



BLSC BOARD MEETING: MARCH 23, 2024

*THE INTENTION FOR THE BLACKLAKE SWIM CLUB BOARD MEETINGS:
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

- 10:28 AM CALL TO ORDER, STEVE HERRERA, PRESIDENT
- WELCOME ALL - BOARD & SWIM CLUB MEMBERS
 - PRESIDENT: STEVE HERRERA
 - SECRETARY: GAYLE TURNER
 - TREASURER: MARTHA PIGNONE
 - OPERATIONS: SAMANTHA NAGLER
 - WEBSITE: BECCA KELLENBERGER
 - MEMBERSHIP: LINDA GRAHAM (ABSENT)
- **FIVE BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT RESULTING IN A QUORUM**
- **THERE WERE 7 ATTENDEES PRESENT FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

PRESIDENTS REPORT –

- There were no Minutes to be approved.
- We are moving ahead with planning fundraisers (BLMA, Realtors, pool parties, etc).
- VP Allison Welker sent letter of resignation to Steve Herrera. Will begin the process to fill this position.
- Becca Kellenberger was elected in January as an official Board member.

BOARD REPORTS

Vice President – Currently Vacant

- **Newsletter** - Gayle mentioned that Allison had great, high-energy ideas, one of which was an uplifting newsletter to send out to the membership after Board meetings, etc. She will forward her template. Gayle will see if she can come up with something.
- **Bingo** – Pool member Sandy W. said that she, Darian, and Irene planned last year’s successful Bingo event and would like to plan one this year in May. They will check into this.
- **Pool Parties** – In development. Jerry Bridge’s band is available.
- **Discussion** – Possibility of renting the pool for parties? Insurance issues would prevent this.

Secretary – Gayle Turner

- **Minutes** – Board meeting DRAFT minutes will be posted on the website and on the pool bulletin board, to allow for full transparency.
- **Pool Packets** – Gayle found examples from 2018-2021. Will discuss with Board to bring them back for all members (included forms, pool rules, waiver, volunteer form, proxy form, etc.)

Membership Services – Linda Graham (Absent)

- **Current Member Count** – We have a total of 136 members, including five members who are due to renew in March. Two of those have promised to renew.

Treasurer – Martha Pignone

- **Budget** – The actual Revenues and Expenditures sheet was handed out to all present. The first three months of 2024 are under control.
 - Underspent by \$3,270, but membership goals were under by \$4,363.
 - Ten members are due to renew in April.
 - We are short by two memberships, which causes a cash-flow shortage.
- **Tourney Hill Meeting** – Steve, Linda, & Martha met with Tourney Hill President, Gerry Mercure, to discuss cash shortages. He was non-committal regarding the reserve fund (amount unknown).
 - Gerry Mercure seemed open to reducing the monthly rent from \$100 to \$1. Steve still wants to go to BLMA for financial support, as well as realtors. The pool is an asset for the Blacklake community, just like the golf course, and needs to be preserved. It is hoped that all HOAs can contribute to build a reserve account.
 - Dave Stout will be the BLSC Tourney Hill liaison, as a non-voting member of the Board.

Operations – Samantha Nagler

- **Pool Closure** – The pool will be closed from April 8 – 14 in order to be drained.
- **Palm Tree** – Past SLO County inspection required the oak tree to be replaced.
 - Jerry Bridge's past offer of a palm tree is no longer available.
 - Costco has 8'-10' palms on sale now for \$39. Samantha will pick one up to be planted at the next work party. Jerry Bridge will help.

Motion: Samantha moved to purchase a palm tree for \$39 plus tax at Costco. Gayle seconded. Vote: 4 in favor / 1 abstained (Becca). The motion passed.

- **Lemon tree** – The water aerobics classes would like a lemon tree and possibly a bench in memoriam for those members who have passed on. Might be paid for with a fundraiser. To be planted behind the spa? Tabled.
- **Work Party** – Jerry will work with Samantha to set this up for April 13th from 10 AM to 1 PM when pool is closed. Samantha will make a list of projects (weeding, cobwebs, planting, etc).
- **JC Cleaning Service** – Samantha has been cleaning the restrooms since JC Cleaning quit around March 1. This saved has saved the pool \$385 in March.
- **Maria's Cleaning Service** – Samantha interviewed and hired Maria to start on April 1, with a bid of \$400/month. Another party is interested (Marcos). Will see how Maria works out. A list of the work schedule is in process.
- **Shower** – Samantha will paint the shower after the rains stop – hopefully while the pool is closed during the second week in April.
- **Powders** – Use in the restrooms and shower area are prohibited due to the mess. Samantha will put up a sign saying all body powders are prohibited. Hard to police. Call Sam, if you see it.
- **Spa** – Seems to be overfilled. Let members who fill it know not to overfill. Heater is on a timer that turns down the temperature at night. Temperature of 104° is too hot. Request to drop 2°.
- **Spa Bars** – Wobble. Samantha will ask Clarence to fix this.
- **Spa Cover** – Cover helps. Should be covered nightly, bubbles DOWN.
- **Pool Cover** – Clarence said it is not that effective and not needed. Can be addressed when SLO County does the next inspection.
- **Pool** – Temperature has been maintained at 82°.

Website – Becca Kellenberger

- **Membership** – Becca restated that the pool NEEDS new members. We need to let people know about the pool. Tell them to check out the website. Raising fees the last time lost us 40 members.
 - **Flyers** – Colored flyers have been recreated to go in new Blacklake homeowners' welcome bags. Should be sent to everyone in Blacklake, to physical therapists, etc.
- **Website Template** – Gwynn created an amazing website, but she has moved out of state, and it is difficult to update. We need web-savvy people as back-ups for Becca. If something happens to Becca, nobody can update it.
- **Updating** – Becca has been meeting weekly with Gwynn on Skype to work on the updates.
 - **Rules** – Currently being updated. Needs to add: NO chewing tobacco, gum, powder.
 - **Guest Policy** – members can bring someone once in a while. Bring friends and neighbors to introduce them to the pool in hopes they become members. Don't abuse the policy.
- **Online Payments** – If paying online by credit card, Stripe takes 22.9% (~\$15 for \$500 credit charge). To avoid fee, pay by check. Mail to BLSC PO Box or drop off at Blacklake Community room. This process is complicated to change. Need a computer savvy volunteer to help who is familiar with WordPress.
- **Reservations** – Only one person is using reservations, so are they needed? Not monitored. It started because of COVID in 2020.
 - **Discussion** – Not needed except from Memorial Day through Labor Day. All week, or just weekends? Difficult to manage, but there is no recourse if a system is not in place.

Motion: Gayle moved that reservations must be made on the weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Martha seconded. Vote: 4 in favor / 1 no (Samantha). The motion passed.

- **Pool Numbers** – The pool sign says 18 maximum in the pool and 6 in the spa. Can't regulate pool area. Keep as-is.
- **Water Aerobics** – Numbers to be limited to 12 maximum in each class.
- **Pool Parties** – Not allowed. This is mentioned in the new member letter, but should be added to the pool rules. Discussion on pool rentals for parties, but would interfere with other members, require extra cleaning, security, and insurance. Not at this time.

Motion: Martha moved that pool parties are not allowed. Samantha seconded. Vote: 5 in favor. The motion passed.

- All rules can be modified and are subject to change. If changed, members will be notified.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:38 AM

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 AT 10:30 AM IN THE BLACKLAKE COMMUNITY ROOM.

[THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED THEN]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY GAYLE R TURNER, BLSC SECRETARY