

MINUTES OF THE BRPA BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JUNE 8, 2021



In accordance with the bylaws, a meeting of the BRPA Board of Directors and a general meeting of the BRPA membership was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the pool clubhouse.

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

Also in attendance was Jamie Buhl as the Cove Representative.

The meeting was called to order by Jay Green, BRPA President at 7:40 pm.

Norm Farley moved to approve the previously distributed minutes of the May 11 Meeting. Tracey Patton seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

Bill Thomas moved to approve of the “Minutes Addendum (Loan payoff, and in person swim meets)” as contained in the agenda previously distributed. Jay Green seconded, and the Board unanimously approved.

Bill Thomas reviewed the April financials and membership status, highlighting the large positive difference between the budget and actual memberships, in particular from Annapolis Cove, and he also confirmed that he had paid off the bank loan. We can expect to receive a loan release notice from the bank in due course. Everyone was pleased with the financial status of the BRPA. There was discussion about swim team inquiries and it was reaffirmed that there is no longer a swim team wait list. Cheryl Lytle noted that a swim team household was moving into Bay Ridge and that she planned to simply apply the swim team fee paid to that household’s Bay Ridge membership fee. Everyone backed Cheryl’s decision.

On the insurance front, Bill Thomas confirmed that the limits of liability under our new policy will remain \$2,000,000, but noted: that the policy is jointly held by the BRCA and BRPA, that the cost has gone up by \$8,000 from last year with BRPA expected to pay one third, that there are three major insurance companies represented within Bay Ridge, that he had put several questions to Rich Mount (BRCA Treasure), and that he expects to be able to report further on the subject of insurance at our next meeting. Bill Davidson noted that a prior BRCA resolution established that the BRPA would pay only the incremental cost of adding BRPA to BRCA’s policy.

There was discussion that about half of the beer tumblers had been sold but that the remaining could be expected to be sold during the next two major pool events.

Parking Lot Situation: Jay Green reported that the rope that had been put up over two years ago was to manage rutting in the parking lot, but that is now open. Now, there will be two rows clearly marked for nose-to-nose parking. This should substantially clear up recent parking issues, but during extreme peaks there will always be an occasional need to overflow into the CBF lot, with cooperation.

Regarding M, W, F Lap Swimming, it was noted that all is going well.

Jay Green reported that the Snack Bar operation is “doing fine” and he thanked Sally Wood for stewarding Jack Callaghan this year.

Salt water conversion was discussed briefly. Bill Thomas announced that he had arranged for the technical operations manager from the preferred salt water system vendor to visit our pool this Thursday evening, June 10, at 6:30PM so that anyone interested in understanding this option could ask questions of an expert.

Committee Reports:

Tracey Patton reported that the Opening Day party went very well. Of 57 bottles of wine, we had only 3 bottles left over. She asked if everyone would like to have the band back at \$400. Everyone opined that the music was just right, including the genre and sound level, and that we should have them back.

Tracey announced that the owner of Smokehouse has offered to support our two July events (Ice Cream Social and Kid's Movie night) by obtaining any needed license, selling beer and wine, and splitting their profits with BRPA. Bill Davidson suggested that Tracy counter with a request that they restate their split in terms of a percentage of their gross. Tracey will get back to us before proceeding.

Tracey explained that the Annapolis Light House has asked for an accommodation with respect to the use of the pool facility for their September 25, 2021, fundraiser, and that the accommodation requested is to leave out any furniture that we feel comfortable leaving out with the understanding that their staff would put it all away for us the following day. A good deal of discussion ensued around this proposal with Bill Thomas and Jay Green pointing out potential logistical complications with end-of-summer facility wrap up. Tracy was sure that their requested accommodation need not include the chez lounges, which need not be left out. Jay felt there was no urgency to decide on furniture accommodation tonight. After follow-up consultation with Bill Thomas and Cheryl, Tracy will provide additional clarification of her proposed furniture accommodation for the Light House event.

New Business:

Tracey brought up a concern for transparency and consistency around the manner in which folks are signing up for poolside parties. She noted that the 20-person total for a poolside party is supposed to include both BRPA members and guests. A lively discussion ensued. There was discussion that some folks might list (within their 20) only non-BRPA members with the rationale that the BRPA members could come to the pool anyway. At the same time, it was noted that there is need for the guards to be able to anticipate their need for adding resources and the associated equity issue of covering the cost of induced extra guards. The need to manage crowd size for the enjoyment of all, was noted as an overall objective. It became clear to all that this sticky subject could not be resolved in the moment, and Bill Thomas moved to refer the matter to a committee comprised of Jay Green (chair), Cameron Arterton, Tracey Patton and Cheryl Lytle to "*Review the BRPA Policies for Rentals*", to which Jay offered the amendment "*...and the names of guests that a member can bring in with them.*" Bill Davidson seconded and the amended motion carried.

Key Dates: Pig Roast August 20/2021, this is a fund raiser for the BRPA.

Next Board Meeting will be July 13, 2021 at the Pool.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM