

Mission Statement: 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.

Monday, January 15, 2018

Bitterroot Aquatic Center Commons Area 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Members present: President Deidra Markette, Loretta Bundy, Vicky Mahon, Rod Pogachar, Carla Albert, Paul Belanger, Fern Schreckendgust (manager), Sam Blough (assistant manager)

Member absent: Tiffany Jette

Guests: Shari Oliver CPA from WIPFLI accounting firm, Beki Brandborg

Open comments: None

Deidre informed the board members that she had looked into the Bitterroot Aquatic Center bylaws and feels that a neutral person is needed to take the minutes at the meetings, she has asked Lyndi Henson to fill that position. Lyndi Henson currently does the book keeping for the pool. Lyndi is present at the meeting as well and has agreed to do this task in the future.

Review of November and December minutes: Carla made a motion to approve the corrected minutes from November 2017 and December 2017. Rod seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Shari Oliver was present to inform the board that they are still needing reports from the county to complete the 2017 books. Shari indicated that everything looks good, the payable are all correct, loans are being handled correctly and the budget vs the actual is very close. The board thanked Shari for her expertise and the help she has provided for Fern and Lyndi.

Architect update: Fern passed out a rough draft of two proposals along with estimates for both of the drafts. Option 1 is for approximately 4 million dollars and Option 2 is approximately 7 million dollars. There was discussion with in the board members on what the plans represented as far as what areas were going to be remodeled and what area was new construction. It is recommended that we have concrete for most of the facility as it helps with less slipping. The plan is for keeping tile in the bathrooms at this time. There is more discussion and plans that will need to happen before this goes to the public.

Fern also passed out a project proposal from Ballard King out of Colorado. Fern has met the gentleman that has written up the project proposal and feels he is very professional and well respected. Paul feels he is obligated to voice his concern about not working with community members on the projects and paying out of state companies for this service. Loretta stated that Ken is the best in the nation and Vicky agreed that sometime a persons' expertise saves money in the long run. Fern feels that Ballard King can do a better job with the projections on a project of this scale and give a truer picture of the cost and if the community can support the project financially.

Paul again suggested that if possible to use local people to do the market review. Also to make up some working committees to help run the bond-keeping the community locally involved.

After reviewing the proposal from Ballard King of \$14000, Deidre feels it should be increased by \$3000.00 for travel expenses. The board agreed with her.

Vicky moved to extend a contract to Ballard King Associates LTD with a travel stipulation of not over \$3000.00, in addition to the \$14000 that is the grand total of their proposal. Also that all questions be answered in regards to the travel expense before paying for the travel per diem. Those voting in favor of the motion were Carla, Loretta, Rod, Deidra and Vicky. Those against the motion was Paul. Motion passed.

Managers' Report: Fern passed out her managers' report. Fern had spent numerous hours collecting data in regard to the 'mills' that are currently being paid and for a future bond and levy. She also had information about the bonds and mill payment for other entities in Ravalli County (report is attached)

Fern stated that with the upgrades or the new construction she estimates that payroll and other expenses will increase significantly. A lot to consider with the proposals before the board.

To Do Activities: Paul reported that he was able to send out the surveys to the Bitterroot Swim Team families and Fern indicated she has received about 13 back. No other surveys have been turned in.

Fern will be sending in reports with numbers to Ballard King to help them with their assessment of the project.

The board agrees that they will need a lot of help from the community to get the word out about the project and to help support the vision and needs of the community.

Meeting Adjourned: Loretta moved to adjourn the meeting, Rod seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Managers Evaluation: Board members discussed Ferns evaluation in private.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2018 in the commons of the BAC

Respectfully submitted: Lyndi Henson