April 11, 2022, BAC Board Minutes

Recorded by Lyndi Henson

*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 6:30

Commissioners present: Marilyn Wildey, Jeff Wolfe, Vicky Mahon, Karen Savory and Ryal Weber

Commissioners absent: Carla Albert, Amy Reed

Guest: None

No other attendees

      Read Mission Statement

2. Housekeeping

Review, amend as needed and adopt March minutes. Karen moved to accept the minutes as presented, Jeff seconded the motion, All voted in favor. Motion passed

3. Bryon’s Evaluation. The commissioners discussed the job that Bryon has preformed over the last 12 month and had a few questions to discuss with Bryon. After discussion with Bryon and the commissioners themselves, they opted to give Bryon a 4% increase retroactive 1/1/2022. The commissioners thanked him for all his hard work and would like him to start documenting times on a calendar of sorts when monthly and annual maintenance items need to be done for a future maintenance person.

4. Recognizing retiring commissioners. Karen made a motion for the BAC to purchase 1 to 2 cases of tiles to be engraved and also gift cards to honor the retiring commissioners. The amount of gift cards will depend on the years of service. Ryal seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

1. Foundation Update: The foundations first event will be June 11th 1:00 to 3:00

p.m.at the BAC. They hope to offer free open swim, aerobic classes, and possibly free ice cream. The foundation members are looking for volunteers to be at the tables and want to encourage the Bitterroot Swim Team to be there as well. The foundation will look at having a life jacket demonstration and a sun protection table with sun protection information and handouts. Karen reported the BAC Foundation has received $5000.00 from the Ravalli Electric Co-op and hope to hear from the Rapp Foundation soon. There is also an opportunity for a donation from the “Play Like Robert” foundation for an additional sunshade for the pool. Marilyn reported that the need for additional foundation members is needed and would like to find someone with accounting or tax experience for the future. The annual tax reports will get more complicated with the more money the foundation receives.

1. Maintenance Committee update: Ryal met with Bryon and reports that there will be 3 cameras installed at the BAC. 2 will face the parking lot and the other one inside at the counter. Also, Bryon has started mowing, flipped the snack shack around for the summer, swept and cleaned sidewalks, drained, and cleaned the outdoor pool, repairs to a water fountain, weeding around the pool and parking lot area. He has also spent time updating the AED machines and changed out the batteries. Water platforms have been ordered and will be installed once they arrive. There is still an issue with getting chlorine for the pool, Fern feels we are ok at this time. (list is attached to minutes)
2. Managers’ Report: Fern reported that the BAC is still 5 lifeguards short for a full summer staff. Fern had the commissioners check the wording on the back of the preschool signup forms. There have been some issues of parents bringing in 2 year old and stating they are 3 years old, and they are just not ready to learn about swimming. The commissioners had a suggestion and Fern will update the form with the suggested wording. Swim lesson signups will open on May 2nd. Fern passed out the summer schedule for both the indoor pool and outdoor pool and discussed it with the commissioners. The commissioners thought it looked great. Fern has had a lot more reporting of payroll questions of the staff this year as in the past, she stated it is just time consuming. The pool is increasingly gotten busier, and Bryon is doing a backwash 2 times week instead of 1. She anticipates a very long waiting list for swim lessons. Fern also suggested that a commissioner contact Carla for her records she has saved as a commissioner for the pool. Carla will not be running again as a commissioner.

ADJOURN; Karen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, Vicky seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Next Meeting:  Monday, May 9 at 6:30 PM