

## March 11, 2024, 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: Sara Morin, Ryal Weber, Marilyn Wildey, Karen Savory and Jeff Wolfe (arrived at 6:00)

Commissioners absent: Ron Frost, Amy Reed

Guest:

Read Mission Statement

### 2. Housekeeping Review, amend as needed and adopt January minutes.

Marilyn made a motion to approve the January minutes as amended, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

### 3. Maintenance Report: Ryal was able to meet with Bryon and presented Bryon's report, list attached to minutes.

4. Manager report: Fern explained a little more on the UV system for the indoor pool. The discussion/suggestion was brought up during the county inspection of the aquatic center this month. One of the inspectors suggested looking into a new UV system and the overall savings it may be for the pool to use. The indoor UV System would run about \$700.00, and the outdoor UV system would run close to \$4,000.00 and pay itself off in 2 years (estimate) with the saving of chlorine. After discussion amongst the commissioners, Marilyn made a motion to purchase the UV systems for the both indoor pool and outdoor pool, Ryal seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Fern then presented the summer schedule for review, the commissioners approved. Fern reported that the aquatic center passed the insurance inspection with flying colors. Fern reported that the aquatic center supplied 2 lifeguards for the Special Olympics at the Bitterroot River Inn. Health inspection passed, A new area was put up in the guard room for swim lessons. Fern also reported she has been in contact with Harmony, which is a home school based program that the Corvallis School District is using. \$800.00 in lessons may be offered for participants wanting to have swim lessons at the BAC.

Fern is asking the commissioners if she can write a letter to two programs which the aquatic center has allowed their clients to swim in the summer. A problem arose last summer with the programs sending to many clients and not enough supervision for the clients. The commissioners gave Fern permission to write a letter with parameters of only having 5-6 clients a day from each program and with 1-2 supervisors to be on deck or in the water with the clients depending on their age. A list of the names that will be using the pool that day will be sent as well. Fern reported that the swim lesson sign up will be April 14, 2024.

Fern will contact the architect to come to the May 13th meeting to discuss items on the wish list for improvements at the aquatic center. The meeting will be at the public library.

5. Foundation Update: The foundation is looking for someone with grant writing experience. Marilyn reported that they have volunteered to help with the "Robers Run" fund raiser in August. The foundation is also contacting the Bitterroot Health Foundation to see if they would donate any funds and also, the foundation will be involved with the Bitterroot Gives fund raiser in May. The foundation is currently working on their accessibility and recreational project which is buying and installing a new ladder in the outside pool to make it easier for patrons to use the pool. The foundation is also looking at purchasing new equipment for lap swimmers and a mat.

6. New business: Fern will investigate an opportunity at the Office of Public Instruction for a \$25,000 grant which was brought to her attention.

ADJOURN: Karen moved to adjourn at 6:45, Jeff seconded, all approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Ravalli County Public Library.