

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 13, 2020

Bitterroot Aquatic Center Commons 6:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Steve Bergeron, Loretta Bundy, Rod Pogachar, Marilyn Widley, Vicky Mahon, Ron Frost and Carla Albert.

Members absent: None

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

Other Absences: None

Guest: None

Open comments: None

Steve Bergeron called the meeting to order.

Review of October minutes: Carla made a motion to approve the October 2019 minutes as presented. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Election Wrap Up: Fern presented the board with some new ideas if and when the board decides to run a bond again in the future. Some of her ideas were in regard to a new architecture firm with new ideas, new public relations firms with fresh ideas. Use the original blueprints the next time and get the costs lower. After much discussion, the board feels it would be good to let some time pass before presenting the bond to the public. Both Carla and Ron would like a little more detail in regard to the percentage of how many voters voted and what the breakdown of the precincts if possible. Vicky reminded that board that the current bond will be paid off in 2 years and that would be a positive fact when running the bond again.

Managers Report: Fern reported that the solar panels are up and running. She is not expecting to see a big change in the electrical bill due to the time of the year and the cloudy days.

Fern handed the paperwork to Ron, Marilyn, Rod and Steve for them to file with the county to keep their seats on the board for the next 4 years. They have until February 10th, 2020 to turn the paperwork into the county.

Fern reported that she would like to accept the quote from DJ's electric to replace the outside lights with a LED upgrade. (it is included in the packet) Currently the ones outside are not working in the parking lot or on the building. Ron Frost made the motion for the board to accept the quote and contract with DJ's electric to replace the lights at the BAC. Carla seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Fern passed out her goals for 2020. There are a lot of goals that she had put off for a year because of the time and energy spent on the bond paperwork and process. (goals attached to minutes) The biggest request from Fern is to hire a maintenance person. The pool is in need of some minor upgrades, painting and over all maintenance. At this time, the conversation turned to hiring a maintenance person for a full-time position at the BAC. Ron has been working on a contract verses a full-time employee for the pool, and what it would cost the BAC. He will work on a position/job description after he received input from other board members. The board agreed it would be better to have a full-time employee that would take ownership of the pool and see the daily needs of the pool as well for preventive care of the facility. The maintenance person would need to have a boiler license, pump experience, knowledge of chemicals and how to handle them in a pool setting. The maintenance person would also need to be trained as a lifeguard. The position will need to be advertised for a 2-week period.

Ron made a motion to hire a full-time maintenance person. Loretta seconded the motion. Those voting in favor were: Steve, Ron, Carla, Loretta, Vicky and Marilyn. Rod voted neigh stating he needs to see the position/job describing until he can fully vote in favor of a new position at the BAC.

The BST contract has been agreed to and is waiting to be signed by the BST board president.

The board brainstormed some on new activities and programs they would like to offer to the public during the summer and possible the winter. Fern has purchased a new program and supplies called Splash-ball which is a little like water polo. It would be geared towards the younger kids to kick it off. Cameron and Steve would work together to promote and teach the skills to the swimmers.

Other ideas that they would like to offer are: a Jr. lifeguard program, kayaking, level 4 swim lessons and stroke improvement classes for adults.

The board discussed what small improvements could be done right now to improve the facility. The board would like to see a loft built where the records and bookkeeping be done and be moved out of the guard room. Update the guard room and adding a family bathroom.

Fern reported she will be gone for the February meeting and Steve will be gone as well. It was decided not to have a regular meeting in February. The board will form a committee to manage the maintenance position job description and interviews and have a decision made with in the next 2-3 month.

Fern discussed the financial statements with the board. (copies are included). She will have updated ones for the board in March as she is still waiting for some numbers and information to put in the 2019 paperwork.

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

Next Meeting: March 9th, 2020. 6:30 p.m. BAC commons

Respectfully submitted: Lyndi Henson