

June 4th, 2020

Dear Fellow DGSRC Members,

Based upon communication received on June 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding the current position of Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) coupled with the DuPage County Health Department's (DCHD) decision to prohibit our pool to open due to lack of guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the board has been forced to make a difficult decision. At an emergency Board meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, a unanimous decision was made to postpone the pool opening on June 5<sup>th</sup> (lap swimming) and June 12<sup>th</sup> (general pool opening), until we receive specific permission from one or more of the aforementioned agencies.

We do not agree with the decision of DCEO and DCHD - and are frustrated by the lack of much needed guidance and information from the IDPH - but feel that it would be irresponsible for us to open the pool in direct defiance of the bodies responsible for pool permits and pool operations under Governor JB Pritzker's "Restore Illinois" order.

We have been in contact with all three state agencies on an ongoing basis and continue to focus our efforts on working with the IDPH. The IDPH issues the rules and regulations for both DCEO and DCHD. Both of these organizations must interpret and enforce the IDPH guidelines. We have requested special approval from the IDPH to open based upon our extensive work on creating a well thought out and detailed "Safe Operating Plan" in accordance with CDC guidelines along with support from our membership to open the pool under this plan. We hope that the IDPH responds favorably, or at the very least issues our Board better guidance as it relates to opening our private, volunteer board member run, non-equity, non-profit, local, outdoor pool club. At this point, we do not know when this guidance will arrive, but anticipate it sometime before Restore Illinois Phase 4.

It is important to note that at this point, the DCEO is the only organization to offer this official statement regarding pool openings stating, "The current guidance from DCEO is that swimming pools should remain closed until further guidelines from the IL Department of Public Health (IDPH) are provided for safe openings. We do anticipate receiving these guidelines in the near future."

We are not in this alone. We have had several conversations with other local private pools, and we are all faced with the same challenges. Our board and pool staff will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of our members to prepare the pool to open. We will be ready. The pool is prepped, life guards are in training, our reservation system is being established and more. The list goes on. We are also investigating several other ideas such as the possibility of keeping the pool open beyond Labor Day to extend the pool season and other social events for members only on club grounds. Although the pool will not open, please keep in mind that the tennis courts are available for member usage.

Thank you for your patience while we continue to work on your behalf to open the pool for the 2020 season. Please understand that the decisions that we make as a Board weigh heavily upon us, and we appreciate your support. We will continually update you as things progress via email, social media and the website.

Sincerely,

The DGSRC Board