

MINUTES OF THE BRPA BOARD – OCTOBER 12, 2021



In accordance with the bylaws, a meeting of the BRPA Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the pool clubhouse.

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

The meeting was called to order by Jay Green, BRPA President at 7:35 pm.

The board approved the previously distributed minutes of the September 7 board meeting.

Jeremy Hicks from Ace Aquatics attended the meeting to discuss 2021 pool operations. Jay Green noted that he and Jeremy discussed the diving board pedestal and had a conference call with Lucy G. from the County. Jeremy reported that the boards are safe. Lucy said we will need to correct the rust issue prior to the pool opening for the next season. Correcting the rust issue will likely be an annual issue. Jeremy noted that if we were to replace the pedestal in the future, it would also likely be cast iron and would also have rust issues that will need to be managed.

There was an open discussion with Jeremy about the 2021 season. Topics included wages and how best to man the gate. While Jeremy noted that for Ace Aquatics own pools Ace uses community members to man the gate, he stated that Ace can do a better job of manning the gate with its employees than it did this past year. He noted that if Ace is selected as the pool operator for next year, Caroline Nellius will be the supervisor.

Other topics discussed with Jeremy included, accuracy of tracking attendance, timely ending of adult swim and on-time opening. Jeremy asked that we report any service issues quickly and timely, including log detail and photos where appropriate. Following this discussion, Jeremy left the meeting.

Jay Green noted that Cameron Arterton, Ed Ervin, Norm Farley and himself will be presented to the membership at the next meeting for election to next year's board.

Tracy Patton reported we purchased three additional deck tables at the same price as was quoted earlier.

There was nothing new to report on the exploration of a potential conversion of the pool to salt water.

Bill Davidson reported that a visit to Sherwood Forest was scheduled for October 20 at 3pm to look at its clubhouse elevator and understand its use, benefits and issues.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the work Salley Wood has done in preparing the member survey. Bill Thomas will suggest an additional question related to a salt water pool conversion. Bill Thomas also urged that we communicate that it is BRPA doing the survey and that we ensure the results are communicated back to those whose input was requested.

Regarding maintenance, Jay reported a number of shrubs have been removed. Once the vines and ivy are removed, we will look to replace with new trees. It was also reported that one of the gum trees looks unhealthy. Bartlett Tree will look at it and make a recommendation.

Fourteen deck anchors have failed. Jay Green authorized Ace Aquatics to replace them at a cost of \$300. Cheryl Lytle noted that the pool cover has two small holes.

The Turkey Trot is scheduled for November 25. Kelsa Laughlin has agreed to manage it.

Bill Thomas has put together the bid package for the management contract. The request for proposal includes the addition of 16 hours/week for extra labor to accommodate gate personnel. The request will be sent to four or five companies. It is anticipated to be an annual contract with a 1 year option year. The current plan calls for responses to be due November 20.

Bill Thomas provided the financial statements through October 11 and reported that they continue to be strong.

We then discussed next years budget planning. It was discussed that any events would be planned to be financially neutral. Fund raisers would be for donations to a defined cause. The current budget proposal is based on a membership level equal to 90% of 2021 membership.

Cheryl Lytle raised the need for new video cameras as a potential 2022 investment.

Bill Thomas requested that the Directors get back to him with any further thoughts on the 2022 budget and be prepared to discuss potential capital projects at the November meeting.

While acknowledging it was a good cause, Cameron Arterton raised the question of why the pool was hosting large public events like the recent Lighthouse Shelter event. Jay Green noted that it was done as a Covid accommodation to the Lighthouse Shelter in support of a good cause. Further discussion noted that it was loud and disturbed the community and it wasn't even a community event. It was agreed that similar future requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

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

Ed Coleman
Secretary