

BLSC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: JANUARY 20, 2024

TO PROVIDE A STRUCTURE FOR THE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF ALL SWIM CLUB OPERATIONS, TO IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT CURRENT NEEDS AND INSURE LONG-TERM VIABILITY AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE.

MEETING MINUTES

- 10:42AM CALL TO ORDER, JERRY BRIDGE, PRESIDENT
- ESTABLISHED QUORUM %25 / 147 MEMBERS = 44 MEMBERS (ATTENDANCE PLUS PROXY'S)
- WELCOME ALL - BOARD & SWIM CLUB MEMBERS
 - PRESIDENT: JERRY BRIDGE
 - TREASURER: DON DANA
 - SECRETARY: GERRY MERCURE
 - OPERATIONS: KIRK FOWKES
 - OPERATIONS ASSISTANT: IRENE WOO
 - MEMBERSHIP: LINDA GRAHAM
- Motion was made, seconded and minutes from November 18th, 2024, and from January 2023 were approved.

President: Welcome Everyone! Thank you for coming, for your support and membership!

This is a very special meeting – We are going to review and approve our 2024 budget and appoint a new Board of Directors. The Pool -Spa quality is excellent! The New Board Orientation held on 1/19 was very useful. Financially there are still some challenges, and we are working on adding new members, but we are able to pay our bills! Life moves so fast that we do not always take the time to recognize our accomplishments. Today we will say thank you to the retiring Board and welcome the new Board.

• BOARD REPORTS

Operations- Kirk Fowkes and Irene Woo

- Since we secured the new vendor service has been fantastic.
- The SLO County Inspector will inspect the pool and spa in early 2024, next month. We need to follow the checklist.
- In early 2023 gas rates went up 40%. They have come down since then, but we put a device in the spa to turn it off at night and turn it back on in the morning. That has helped to reduce gas costs. We cannot do the same for the pool because it would take too long and too much energy to reheat.
- We put in a new pool cover and reel which helped to reduce gas costs, but the cover was damaged in December. Operations will need to decide on a cover which should cost \$300-\$400,
- In 2024 we will need to drain the pool halfway and refill and drain the spa completely and refill. When the spa is drained, we are scheduled to install a second jet pump.
- 2024 short term priorities as follows:

- Second spa pump to increase pressure and make it more therapeutic.
- Replace the pool cover (County Health requirement)
- Plant a tree to replace the oak tree that was removed (County requirement) (look into possibility that tree could be planted outside the swim club area).
- Long term things to consider as follows:
 - Refurbish the deck.
 - Build deck in area where oak tree was.
 - Shower cover
- We started to set aside reserve funds but had to dip into it. Encourage the new Board to set up a reserve.

Membership Services – Linda Graham

- We have 145 members.
- As of the meeting date seventeen members have not renewed their membership in January.
- We have one prospective new member.
- Suggestion that we should be asking prospective members how they heard about us.

Treasurer- Don Dana

- 2023 revenue - \$76,024
- 2023 expense - \$78064
- Net operating loss - (\$2039)
- Operating Account - \$119
- 2024 budget – Conservative projections of membership; 147 (\$70,927 revenue)
- 2024 expense - \$70,595
- Move expense for second spa pump from Jan to Mar
- Total expense for equipment in 2024 budget - \$9500; we should not need that much because most of the equipment has been replaced in the last two years. What we do not use can be moved to reserves.
- Question; how much for a replacement tree; nothing specific about how size or type of tree.
- There may be a broken lock. The cost for replacement locks is minimal.
- We should set up a reserve expense account based on the life expectancy of the equipment.
- Don Dana recommendation: When the Tournay Hill lease expires in April 2025 the TH Swim Club reserve will be \$20,000. That is not enough money to close the pool but would certainly help with Capex improvements. Negotiate lease extension to have access to the reserves, to improve the infrastructure and offer to pay a higher lease amount.
- Question; any chance at looking at solar panels. Answer: we have looked at it, but we do not have enough space to make it feasible.
- The new Board should investigate changing banks for a better deal.
- Question; is there money available for a grant? We are a 501-C7; not a 501-C3 so it is unlikely.
- **There was a motion to remove Don Dana and Jerry Bridge as signers on the bank account and add Steve Herrera and Martha Pignone as signers to the account. The motion was seconded and approved.**
- **There was a motion to approve the 2024 budget. The motion was seconded and approved.**
- **There was a motion to Elect and seat the 2024 Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and approved.**
- **The 2024 Board of Directors as follows:**

- **President - Steve Herrera 441.6619**
- **Vice President – Allison Welker 458-8788**
- **Secretary - Gayle Turner 541-482-4244**
- **Treasurer - Martha Pignone 619-7053**
- **Director of Membership - Linda Graham 929-2466**
- **Assistant Membership - Darian Hansen**
- **Operations - Samantha Nagler 305-9818 / 936-1004**
- **Ex Officio Website Manager - Becca Kellenberger 614-314-8957**

The 2024 Board of Directors convened and introduced themselves to the members.

The annual membership meeting was adjourned at 12:05.