

## NEW MILFORD SWIM CLUB, INC.

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Adam L Strobel  
President

June 12, 2020

Dear NMSC Members:

Kerry Tadiello  
Vice President

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. As you already know, the Governor has allowed pools to open in a few weeks. In order for us to do so two things must occur.

Yulia Hirschberg  
Treasurer

First the Club needs to be able to safely open and operate following the State Health and CDC COVID-19 guidelines to protect swimmers, staff, and our community. The Board of Trustees and staff have been working on an opening plan in anticipation of the Governor's approval. Second, the Club must have a sufficient number of members sign up for the season and pay their dues in order to open.

Jeff Garcia  
Maureen Senzamici  
Stephen Swaim  
Laura Wittreich

Providing a safe and healthy atmosphere at the Club is our first priority, our financial well-being is the second. We recognize some of our members may not be ready for participation in group settings such as a swim club. With that in mind, if we do not have enough members signed up and have paid their dues, then it will be difficult to open and sustain operations for the summer. Dues are used to pay for the pool operations and maintenance costs; and related items such as utility, insurance, rent, etc. for the Club. The Club is like all businesses needing sufficient funds to operate. As we are all owners of the Club our annual membership payments help keep the pool in operation and has done so since our inception in 1959.

Accordingly, quick action is needed by you! In order to open the Club on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we need members to register for the season. Currently we have 99 members registered who have paid their dues. Under current circumstances and Department of Health guidelines, the NMSC will not have the additional revenue that we usually generate through camps, swim lessons, and guest fees. To open and not cause a budget deficit for the year we need roughly an **additional** \$220,000 in dues. So please sign onto CommunityPass and to register and pay your dues no later than June 19, 2020. Unfortunately if we do not reach this goal, we will be unable to open for the summer.

If you want the New Milford Swim Club to open .... Please register and pay today at <http://www.newmilfordswimclub.com/membership.html>

Clearly our daily operations will be different than past years for members and staff alike. Due to the pandemic we need to change the way we operate our Club. The following is a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we lower the COVID-19 risk as much as possible while also allow our members to enjoy the water. We are:

- Promoting healthy hygiene practices, such as requiring all staff, patrons, and swimmers to stay home if they are unwell, wash their hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and wearing cloth face coverings when not in the water. We are also reducing the maximum occupancy of the pools by 50%.
- Increasing cleaning and disinfection within our facility by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, such as handrails and door handles. We will have adequate soap and hand

sanitizer throughout the Club. We will be removing club chairs and encouraging members to bring their own.

- Encouraging social distancing when possible by asking you to remain 6 feet apart in standing and seating areas, providing designated entrance and exit points from the pools, use visual cues like tape on floors and sidewalks, limiting communal spaces such as closing off locker rooms, only opening a portion of the bathrooms and closing showers. We will have an outside shower for members to use before they enter the pools. Swim lessons will not be available, and there will be no swim team this year.

Please note that dues will not be prorated because the costs to open and maintain the pools and the club grounds remain the same. By opening July 1st we will lose 13 operating days, and yet we will incur additional costs related to compliance with State Department of Health guidelines.

The Board of Trustees have been working on scenario planning if we were to open or close for the season. In planning for closing we took steps to identify items to reduce costs as much as possible; such as reducing landscaping, the amount of pool chemicals, utility costs where feasible, and salaries. While the Board has identified budget line items to reduce or eliminate, there will still be costs that must be paid in 2020. If we need to close for the summer, the Club still needs to have limited employees working to perform routine maintenance of the facility.

Please keep in mind that our members collectively own the swim club. If we are unable to open, our members will likely incur a fee to cover expenses to ensure the financial stability of the swim club. These fees have not yet been decided. Therefore we encourage you to join the Club this summer.

On Monday, June 15, 2020, at 7 p.m., the NMSC will host an open Board meeting, via Zoom, to discuss these plans and present more detailed information to the members. The login information went out to you in a separate message today.

If you have any specific questions, you may email them to [nmswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:nmswimclub@gmail.com) by Saturday, June 13, 2020. Please include "Question for Special Meeting" as the subject.

The NMSC Board of Trustees appreciates your patience and support.

Sincerely,

Adam Strobel  
President  
New Milford Swim Club Board of Trustees