 Budget.

Board of Directors

Name	Position	Email	Term exp.
John Vlattas	President	president@pinecrest20171.com	3-26
Matt Alessandrino	Pool Operations	info@pinecrest20171.com	3-25
Billy Eckhardt	Finance Chair	info@pinecrest20171.com	3-26
Kevin Mallon	Communications	info@pinecrest20171.com	3-24
Mark Lewis	Grounds & Maintenance	info@pinecrest20171.com	3-24
Richard Knight	Swim & Dive Team	info@pinecrest20171.com	3-25
Vu Nguyen	Tennis	tennis@pinecrest20171.com	3-25
Joe Skowronski	Membership	membership@pinecrest20171.com	3-24
Jennifer Zschunke	Social	social@pinecrest20171.com	3-26
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From the President — John Vlattas

Welcome to the 2024 Pinecrest Swim and Tennis club season!

On Thursday, March 21, we will be hosting our annual meeting in the Rachel Carson Middle School cafeteria at 7PM.

We had an incredibly eventful 2023 – 2024 season. I am proud to say that our club enters the 2024 season with a robust membership and strong budget. In 2023 we made sizable investments to our club infrastructure that puts the club on a strong footing for the next decade. Our membership remains strong and we have the longest waiting list for club membership in almost a decade. Individual board members have provided descriptions below and the entire board will be available at our annual meeting for you to ask questions.

This year we have three items that are being teed up for our annual meeting:

1. Approval of the 2024 – 2025 annual budget. You will note that there is a larger than normal dues increase this year to address the increase in normal year-to-year costs as well as to replenish our financial reserves after several once-in-a-decade capital investments.
2. Election of three board members.
3. Proposed Amendment to the Pinecrest Bylaws that increases the number of allowable memberships from 500 to 600.

Without question all these are consequential items and we welcome you to join us on the 21st. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Pool Operations— Matt Alessandrino

As previously discussed, extensive renovations and upgrades have been completed on the clubhouse with a complete revamping of the front foyer, guard office and bathrooms. Additionally, there are several other updates to the pool operations worth noting:

The Board approved a two year extension with NV Pools for the management (maintenance and life guard support) of the pool and facility.

The snack shack is currently being reorganized to accommodate more refreshments options during breaks and swim/dive meets.

Two dozen high-back chairs (white frame with blue fabric) have been purchased and will be on deck at the start of the season.

The current sound and security system is being replaced and upgraded with all new cameras, speakers and front office components. The sound system will be used for pool hour music, swim/dive meets and most importantly emergency announcements from the guard office.

Social – Jenn Zschunke

We had a great social summer in 2023 with lots of fun events and are looking forward to a fun and sun-filled season this year! Planning for family and adult social events, including movie nights, yoga & brunch mornings, family fun days with DJ and treats, trivia nights and more, will begin shortly. Do you have any fun ideas for a social event? We're all ears! Email us social@pinecrest20171.com-- we're also always looking for volunteers for our Unofficial Social Committee as well! Looking forward to a great year!

Treasurer — Billy Eckhardt

2023 was another positive year for the swim club. We were able to contribute approximately 40K to the capital reserve fund after all expenses were paid. Despite the club's consistent contribution to our reserve fund over the past few years, the club's capital expenditures have far exceeded contributions. Upgrades to the facility over the past 3 seasons include:

- A full clubhouse renovation
- New pump room equipment
- A complete pool resurfacing and new edge coping
- New deck furniture and Funbrella
- New parking lot surface

The improvements noted have a value over \$450K. While the reserve fund was able to absorb all the expenses noted, it is now at an all-time low and needs to be replenished in order to ensure we are able to properly maintain the pool, its amenities, and future repairs.

The board is currently tracking (2) major expenses/repairs that need attention. The tennis courts are in need of resurfacing and as you all know, our wooden/composite deck is getting close to the end of its lifespan. In order to ensure funding is available for these projects the board is recommending to increase dues to \$600. We understand this is a large increase, but it is necessary to cover these needed repairs and to increase our contributions to the capital reserve and get it back to the level needed to maintain our facility. We as a board feel the increase in dues will ensure the long term financial health of the club. Increased dues ensures increased contributions to the reserves, which is required to provide the membership a well maintained and safe pool.

