

MINUTES OF THE BRPA BOARD – AUGUST 9, 2022



In accordance with the bylaws, a meeting of the BRPA Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at the pool clubhouse.

BOARD DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Green, Norm Farley, Cheryl Lytle, Bill Thomas, Cameron Arterton, Bill Davidson and Ed Coleman.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Jay Green at 7:35.

The Board approved the minutes of the July 12, 2022 board meeting.

Bill Thomas reported that that our financial performance (as shown in the previously distributed July financial statements) is good and as expected. He reported that the Luau/Pig Roast netted \$1,190 with 232 tickets being sold.

The Board discussed the money in the BRPA accounts and its current solid financial position. That position results from our charging fair membership fees that allow us to continue to save cash for future upgrades, renovations and potential large cash needs in the future for items like the roof, concrete decking and replacement of the pool surface.

Bill Thomas reported that the old security cameras will be taken down this coming weekend. We should have a proposal for four new cameras shortly. We have budgeted \$7,000 for the new cameras.

Jay reported that we had a couple of deficiencies at the last fire marshal inspection. They have been resolved and the fire marshal has signed off on the inspection.

Ed Ervin joined the meeting.

Jay noted that it was too late in the season to address the aluminum picket issue before season end. Discussion ensued about the idea of using a low, horizontal bar across the pickets to eliminate the bending of the pickets. While we will need to replace the bent pickets regardless, we will assess the idea of adding a horizontal bar.

Jay noted that work maintaining the gardens continues.

A discussion followed noting the success of the Luau/Pig Roast and thoughts on lessons learned from this event. While everyone agreed that it was a success and that it was great that we did not run out of food, thoughts were offered that perhaps we could have made do with somewhat less food and a smaller pig. There was also discussion about the need to do earlier planning for “tag along” elements of the event, like a silent auction, in order to make the event more of a fund raiser. There was also discussion about whether calling the event a “pig roast” is the most effective way to market the event. These should all be elements of our planning for future events.

Cameron reported that the food trucks are doing well, both at the pool and the marina. She noted that it has been more difficult getting food trucks scheduled this year and we should start planning for next year earlier than we did this year. Cheryl and Cameron suggested we conduct a survey on preferences for food trucks while the pool is still open this season.

Bill Davidson suggested we see if any of the food truck operators would be interested in managing the snack shack next season.

Jay noted that upcoming key dates include: the Marlins end of the year party 8/28; NAAC Open Water Swim 9/17 (AM); Pool closure 9/18 (6PM) and the NAAC SEAL Foundation Open Water Swim 4/29/2023. We will receive a donation from the NAAC for the open water swim on 9/17. On the morning of 10/2, the Anne Arundel County Lifeline 100 event will utilize the Pool for a rest stop.

Jay requested volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee charged with developing a slate of proposed directors to be presented to the Board at the September meeting. The Committee will be chaired by Ed Ervin with Cameron Arterton and Ed Coleman also serving on the Committee.

Jay reported that as a result of the later daily schedule of Anne Arundel high schools and the impact on life guard availability, the pool hours from 8/29-9/2 will need to be adjusted to an opening time of 5pm. We are still awaiting word from Ace Aquatics regarding its ability to staff life guards the two weekends following Labor Day.

The Swim-A-Thon is scheduled for 8/21. Concerns were raised about the level of communication and coordination surrounding events using the pool like the Swim-A-Thon. It was agreed that proper procedures should be communicated and enforced for future events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Ed Coleman
Secretary