

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 12, 2022

Bitterroot Aquatic Commons: 6:30 p.m.

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

Commissioners present: Marilyn Wildey (via face time), Jeff Wolfe, Ryal Weber, Karen Savory and Loretta Bundy.

Commissioners absent: Vicky Mahon and Carla Albert

Other present: Fern Schreckendgust (pool manager), Lyndi Henson (minutes).

Other absences:

Guest: Ron Frost

Jeff called the meeting to order.

Mission Statement read.

November minutes were reviewed. Marilyn moved to approve the November minutes as submitted. Karen seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Bitterroot Swim Team Contract: The Bitterroot Swim Team contract has been agreed upon between both the swim team and the BAC. Contract will be signed and returned. The board looks forward to another year of working together with the swim team.

Foundation Update: Karen reported the foundation met the week of January 3rd. There are 2 grant the foundation is planning of applying for in March of 2022. The foundation had asked Fern for her recommendations regarding playground equipment which Fern had responded to them by sending them websites to review and contact names and numbers. The foundation is hoping to survey different age categories of children at various schools to see what equipment they are the most interested and excited about.

The foundation wanted to thank Katie Wilson for all her help with the website. The foundation is also working on a brochure to hand out as well. The foundation is also hoping to run an event at the pool in the spring. The foundation is looking for 2 volunteers from the pool and pool board and also the possibility of two people who use the pool from the public sector. There were numerous names suggested for all these volunteer positions.

Fern reported to the board that one employee, who has health concerns, employees at the pool are very consciousness and respectful in wearing their masks when this employee is working.

It was decided to move Bryon and Fern's evaluation to the month of February as there was some missing paperwork to conduct the evaluations.

Maintenance Report: Ryal had met with Bryon in regard to the maintenance report. In addition to the normal repair and maintenance up-keep of the pool, Bryon has been busy plowing snow and keeping the sidewalks clear and safe to the best of his ability. There is an issue with a toilet in the ladies dressing room that he is working on. Drained and worked on the warm pool during the holiday break and replaced some salt cells. Bryon is still waiting on parts for the hot water heater, power washed the floors to get rid of the chipped paint. Bryon would like to work on replacing the concrete ramp coming into the BAC and expanding the sidewalk. Ryal will talk to some contractors that deal in concrete and see if he can get someone scheduled to do this concrete work.

Fern informed the board that there may be up to 3 of the current commissioners resign this spring. Those who are up this year are Loretta Bundy, Carla Albert and Vicky Mahon. She suggested the other commissioners think about who they may know who may be interested in serving on the Ravalli County Park District Board. This needs to be done before February 7, 2022.

Manager's Report: Fern was approached by Loads of Dignity to provide showers for the homeless community. She has had a total of 4 people use the service in the past 30 days. After discussion with the commissioners, Marilyn moved to allow people to come and shower on Monday nights from 6-8 pm and they would need to be put on the schedule. Only 5 showers on the Monday night will be available. Ryal seconded the motion. Those voting in favor were Karen Savory, Ryal Weber, Jeff Wolfe and Marilyn Wildey. Those not voting in favor is Loretta Bundy. Motion passed. The board will revisit the subject in February.

Fern asked Karen what the foundation needed in regard to the "shade" grant. Karen told Fern a few of the requirements, which Fern has started on and will work on the new requirements. The topic for this grant is sunscreen awareness.

Fern passed out the year end financials but reported that all the numbers are not in. We are waiting for the total tax amount the pool will receive from the county. Fern will have the final reports at the February 14th board meeting.

Fern told the board that Lyndi will have the W'2's and 1099's complete by weeks end and all the year end reporting has been completed.

Loretta Bundy indicated that she would like to resign from the board as of tonight and would like to have Ron Frost take her spot. Marilyn asked Loretta to submit a letter of resignation and it will be discussed at the February board meeting as well.

Karen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, Loretta seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2022. 6:30 p.m. BAC commons

Respectfully submitted: Lyndi Henson