

**Bel Pre Recreational Association (BPRA) Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting of July 21, 2020**

1) Call to Order and review of teleconference guidelines

President Purdy called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. The meeting was held by teleconference, with the teleconference participation guidelines in place.

2) Roll Call

Secretary Swan called the roll. Board members present were President Karen Purdy, Vice President Mark Foraker, Treasurer Dave Pullen, Secretary Chris Swan, Ted Bechtol, Steve Jennison, and Billy Ruppert. Board members Greg Miller and Larry Vaught were not present. BPRA members Elliot Chabot (Governing Documents Committee Chair), Jackie Fary-Moeller (Pet Waste Station Coordinator), and Joe Moeller (Pool Property Helpers Coordinator) were present. There was a quorum. Secretary Swan took the minutes.

3) Approval of the Agenda

Jennison moved that the agenda for the meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and approved, with Bechtol, Foraker, Jennison, Pullen, Purdy, Ruppert, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

4) Statements by Association Members

BPRA members were invited to speak on any items. No statements from association members were made.

5) Approval of minutes

Purdy presented the minutes of the June 16, 23, and 30 Board meetings. Swan moved that the Board approve the minutes of the three meetings. The motion was seconded and approved, with Bechtol, Foraker, Jennison, Pullen, Purdy, Ruppert, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

6) Pool use request – BSA Troop 763

Fary-Moeller reported that, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, several members of the BSA Troop 763 (the scout troop sponsored by the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association) are not able to attend summer camp. Fary-Moeller requested that several lanes at the pool be reserved once a week (4:30 on either Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays) – with a back-up date in case of thunderstorms – for merit badge completion and work on lifesaving skills to be supervised by her and the troop's merit Badge Coordinator. The reservation would be for 3 to 5 weeks, with sessions expected to last 45 minutes. Swan moved that the Board approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved, with Bechtol, Foraker, Jennison, Pullen, Purdy, Ruppert, and Swan in favor, and none opposed. Purdy indicated that she would notify the Pool manager.

7) COVID-19 Issues

a. Revised concert dates

Entertainment and Recreation Committee Chair Swan reported that the July 25 concert with the Breakaways (featuring Elizabeth and Phil Kominski) has been cancelled and has tentatively been

rescheduled for Friday, September 4. The concert with the Motor Driven Band (featuring Paul Stagnitto) has been moved to August 29, from 6 to 8 pm. Drive-in movie nights are still scheduled for August 1 and September 5. Pullen moved that the new dates for the 2 music concerts be approved. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved, with Bechtol, Foraker, Jennison, Pullen, Purdy, Ruppert, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

b. Pool rules – amend to allow noodles

Purdy reported that the Pool Manager has asked for a clarification on what toys are permitted in the pool, since the rules adopted June 16 prohibit pool noodles, but appear to permit other toys. The Board discussed the matter. At the end of the discussion, Foraker moved that the provision stating “No noodles are allowed at the pool this summer from home” be deleted from the 2020 rules and that pool noodles be permitted this summer. The motion was seconded and approved, with Bechtol, Foraker, Jennison, Pullen, Purdy, Ruppert, and Swan in favor, and none opposed. Purdy indicated that she would update rules for posting on the website and at the pool.

c. No-show policy

Purdy reported that one family has been a no-show three times and several other families have been no-shows twice. Current practice has been to remind members when they make a reservation that they should contact the pool if they are not going to be using their reservation. After discussion by the Board, Foraker moved that the following no-show policy be adopted for the 2020 season:

- You may arrive up to 15 minutes prior to your reservation time to sign in and move to your designated pod.
- If you do not arrive by 5 minutes after your reserved time, your swim area will be assigned to someone else, if there are people waiting to swim.
- There is no penalty for leaving early.
- If you are unable to use your reservation, please cancel at least 15 minutes before your reservation time.
- Any household that does not cancel a reservation and does not use the reserved timeslot will be considered a “no show”.
- Households will not be permitted to make an advance reservation for pool use, for seven calendar days following the third missed reservation (“no show”). Pool use is still permitted, but reservations cannot be made prior to the day of pool use.

