

Missions 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, August 13, 2018

Bitterroot Public Library

Meeting called to order: 6:07pm

Members present: President: Dedra Markette, Rod Pogachar, Carla Albert, Paul Belanger, Loretta Bundy, Steve Bergeron, Fern Schreckendgust (manager), Samantha Blough (BAC staff), and Katie Wilson (staff)

Member Absent: Vicky Mahon

Open Comments: None

Review of July Minutes: Rod pointed out that the date of the meeting for August was incorrect.

Paul motioned to accept the minutes as written after the correction, and Rod seconded. All in favor.

Review of Financials 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Fern went over some points of interest. Recreation sales are on track with our budget. We have an increase in pool supplies due to the purchase of our handicap lift chair. The gas and electric bill are down by \$2000, compared to this time last year, as well as payroll. Paul inquired about the net income differences, Fern stated that the General Obligation bond has not been posted as the end of June, and that would be the difference.

Proposed Term Limits for Commissioners: Paul distributed term limit suggestions. Paul conversed with other boards concerning board term limits. Other ideas proposed were nominating committees and board applications. Paul talked to Regina who said we had a lot of flexibility in our organization concerning board structure.

Dorsey Whitney concerning Old Park Law/New Park Law SB7: The board received a letter from Dan Semmons of Dorsey and Whitney Law of Missoula, concerning our bond proposal. Dan writes the bond language for ballots. As Dan was investigating the laws concerning our bond, he discovered that if we continue with this bond this November and we passed a bond, we would then become under the jurisdiction of New Park Law SB7, where we would not be a designated entity. Under this New Park Law SB7, we would not be able to sell bonds. Dan Semmons is willing to help us clarify this Law and help us with a plan to continue with our expansion bond proposal. Fern has contacted Dan about retaining him to assist and is currently waiting to hear from Dan.

Dorsey Whitney contract: Fern will be in communication with Dan and have some information at our next meeting.

Manager's Report: Sam did research on other Aquatic Centers that offered similar programs to our own to establish a price comparison. A sheet was distributed with the prices. Paul replied that a lot of goodwill would be accomplished if we had a discount fee for our Hamilton and Corvallis school districts, and that we are not comparing apples to apples. Sam talked

about the difficulty of having proof of the patrons who are in our district without the support of a county entity that would provide that proof to our patrons. Fern mentioned that our prices have not gone up since 2008. Sam commented on our growing Swim Camp that has historically averaged 15 to 20 swimmers, and this year we had 30 swimmers. The camp is a feeder program for swim team and is developing into a year-round camp that Sam will begin again this fall, due to the requests from the swimmer's families.

RCPD#2 Board Member Comments: Rod read a letter from a patron whose grandchildren take swim lessons with Sam and are looking forward to one day being on the swim team. Much kudos were given to Sam for being an excellent swim instructor. A suggestion to let children under six swim without a parent or guardian was suggested as long as they had approval from the staff. A donation of \$5000 was included with the letter. Paul wanted to discuss his meeting with the swim team explaining the proposed pool expansion. Paul brought up deck space and the ability to host a meet and cloudy water. Discussions were held on both. Paul will be meeting with Fern to discuss how chemical tests are accomplished and record keeping.

ADJOURN: Steve moves to adjourn the meeting Rod seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Next Meeting: September 10, 2018 at the Bitterroot Aquatic Center 6:30pm