

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 14, 2019

Bitterroot Aquatic Center Commons 6:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Steve Bergeron, Rod Pogachar, Paul Belanger, Vicky Mahon, Ron Frost and Carla Albert.

Members absent: Lorretta Bundy

Other present: Fern Schreckendgust (pool manager), Samantha Blough, Katie Wilson and Lyndi Henson (minutes).

Other Absences: None

Guest: Marisa Sowles, Karen Savory and Donn Livoni

Open comments: None

Steve Bergeron called the meeting to order.

Review of December minutes: Paul made a motion to approve the December 2018 minutes as presented. Rod seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Review of Bitterroot Swim Team Contact: The Bitterroot Swim Team agreement has been drawn up for the 2019 swim season. There was discussion amongst the board members with concerns of more specific monitoring of locker rooms by the swim team parents, more safety conversations that need to take place and the possibility of liability forms. Sam Blough suggested that she would be glad to do some orientation or "teach too's" on behavior as a guest of the pool, she would make the orientation group specific and the coaches would be encouraged to attend as well. The communication between the two groups need to be focused on and a few additions to the contract may be added after everyone reviews. The BAC board will review the contract and hope to have it ready for the Bitterroot Swim Team board in February to review and get back to the BAC board.

There was discussion about the "lap swim" time at the outdoor pool in the summer months. There has been an issue of lanes not being used for lap swim, but private instruction of younger swimmers which can take up to two lanes. The board discussed that one way to handle this problem would be to have an Adult Fitness Lap Swim only (16 and older) every work day from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Strategic Goal Process: Fern passed out the final report from Ballard King on the Aquatic Expansion Operations Study. Fern suggested that 1 or 2 board members and herself go through the numbers as she thinks some of the estimates are too low and need to be adjusted. Ron Frost agreed to work with Fern on this process.

Activity Report: Fern has been in contact with Dan Semmons about the bill that needs to be presented to the legislature in regard to proceeding with the expansion of the pool as the district the district currently is in. Everyone involved in Helena is positive on how it is moving towards the process. Seems all involved are on the same page and now it is just a waiting game to see when it is passes. It is house bill #57.

Managers Report: Fern reported that the CD at Trail West is due to automatically renew in January. Carla added that it is a 11-month CD and the board needs to ask for the highest interest rate at the time of renewal. Carla made a motion to close out the savings account, roll it into the current cd at the highest interest rate available. Ron second the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed.

Shery from WPIFLI, (accountant) will be in before the meeting in February and will present the year end numbers to the board on February 11th. The financial statements will be handed out then.

The BAC has had two more school classes sign up for swim classes, they are from Victor and Darby.

Sam Blough gave a presentation on how she trains new life guards. Sam absolutely loves this part of her job and it shows. There are some changes for the physical requirements and the pool has purchased new equipment to enable her to train the life guards for “real life” circumstances. The board thanks her for her presentation.

Some items for next months agenda are: Financial and Budget review (Fern will not be at the meeting), Ferns evaluation and review and review the Bitterroot Swim Team contract.

Meeting Adjourned: Carla moved to adjourn the meeting Paul seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 11th, 2019. 6:30 p.m. BAC commons

Respectfully submitted: Lyndi Henson