

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, May 14, 2018

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

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

Members present: President: Deidra Markette, Rod Pogachar, Carla Albert, Loretta Bundy, Vicky Mahon, Fern Schreckendgust (manager), Lyndi Henson (minutes).

Member absent: Paul Belanger and Tiffany Jette. (Tiffany is no longer a board member, she has missed 3 + consecutive meetings.)

Guests: Karen Savory and Marisa Solles

Open comments: None

Review of April minutes: The board pointed out a few names misspelled and Lyndi made note of it. Carla made a motion to approve the April 2018 minutes, Loretta seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ballard King Update: Fern passed out the operations study that Ballard King sent to the BAC. It is 29 page document with very important information, their opinions and recommendations. After much discussion between the board members and the guests that were present, Carla made a motion to present "option 1" to the voters in Ravalli County. Loretta seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

The board members feel it is very important to present the very best plan to the voters and to stay with a firm plan and not to change the plans as the project is being done. The board wants to be very transparent so the voters know they can trust what the BAC states and represents.

Fern will make an appointment with the county commissioners in July and once that meeting is complete, Fern will set up meetings in the public library so the board can finalize talking points, maps, and informational handouts. It was suggested that the BAC board have a table at the farmers market in Hamilton on Saturdays, have a booth at the Ravalli County Fair, town meetings and have information available at Apple Days in October to get the information out to the voters of Ravalli County. The board will be reaching out to other groups to help promote this plan and to spread the word about the plan.

Bitterroot Swim Team 2018 Contract: total count of swimmers at this time is 83. There may be a change in the hours that the team uses in the mornings but the team is waiting to see if the numbers change once practice starts.

Quarterly Financials: Fern passed out the 1st quarter financials. The report shows that the BAC is up in the sales category and stated that the indoor pool is at its capacity for most classes. The overcrowding in the ladies bathroom is the biggest complaint that Fern hears about. Fern reported that there will be 9 new life guards and Sam Blough is excited to get them started and feels very confident in their abilities.

Fern also suggested after looking at the balance sheet that the board consider paying off the loan at Farmers State Bank before the end of 2018.

Open Board Position: Deidra reported that the only applicant's paperwork the BAC board has received for the vacant seat has been from Steve Bergeron. Steve has attended many of the monthly meetings and has a lot of experience in and out of pool. He has a lot of community connections and is a substitute teacher in Hamilton and Corvallis. Carla moved to approve Steve Bergeron as the new board member. Rod seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Board Term Limits: Paul had sent the board members a print out on "term limits" for board members. Deidra read aloud some of the pros about having term limits. Fern reported that the term limits now are staggered, and there will never be a time that there will be 5 new board members at a time. Also, Fern reminded that any open positions are noticed by the county election office and Regina Plettenberg would be a very good resource to ask about the rules and regulations for the term limits for the BAC. Deidra will contact Paul and suggest to him to go and talk to Regina at the county election office.

Managers' Report: Summer prep update includes the pool has been painted, splash pad has had some repairs, the urinal repaired and the shad structure will be put up. The plan is to start filling the pool next Monday and Fern hopes to have the outside pool ready to open on Tuesday the 29th of May.

Board Comments: Fern is trying to find an optional place to meet in the summer months due to the busy schedule in the evenings at the pool. She will let the board members know where the June meeting will be held. She is also planning on having the meeting start at 6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: Loretta moved to adjourn the meeting, Carla seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2018. (meeting place will be announced in June)

Respectfully submitted: Lyndi Henson