

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, March 9, 2020

Bitterroot Aquatic Center Commons 6:30 p.m.

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

Members present: Steve Bergeron, Loretta Bundy, Marilyn Wildey, Ron Frost and Carla Albert.

Members absent: Rod Pogachar and Vicky Mahon

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

Other Absences: None

Guest: Larry Johnson, Amy Reed, Ryal Weber and Jeff Wolfe

Open comments: None

Steve Bergeron called the meeting to order.

Review of January minutes: Loretta made a motion to approve the January 2020 minutes with the correction of the spelling of Marilyn Wildey's last name. Carla seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Managers' Report: Fern passed out the updated 2019 year end financials with the additions and corrections made to the reports after the approved outside accounting firm was able to review the reports with both Fern and board members. The reports were delayed because of some final numbers the accounting firm was waiting to receive from the county.

Fern reported that some numbers that will see a decrease in expense in the year 2020, will be the legal and professional total, due to the fact there will not be an election this year. Also, the electrical expense should go down with the solar panels now at the pool. Also, with a maintenance person on staff, the repairs and maintenance and ground keeping should see a decline in the total expense as well.

Larry Johnson was present to ask questions about the year end reports that he had received from the county. The board gave Mr. Johnson an updated copy of the report so everyone would be looking at the same numbers. Mr. Johnson is concerned with the pool running in the red and not making money to support itself. It was also stated by a board member that with a public pool, the goal is to serve the public. The board members answered Mr. Johnson with the fact that it is very hard to make money at a public pool with all the overhead that is required to run the pool. Everyone in attendance would like to see a profit for the pool. Fern thanked Mr. Johnson for his questions and told him she would provide him with any documents that he would like. Mr. Johnson would like to see a different fee schedule for school and others who are using the pool who do not live in the district and not being taxed for the pool. Right now, only Hamilton and Corvallis residents pay taxes for the aquatic center.

The board members have met with an architect in regard to small upgrades within the walls of the existing building, they have not heard from the firm yet. Loretta suggested that the board do some research on what upgrades we are able to do on our own.

Fern reported that the district now pays for 3 full time hourly paid employees and 1 hourly employee's insurance. It will cost the district about \$2200.00 per month.

Fern asked that a maintenance sub-committee be set up. Bryon Schreckendgust, newly hired maintenance employee, would report to them and not the pool manager. The board agreed with this and the sub committee will consist of Steve, Loretta and Ron. They will meet the Friday before the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting. Ron made the motion to form a sub-committee for the maintenance employee to report to. Loretta seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Fern reported that the front of the pool building has been painted and the schedule for the indoor and pool and outdoor pool will be figured out soon. Probably start in late May.

Fern reported that a lawn mover and new lane ropes have been purchased.

Steve reported that the new program "Splash Ball" will start this summer in the outside pool.

Carla mentioned to the board and the audience that the Ravalli Parks District #2 is now set up as a charity on Smile Amazon for people to donate to. Every qualified purchase could receive a .5% donation.

Fern reported that with the threat of the Covid19 virus, the pool would follow the same closures that the Ravalli County schools follow per the Ravalli County Public Health suggestions.

In the monthly packets is the notice from the county on the upcoming election for board members. There is 3 up for election this year, and this is the first time that there will be an election for board members. The board is very excited that there is an interest from the public to be a board member.

Amy Reed, Ryal Weber and Jeff Wolfe were all present at this board meeting. The board asked them each to tell something about themselves and why they would like to be on the board. 2 of the 3 interested parties have members on the Bitterroot Swim Team and would like to make sure that the pool is open and able to have swim team practice here. They also stated that they are interested in the potential building projects for the pool and want to ensure a strong future for the Bitterroot Aquatic Center. The board thanked them for their interest and time they spent at the meeting. Fern will post a picture and a short biography about each of the candidates that are running. The election will be held on May 5th 2020 by mail in ballots.

Meeting Adjourned: Carla moved to adjourn the meeting Loretta seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 13th, 2020. 6:30 p.m. BAC commons

Respectfully submitted: Lyndi Henson