

*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, February 21, 2022

Bitterroot Aquatic Commons: 6:30 p.m.

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

Commissioners present: Marilyn Wildey, Jeff Wolfe, Ryal Weber, Karen Savory and Vicky Mahon.

Commissioners absent: Loretta Bundy and Carla Albert

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

Other absences:

Guest:

Marilyn called the meeting to order.

Mission Statement read.

January minutes were reviewed. Marilyn had one edit to the minutes. Karen moved to approve the January minutes with edit. Jeff seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Marilyn passed out a reminder calendar for 2022, she has been working on. She has added dates and reminders of what the commissioners need to look at, to do, and complete each month. Marilyn asked the commissioners to add and ideas to the calendar.

Bitterroot Swim Team Contract: Both Marilyn and Jeff have signed the 2022 Bitterroot Swim Team calendar. Fern will get it to the BST president. It was reported that the swim team hopes to start using the pool on June 1, 2022.

Foundation Update: Karen reported that there has not been a meeting with the foundation since the last BAC meeting. Karen did report that they have been able to do a little fund raising in order to pay a fee that is coming due. The foundation is going to join the "Bitterroot Gives Program" and is looking forward to what connections this organization may have to benefit the foundation.

The foundation is also looking at a social media campaign and has a high school senior helping with as well.

Evaluations: Fern was asked to leave the meeting so the commissioners could evaluate her performance over the past 12 months and discuss any increase in wages. The commissioners reviewed the goals and had a discussion amongst themselves.

Karen moved to offer Fern a 6% increase for the 2022 year, Ryal seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Fern was asked to come back in and the board thanked her for her hard work over the past 12 months and commended her on keeping the pool running again through another year of the covid pandemic.

Fern thanked the commissioner and looks forward to another year as pool manager.

It was suggested that in her manger's report, she update the board on what goals were meet throughout the year.

Bryon's evaluation will be postponed until the March meeting, due to time constraints at tonight's meeting.

Maintenance Report: Ryal had talked with Bryon regarding his maintenance report. In addition to the normal repair and maintenance up-keep of the pool, Ryal presented a list that he and Bryon had discussed. List is included with minutes.

Ryal made a motion to not have any more bon fires at the BAC property. The fires are getting so big, and the public are dumping trash out there and it is an eyesore after the fire is done. There is also a liability concern with the commissioners. Vicky seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Fern will let those in charge know the BAC property will not be available for any bon fires in the future.

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. Loretta has submitted a formal letter of resignation, dated 1/31/2022. The commissioners voted to accept her resignation and will offer that interim position to one of the interested incoming commissioners who has expressed interest in beginning their term of office immediately. If several express interest, the commissioners will vote on who to install early.

Marilyn will call the county and get the list of people who have filed and let the other commissioners know the names. She encourages the commissioners to encourage other people who they know and who would be great candidates to apply.

Jeff made a motion to recognize Loretta with a plaque thanking for her many years of service. Karen seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed. Marilyn will investigate getting that done with a local vendor.

Manager's Report: Fern had a worker's comp. audit which she passed. Fern talked about when to announce the new schedule for the group summer swim lessons. The board agreed it was up to her to schedule it when she suggested, she knows what works. Fern passed out updated pool policies regarding group and private swim lessons. The commissioners reviewed it and agreed with her proposal. Vicky moved to approve the changes that Fern is proposing, Jeff seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Fern announced that she has registered the AED with the Montanan Department of Health. The unit has new batteries and is ready to go if such an emergency arises.

Fern passed out the 2022 proposed budget. After some discussion, Jeff moved to accept the budget for the 2022 fiscal year. Karen seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

The board would like the private lessons bumped from \$22.00 to \$25.00.

Jeff has been in contact with a senior student who wants to do his senior project with adding sunshades/covers over bleachers at the pool. Jeff has a few ideas and will continue the conversation with the student.

Fern reported that there have been zero shower vouchers given out or used.

Karen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, Vicky seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted: Lyndi Henson