Membership Chair — Joe Skowronski

Pinecrest is the place to be this summer and the community completely gets it! 100% of our memberships are sold and our waitlist is over 100 families long. Those at the top of the list have been waiting over a year for their membership and those joining now can expect to wait between three and five years for a membership to come available. To address the popularity of our club, the board recently approved an increase in the cost of a membership sold by the club to \$2,000 and the buy-back value to \$1,800 to bring it in line with private membership sales. Since pool attendance rarely ever reaches capacity, the board has also recommended a bylaw change to increase membership up to 600 families. Fairfax county would have to approve of the zoning change for the increase to take effect, but membership approval is needed before the club can start the process with the county. If you have any questions about your membership, please send me a note at membership@pinecrest20171.com

Mark Lewis — Grounds

We were able to control Pinecrest lawn care expenses with only a modest uplift given the tight labor market. We are continuing a regular program of aeration and over-seeding to address bare spots along the front lawn. We will also be implementing more aggressive weed control focused on areas in and around the tennis courts. Our parking resurfacing will last for many years of summer use. Future capital improvements that have been discussed include a covered pavilion between the tennis courts and pool to provide shade and shelter during the summer months, and a fencing reconfiguration to provide 24x7x365 facility access.

Swim & Dive – Richard Knight

The Pinecrest Swim Team was in Division 6 of the NVSL during the 2023 season. We finished the A meet season with a 5-0 record and the Division Championship. In addition, we won Division 6 Relay Carnival! Icing on the cake was the countless smiles and growth of each swimmer on the team as well as over 200 best times as a collective team. With the success of 2023 comes stiffer competition in 2024 as we will be moving up to Division 5. We are welcoming back Coach Kevin Mallon in his 10th season as the Head Coach and Coach Ashlyn Diederich in her second season as the Assistant Coach. Lastly, we are looking forward to hosting the NVSL All Stars this upcoming July.

Swim & Dive – Richard Knight continued

The PC Dive Team had a tough but fun season in 2023. We finished 0-5 in Division 5 and will be dropping down to Division 8 for this upcoming season. However, our record certainly does not reflect how well our divers competed and improved throughout the season. Every diver progressed by increasing their dive routines in both number and level of difficulty of dives and ultimately scoring personal bests in several meets. Agnis Alessandrino will be returning for her second year as the Head Coach and her sister Devon will be assisting her.

The team is hampered by the lack of older divers in the Intermediate (ages 13 & 14) and Senior (15-18) groups. The team reps and coaches are actively recruiting from our membership in an effort to get divers for these older grouping as well as exploring recruitment from other local NVSL pools who do not have dive teams. If your child is interested in joining the dive team please contact one of the team reps or coaches for more information. Many divers from Pinecrest often compete at their local high schools and several have gone on to compete at the college level.

Tennis — Vu Nguyen

The 2023 was a busy season for both tennis and pickleball at Pinecrest. In response to the growing popularity of pickleball, a second pickleball night, every Friday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, was added.

Last season, the Pinecrest Tennis Team competed in the Men's A-Division of the Northern Virginia Tennis league (NVTL) for the first time in the Team's short history. Finishing the season with a respectable 4-4 record, they will remain in the A-Division for the upcoming season. With the growing popularity of the tennis team, we are excited to announce that for the 2024 season, there will be two Pinecrest teams competing in NVTL. For more information on the Men's Tennis Team, please email: tennis@pinecrest20171.com.

As you are aware, unlike the pool, courts are open year round for all members and their guests. However, the current court surface has reached the end of its life expectancy and will require resurfacing. As we explore various options, our objective is to have a surface that provides excellent playability and longevity while being economically feasible for the club. Once a decision is made on court resurfacing, there may be an opportunity for additional pickleball lines on the third tennis court to increase the number to four pickleball courts. Additional court resurfacing information and request for comments and feedback will be forthcoming.

As a reminder, all guests must be accompanied by a Pinecrest member while at the courts. Please continue to follow the Court Rules and Priority of Play listed on the Pinecrest website.

As always we welcome your feedback and suggestions, and we look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Communications — Kevin Mallon

Please save the Pinecrest email address to your address book. This will ensure the emails do not get pushed to your spam folder. We will use email as the main source of communication throughout the season and we don't want you to miss out on any of the fun! We are looking forward to a great summer!

From the Bookkeeper – Debbie Perreault

The annual dues notice will be sent via e-mail after the annual meeting. Please be sure your billing e-mail address is correct in your MemberSplash online account. Dues are due May 1st. Members must pay dues through their online member account either by credit card or check. If paying by check, please be sure to mail your payment to the correct PO Box. Our current PO Box address is PO Box 710694, Herndon, VA 20171. Late fees will apply after May 1st. If you have a question about your account please contact Debbie Perreault at pcstbookkeeper@gmail.com.