May 9, 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 6:30p.m.

Commissioners present: Marilyn Wildey, Jeff Wolfe, Karen Savory, Carla Albert, Amy Reed. Lorretta Bundy came at 7:26 p.m.

Commissioners absent: Ryal Weber and Vicky Mahon

Guest: Sara Morin (new commissioner as of 6/2022)

No other attendees

      Read Mission Statement

2.Housekeeping

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

Marilyn presented the commissioners with items the hospital has donated to give out at the open house that the foundation is having in June.

Carla handed in her notebooks which are full of historical information about the pool. Fern will keep the notebooks in the back office.

Marilyn also asked the commissioners what procedure they would like to follow in her absence next month. Marilyn will send Jeff a draft agenda and he will update and send out to the other commissioners and Fern before the meeting in June.

3.New Commissioners: Marilyn introduced the new commissioner names starting next month. Amy Reed, (already part of the board due to Loretta Bundy’s early departure), Ron Frost (not present) and Sara Morin. Each member present participated in an ice breaker to get to know each other a little better and what their vision is for the future of the BAC.

4.Recognizing new commissioners: At this time the retiring commissioners were recognized and thanked for all their hard work and dedication.

Fern invited all the commissioners to the in-service with her staff on July 21 at 6:00 at the pool. She would like the BAC staff to know who the commissioners are and feel comfortable around them. All the commissioners agreed and will try to attend.

5. Foundation Update: The foundation will hold an open house at the pool on June 11, 2022 at 6:00pm. Karen reported that the foundation has received grants for $5000.00 and $1000.00. there is an opportunity for a matching grant up to $1500.00. The foundation would like to find more board members and possibly find one with grant writing experience. Sara informed the foundation of a possible grant available from the Doyle foundation. Sara will look into this further and report next month. The foundation is looking to have an event in September to introduce new commissioners and possibly have a strategic planning meeting as well. Fern will contact Beki Brandborg to see if she could help with this meeting.

6. Maintenance Committee update: Ryal was not able to meet with Bryon this month. The new heat exchanger is in and working properly. A list of Bryon’s over and above maintenance work for the month is attached.

7. Managers’ Report: Fern passed out the 1st Quarter financials. The reports were reviewed by the commissioners. The outside pool will be open on May 31st and June 6th is the day that swim lessons start. Fern has employed 7 new lifeguards. Fern reported that the pool’s insurance went up 21%. Fern has contacted 3 different concrete contractors and only received 1 bid to pour concrete from the parking lot entrance ramp, around the east side to the gate. The commissioners agreed to have this done the 1st week in September when the pool is very slow.

The commissioners discussed whether or not to put concrete under the bleachers. Fern will get a quote for this as well

Amy made a motion to close the BAC the first week of September to allow for concrete to be poured and cured at the pool. Jeff seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Fern reported that the Hamilton School District is upset that the bon fire has to be moved off the BAC property. The commissioners are still in agreement that it does need to be moved due to liability reasons. Bryon and Fern will put up the “No Dumping” signs back up as people continue to dump at the site.

ADJOURN; Karen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, Jeff seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Next Meeting:  Monday, June 13 at 6:30 PM