September 11, 2023, BAC Board Minutes

*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.*

1. Meeting open at 5:30

Commissioners present: Jeff Wolfe, Ryal Weber, Marilyn Wildey, Ron Frost.

Commissioners absent: Amy Reed, Sara Morin, and Karen Savory.

Guest: No other attendees.

      Read Mission Statement

1. Housekeeping Review, amend as needed and adopt July minutes. Ron made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented, Marilyn 2nd the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
2. Review of the 20th anniversary gathering: Very good turnout and positive comments from the public. The foundation did sell some fish for their fundraiser.

4. Maintenance committee update: Report attached to minutes. Ryal spoke with Bryon and Bryon reported that above the normal routine and duties he worked on changing out the motor in the indoor pool, replaced a bearing in a motor, drained the indoor pool in preparation of sandblasting and repainting the indoor pool. Also assisted with the new point of sale program the BAC had to switch to, moved the clock-in computer to the guard room, and ordered the paint for the indoor pool. Bryon and a leak detection company have found the leak and have repaired it. The water bill shows a change in water usage since this has been addressed.

5. Manager’s Report: Fern reported that the BAC did receive the $5000.00 USA Swimming grant and she has contacted the valley schools about handing out the free swim lesson vouchers to families. The grant needs to be used up by 12/31/2023. Fern has received a new pool tarp from Universal Filtration and has also been working on the new point of sale program. Fern has the 2024 BST contract for the commissioners to review. The commissioners asked her to update any dates to the contract once she has time and will send it to Jeff to get to the BST president. The commissioners would like a 2 year contract and hopefully will be able to review and approve it at the November 2023 meeting. Corvallis and Hamilton Schools will be bringing their 1st graders in to have swimming lessons, this will start the end of September. Fern is looking at what events to plan for in the Summer of 2024. One thing that Fern would like to add is an adult swim maybe 3 nights a week. The commissioners discussed if it is feasible to stay open on Sundays for the summer. The income does not come close to covering the expense of running the pool on Sundays. The commissioners recommended that the BAC wait to see how the staffing looks next summer before any decisions about staying open on Sundays in the month of July. Fern was approached by the Bitterroot Water Partnership to take over one of the flower beds and introduce some new plants with placards explaining the plants to the public. All the commissioners thought the idea was very good. The Bitterroot Water Partnership will do the planting of the plants. Fern reported that Splash Ball will start again in the indoor pool this fall.

6. Playground Update: Everything is going great with the playground addition and seems to be used by both patrons and also neighborhood children.

7. Ron asked the commissioners if they would mind meeting every other month going forward. The bylaws will need to be amended to reflect this change if it is decided to do so. Marilyn moved to change the bylaws and meet at 5:30 p.m. every other month. Jeff seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.

8. The second quarter financials were presented. After review and discussion, Jeff moved to approve the 2nd quarter financials, Marilyn seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

9. Fern asked permission to sand blast the outdoor pool and get it painted this fall. The commissioners agreed as long as it is not too expensive and over budget.

10. New Business: Jeff has been approached by Hamilton High School to allow the school to have their homecoming bon fire in the area north of the BAC parking lot. Last year the board decided not to allow this due to liability and safety issues. The board stands by this decision again this year and want to encourage the school to find a different and permanent location. Marilyn moved not to allow Hamilton high school to have their bon fire at the BAC location, Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1. Those voting yay were Ryal, Ron and Marilyn. Jeff voted nay to the motion.

11. Foundation Update; Marilyn reported that the foundation has received the $8000 shade grant and will work with Fern to get a shade ordered before the end of 2023. The foundation has sold $1350.00 in fish and are discussing different fund raiser ideas. The foundation would like to have a youth ambassador on the foundation for new ideas and outreach. Another idea is to have an adult swim night and serve a pulled pork sandwich as a fund raiser event at the BAC. The foundation is working on raising money for the accessibility stairs and a gazebo for the BAC. Fern will need to check with the insurance about an day time camping at the pool area .

ADJOURN: Ron moved to adjourn at 6:18, Marilyn seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting:  Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM