November 13, 2023, BAC Board Minutes

*The purpose of the Bitterroot Aquatic Center is to provide the community with a high quality year-round aquatic center that is affordable, accessible and provides excellent opportunities for recreation, fitness, competition, water safety, and education.*

1. Meeting open at 5:30

Commissioners present: Ron Frost, Jeff Wolfe, Ryal Weber, Marilyn Wildey, Karen Savory, Amy Reed and Sara Morin

Commissioners absent:

Guest: Alice Christenson

      Read Mission Statement

1. Housekeeping Review, amend as needed and adopt September minutes. Sara made a motion to approve the September minutes as amended, Marilyn 2nd the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

3. Maintenance Report: Ryal was not able to meet with Bryon but did talk to Fern and presented Bryon’s report, list attached to minutes.

4. Manager report: Fern reported to the commissioners about the USA swim grant. She indicated that she needs to report to the USA grant committee that the grant was used by the end of 2023. Fern asked if she could refund the monies that the Corvallis School District and Hamilton School District paid for swim lessons and place the funds into a scholarship status. Ron made a motion to allow Fern to do this, Ryal seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Fern reported about the extra reporting she has done the past month. Those reports were to the Department of Administration for the 2022 income, US Census Bureau and is in the process of the Worker Comp audit.

Fern presented the 3rd quarterly reports and went over the numbers with the commissioners. Fern will have the 2024 budget ready for review after her meeting with the accountant. She would like to have the commissioner’s approval of the 2024 budget on or before the January 8th meeting. Fern will email the commissioners the budget and they can vote by email if they choose to do so.

The commissioners discussed raising the rates for pool parties at the pool. The pool parties last for 2 hours and as many as 30 kids/adults can attend. Ron made a motion to raise pool parties for in district families to $85.00 and out of district families to $100.00. Marilyn seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Fern has completed the setting up two new computer programs for the BAC center. A new time clock has been set up and a new “cash register” system has been implemented to work with Quick Books.

There are 3 schools who are currently having swimming lessons at the pool.

Fern reported that the sandblasting of the indoor is complete but was very expensive to do so and will look for a different company to do the outdoor pool. The sandblasting of the outdoor pool will be after the pool closes in the fall of 2024.

5. Playground Update: Everything seems to be working great.

6. Vandalism: There have been 3 separate vandalism incidents at the aquatic center. Game cameras were put up and Fern and Bryon know who the vandals are. They have contacted the police but have not filed a report as of now. They have let the vandals know they know who they are and to stop. There has been no new vandalism since the communication was put out. Bryon will investigate the possibility of putting cameras on the outside for night filming only.

7. Fern asked if she could ban a customer who repeatedly causes havoc in the aquatic center. He is very loud, confrontational, and intimidating to the staff. The board will write a letter to this individual and let him know that he is not allowed back for 1 year. The police are aware of this person and is familiar with how he acts.

8. Foundation Update: The foundation would like some input from the BAC commissioners as to what new ideas they would like the foundation to work on. The foundation is currently working on getting steps purchased to install into the outdoor pool. The main focus on this is that they are commercial grade and durable. They need to be ADA compliant and approved. Other ideas for fund raising are a gazebo, locker upgrades, improvement of office space, drop down fans in the commons area and a feasibility study. Ron made a motion that the foundation look at raising funds for a feasibility study and possibly work with the same individual that BAC had last time to save time and money. Amy seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Karen also reported that the money for the sunshades is due any time and that the fish sales have netted $1350.00 so far.

9. New business: nothing currently

ADJOURN: Karen moved to adjourn at 6:45, Amy seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting:  Monday, January 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM