

**BLACKLAKE SWIM CLUB**

**BLSC Board Meeting: SEPTEMBER 21, 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**

* **Call to Order** - 10:31 am, Steve Herrera, President
* **Established Quorum**: Steve Herrera (left early), Gayle Turner, Martha Pignone, Linda Graham, Becca Kellenberger, Samantha Nagler
* **Members:** Two were present from the general membership (Dave Weitzel, Gerry Mercure)

**President’s Report –**

* **Minutes**: Discussion on July 20 minutes. Change: Membership: Total membership 109, not counting renewals, 158 does count renewals.
	+ **MOTION:** Approve minutes of the July 20, 2024 Board meeting as revised. Approved (Becca/Sam). Approved.
* **Pool Status** – Good. In compliance. Will address issues as they come up.
	+ **Inspection**: Anticipating SLO Co inspection in October (Steve unavailable w/surgery Oct. 1+).
		- Have not received a bill for $850 from Co Health Dept.
	+ **Chemistry**? Can’t put down value outside of range unless you say what you have done to correct it. If outside range, call Steve & close pool or spa.
	+ **Deterioration** of decking and spa. Add caulking.
	+ **Emergency button** shuts off the entire spa. Silver button is just for the jets.
* **Tourney Hill Lease**: Borrow by board approval, per Gerry Mercure.
	+ Need to find out how much $ is in reserve. Gerry will look at records. Main purpose is to close down pool. Can get numbers.
		- Doesn’t know the original seed money. 3 years ago = $13,000 before $7,000 was loaned. Doesn’t know why it was less than $20,000. Original monies were possibly more than $20,000. Unclear.
* **Board Updates:** Steve appointed Becca Kellenberger as the interim VP, per the Bylaws. She was approved by Board members as the new VP (New job description - Website, Communications, Volunteers).
* **Changes for 2025**: Becca will be leaving as well as Linda.
* Becca will call Sara Peet if she’s interested in VP. Sam can meet her down there.
* Darian Hansen will replace Linda.
* **Steve turned the meeting over to Becca**, as he needed to leave

**Board Reports**

**Vice President –** Becca

* **New Website:** Need outside company to create and maintain the website. Got bids from 5 companies. Received quotes from 4 of 5. Waiting for last bid – likes their work. Bids range from Jacoby @ $845 to create new to $1,170+. Maintenance is separate from creation. Becca is checking with bidders. Old website is current but unsustainable – many inconsistencies.
	+ - Will get more specific quotes w/online payments & ability to submit forms online.
		- Hoping to have bids resolved by November 8 (Domain name is up then).
* **Current Website:** Website is up to date.Becca can train on old site, but other things are problematic. Professionals know what to do. Needs to be outside the Board.
	+ - Many people send requests from membership on website.
		- Can’t take online payments any more after updates. Troubleshooting, but still not resolved. Could use PayPal, but someone would need to maintain it.
		- Linda says checks are working fine. New members must pick up key at community room, so it is easy to drop off a check. Some members only do things electronically or with credit cards.
		- Now we have individual accounts that don’t work. No way of knowing how many people visit our website. Maybe new site would tell.
		- Sam needs to send a photo for website ‘Meet the Board.’
* **Transfer of Pool Membership**: If member sells their home, they can transfer membership for a $50 fee to BLSC. Transaction is independent of Escrow. Becca created a new form.
* **Fundraisers/Advertising**: Need new people / committee.
* **New members**: Need to investigate website or ask Linda for tour, etc.
* **Email responses**: Board members called those who hadn’t responded to the July test. 34% didn’t respond. Members need to add BLSC with our e/m address to receive e/m’s. Now just use gmail account. Becca is updating. Board members are still getting pfishing emails. Samantha says she has a free solution. DuckDuckGo.com search engine filters out scams. Becca will check into it.
	+ Gerry said we are doing a good job of communicating.

**Secretary –** Gayle Turner

* **Minutes:** On website only. Members don’t have to log in.
* **Poolside Chat** - Gayle will send Draft to Board to proof, and then to Becca to blast out to members. Add reminder section. Becca will send autobiography & pix.
* **Chemicals Schedule**: Sun: MP, M/F: Clarence, Tue: BK (or Irene), W: Steve, Th: Sam/Irene, Sat: GT.
	+ Will have to cover Steve in October when he has surgery.

**Membership** – Linda Graham

* **Current Member Count** – We have a total of 163 paid members. There is only one September non-renewal, but she will send 2nd reminder. Five new members in September (families/singles). Nine members in Oct/Nov are up for renewal. None in Dec.
	+ Just received another interested party yesterday.
	+ Trilogy is closing for 2 months. Make 2-month memberships available for $100/month? To discuss.
		- Opportunity for extra revenue. Advertise at Trilogy when closed? Need more info. Noel can share, or Martha will ask folks in Trilogy
* **New member queries**: Linda receives a lot online. Some join, some don’t. Has list of those who show interest. She always emails when she gets a notice of interest. She goes back and calls them, too.
	+ We collect fees by cash or check and hand out fobs at BL Community Room.
* **Unify (Fobs)**: Darian needs to be invited into Unify. Linda will ask Gwynn.

**Treasurer –** Martha Pignone

* Thirteen 2024 memberships were paid early in 12/2023, those memberships and revenue are not included in the 2024 actuals.
* Budgeting 5 total to renew by end of 2024. No major expenditures expected. We are doing well.
* $3,000 is available to use (since we were fortunate and did not have any major pool repairs). $350 in Repairs spent. Part will be spent on a new website and the pool. $3,000 is available to use. Part will be spent on a new website and the pool. $350 in Repairs spent.
* Jacoby hasn’t billed us this year. If he takes on new website, he will discount what he has done.
* Valve replacement: $650. Needs another bid, or just use the wrench.

**Operations –** Samantha Nagler

* **Cleaning:** Maria Pille has been taking garbage away & not being compensated.
	+ Is it worth $50/month to compensate her? If so, her $400 fee will change to $450. She has been putting the garbage in her house bins.
	+ If we used waste management, it would cost $54 every 2 months Need to check out cost from garbage company to see if they would do it and for how much, plus recycling.
	+ Tabled until more info is gathered.
* **Deck**: Pat Dalton’s wife (non-member?) said she could hose down the deck in the evenings if we wanted her to. Sam will call her .
* **Work Party**: Sam needs to talk to Jerry Bridge about setting up another work date. Rick (?) can repair pergola. Jerry Bridge knows him. Sam wants to find a date when Board is available. Will contact Jerry.
* **Pergola**: may change to tarp & remove wood cross bars which have dry rot.
* **Paper Towel Dispenser:** in Men’s restroom is not working. Needs to find a new one.
* **Soap dispenser**: in Women’s restroom is also broken. Will check out Janitorial place or Habitat for Humanity and email the Board with options.

**New Business:**

* **Discounted Membership for Board**: Becca proposes that Board members get discounted membership starting in 2025. The Board spends way too much volunteer time. Suggests discount of at least 50%. The Board will bring it up at the next work meeting. Discounts may help to get volunteers.
* **Nominating committee**: Bylaws say 3 committee members should be in place by September 1. Becca will check on a replacement for VP. Need two others. Ask ladies in water aerobics?

**Questions**:

* If chemicals are off, do we fix them? Yes, add chemicals to balance, or call Steve and close the pool.

**Announcement**: Next meeting date – November 16 at 10:30 AM

**Meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM**

Respectfully submitted by Gayle R. Turner, BLSC Secretary

The next Board meeting is **Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 10:30 AM** in the Blacklake Community Room.