The motion was seconded and approved, with Bechtol, Foraker, Jennison, Pullen, Purdy, Ruppert, and Swan in favor, and none opposed. Purdy indicated that she would post the policy on the listserv, provide it to Ruppert to update the website, and send it to the lifeguards.

d. Grounds use policy

Purdy presented a proposal to allow for non-water related use of the pool grounds. The Board discussed the proposal extensively. Foraker moved that the following grounds use policy be adopted for the 2020 season:

The BPRA Board continues to explore ways to open use of the pool grounds in a manner that complies with all health and safety guidelines. Once the snack bar opens for the season*, members’ households will be permitted to enter the pool grounds to purchase and consume food

from the snack bar. Gatherings are still not permitted and social distancing must be maintained. The following are the rules / guidelines for use of the recreational space on the pool grounds.

- All members must check in and check out when entering or exiting the pool grounds and let the guard at the desk know that they are entering to purchase food from the snack bar. Please let the guard at the front desk know if you plan to order as “take out,” or stay to eat on the pool grounds.
- Maintain Social Distancing: Keep at least six feet of distance between you and people who are not members of your household.
- Wear a face covering when moving around the grounds.
- Please bring your own chairs, or a blanket / towel etc.
- Please select a space that provides sufficient distance between you (and your household) and other members (and their households). Food is not allowed on the pool deck.
- Take all trash, food, and belongings with you when you leave your spot.
- If the capacity of the pool grounds is reached, priority will be given to those using the pool.
- There are no reservations needed to purchase and consume food from the snack bar.
- The pavilion, volleyball court, and play structures will remain closed.

*The snack bar will open in the near future. Please see strathmorebelpre.org for updates. Members will be permitted to access the snack bar for “take out” or to purchase and consume snack bar food on the grounds.

The motion was seconded and approved, with Bechtol, Foraker, Jennison, Pullen, Purdy, Ruppert, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

e. Snack Bar

Jennison reported that Rod Oo hopes to open the snack bar by the August 1 drive-in movie night.

Purdy reported that Rod Oo and his staff have been cleaning up and painting the snack bar. He hopes to have a County inspection within the week, so they can start operations. Jennison reported that he has asked Oo to provide a short description of the plans, including days and hours the snack bar will be open and what the menu will be. Purdy indicated that the current plan is to allow food to be eaten (with social distancing) on the grass, but that the picnic tables are not to be made available at this time.

f. Other

Purdy reported that the cell phone purchased for pool reservations is down to 95 minutes (from the original 1,350 minutes). Purdy moved to authorize \$80 plus tax to purchase additional minutes for the phone. The motion was seconded and approved, with Bechtol, Foraker, Jennison, Pullen, Purdy, Ruppert, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

8) Other Business

Grounds and Landscaping Coordinator Bechtol reported that a tree on the pool property fell on to Bethpage Lane today. The tree had not shown any outward evidence of a problem. Bechtol and the contractor that the BPRA has used for the last 5 years (J.C. Tree) plan to promptly review the trees on the property, with a special emphasis on the trees that are near the Stultz property, and provide an

estimate of any costs to remove trees. Bechtol has identified several trees that he will be recommending for removal.

Swan reported that she had received a request for a Disney sing-along for the end of July. It was the consensus of the Board that the sing-along would not be consistent with the current COVID-19 rules.

The Board discussed the possibility of extending the 2020 pool season. The Association has a \$9,000 credit with Georgetown Aquatics because of the delay in opening the pool. Decision was deferred to a future meeting pending survey of the community and determination of costs associated with extending the season.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm. Purdy announced that unless a July 28 special Board meeting is needed, the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, at 7:30 pm, by teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

-- Chris Swan, Secretary