

## MINUTES OF THE BRPA BOARD MEETING – MARCH 9, 2021

In accordance with the bylaws, a meeting of the BRPA Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 via Zoom.

**BOARD DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cameron Arterton, Ed Coleman, Bill Davidson, Norm Farley, Jay Green, Cheryl Lytle, Tracy Patton, Bill Thomas and Salley Wood, representing a quorum of the Board.



Jamie Buhl attended as Annapolis Cove Liaison. Reid McLaughlin was also in attendance.

### **The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.**

The Board approved the minutes of the Board meeting held on February 9, 2021.

Bill Thomas reported on the February financials and noted that two swim team families had signed up for 2021.

Tracy Patton reported that a lane rope reel had broken and requested board approval to purchase a new reel for up to \$2500, with the cost to be split equally between BRPA and the Swim Team. The board approved.

Reid McLaughlin reported on the status of the new member management system. He noted the great work done by Cheryl Lytle in advancing the project. Data has been retrieved from the old system and cleansed. Data input into the new system will start soon. System configuration has been reviewed with Member Splash. A Mailchimp account is being set up as an administrative account so it can be used to send emails to membership. Implementation is to begin in approximately two weeks and should be completed before sign up day. Reid answered questions from the board regarding credit card processing and the best way to get member photos into the system. The board expressed its thanks to Reid for his and Cheryl's work on the project and the good progress.

Jay Green noted that Ace Aquatics plans to remove the pool cover and turn on water the first or second week of April.

Bill Thomas then reviewed the research he has done on converting the pool to saltwater. He has met with three companies that are in this business and with Ace Aquatics. Bill explained that most new residential and hotel pools are built as saltwater pools. Some pools our size have converted (Fort Belvoir, as an example), but it is not as prevalent as with smaller pools. Bill noted that the conversion itself is not difficult, but operationally requires a constant balancing of the salt level in the pool, similar to chlorine monitoring. Bill estimated the cost to convert at \$32,000 - \$40,000 with little if any operational savings over chlorine over time.

The board engaged in a discussion of the positive attributes of having a saltwater pool and questions of potential timing and implementation scenarios. The board concluded that it would like to learn more. Bill Thomas will arrange a further presentation by one of the vendors to the board.

Bill Davidson distributed a revised bylaws draft to the board for its consideration. Jay Green asked that the directors review and submit any recommended changes to Bill Davidson by March 23. The April Board Meeting will be publicized as a Membership meeting where the first reading of the revised bylaws will occur. The May meeting will be the second reading.

Tracy Patton brought forward an idea for a party to be sponsored by BRPA, BRCA and Wine Cellars. Cheryl Lytle will provide potential dates to the Social Committee (Tracy Patton, Cameron Arterton and Bill Thomas) which will work on the details of a plan and make a recommendation to the Board.

In the following discussion, Bill Davidson reinforced that we should aim for a big pool opening party for all members and the community, COVID restrictions permitting. Tracy Patton suggested either May 29 or 30 as possible dates. She also reported that she had spoken with Dean D'Camera about the possibility of bringing back the pig roast.

Jay Green noted the current quote for bond insurance for authorized check writers (President and Treasurer) which Bill Davidson reported to be \$378 for a three year package. Bill Thomas said he will make it part of our insurance renewal review process. Norm Farley recommended making it a line item in the budget as well.

The board discussed and agreed on holding Sign Up Day on Sunday, April 18 from 1-3pm. May 1 will be the initial clean up day.

Discussion ensued on the format for the April 13 Board and Membership meeting. Consensus was reached to make it either in person on the pool house deck or via Zoom at the option of the participant. The suggestion was made that as the April 13 meeting will be publicized as a Membership meeting, a presentation on the new Member Splash system should be on the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Ed Coleman, Secretary