

**Bel Pre Recreational Association (BPRA) Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting of June 8, 2021**

**1) Call to Order and review of teleconference guidelines**

President Purdy called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. 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, Steve Jennison, Phil Kominski, Claire Pak, and Maria (Cookie) Stagnitto. Board member Ted Bechtol was absent. BPRA members Elliot Chabot (Governing Documents Committee Chair), Rachel Kominski (Georgetown Aquatics) and Joe Moeller (Pool Property Helpers Coordinator) were also present. (Ms. Kominski arrived just before item 10A, below). There was a quorum. Secretary Swan took the minutes.

**3) Approval of Agenda**

Purdy presented the proposed agenda for the meeting. Pak moved that the agenda for the meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and approved, with Foraker, Jenison, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, 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 May 5 and 15, 2021 Board meetings. Foraker and Pullen asked that the May 15 minutes indicate that they left about 11:05 am, after the consideration of the Swim Team requests. Jennison moved that the minutes of the 2 meetings be adopted, with the amendments requested by Foraker and Pullen. The motion was seconded and approved, with Foraker, Jennison, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

**6) Pool Entry/Gateway/Software System – eSoft Planner**

Purdy reported that use of eSoft Planner has been going o.k., though there has been a learning curve involved. The Georgetown Aquatics staff has been adapting well and homeowners have been figuring out how to use it. There have been a few bumps in the road. Next year should be smoother. Purdy has been serving as the help desk and received a round of applause for her efforts.

**7) Georgetown Aquatics Updates**

In the absence of a representative of Georgetown Aquatics, Purdy deferred the Georgetown Aquatics updates until later in the meeting. (See item 10A, below)

**8) Physical Facilities**

Pool Property Helpers Coordinator Moeller reported that he is working on coordinating roofing materials warranty work with the roofing company. Fans need to be replaced in both pump rooms. Additional batteries should be purchased for the leaf blowers because they are being used to clear the cicadas. Purdy reported that one of the women's showers is not working. Stagnitto reported that the clock on the lifeguard chair used for the lap lanes has not been returned.

**9) Snack Bar**

Jenison reported that Rod Oo has informed him that he is waiting for an inspection by the County Health Department before opening the snack bar. Oo would like to do the ordering for food through the Pizza Stop (in Plaza Del Mercado) that Oo owns. Jenison has again requested that Oo provide a business plan or a letter of committal. It was the consensus of the Board that June 14 be the deadline for receiving the plan or letter.

**10) Summer 2021 Pool operating rules and procedures**

Purdy reported that the County and State COVID-19 directives are still currently calling for social distancing. Masks are recommended for non-vaccinated individuals indoors.

**Face coverings** – The Board had a spirited discussion about whether (and under what circumstances) face coverings should be required on the pool property. Swan moved that masks be required (regardless of vaccination status) when entering or leaving the fenced-in area, in the restrooms, and in and around the pirate ship. Social distancing would be required throughout the property. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved with Foraker, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and Jennison opposed.

**Guests** – The Board discussed whether to permit guests in the fenced-in area, and if so, how many. Pak moved that households be permitted to have 5 guests at a time, provided that each guest sign a COVID waiver and provide contact tracing information. The guest fee rules in the Recreational Facilities Policy would apply. The motion was seconded and approved with Foraker, Jennison, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

**Guest Fees** – Purdy proposed that the weekend and weekday guest fees be set at the same amount. The Board discussed several alternatives. Stagnitto moved that the guest fee rate be set at \$4 per guest. The motion was seconded and approved with Foraker, Jennison, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

With the arrival of R. Kominski, Purdy deferred further discussion about the Summer 2021 pool operating rules and procedures to later in the meeting. (See item 10B, below)

**10A) Georgetown Aquatics Updates (resumed)**

Purdy briefed R. Kominski on the Board's decisions concerning changes in the Summer 2021 pool operating rules and procedures. The rules are to apply to members, guests, and Georgetown

Aquatics staff. R. Kominski reported that things have been going pretty well so far. Staff is fine with continuing to use the Plexiglas divider at the sign-in desk.

**10B) Summer 2021 Pool operating rules and procedures (resumed)**

The Board resumed its discussion of the 2021 pool rules.

**Parents/Grandparents** – Swan moved that § 210 of the Recreational Facilities Policy be amended to add parents and grandparents to the list of relatives of members who are exempt from guest fees. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved with Foraker, Jennison, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

**Members bringing other member’s children** – Foraker moved that members be permitted to bring other member’s children to the pool. The motion was seconded and approved with Foraker, Jennison, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

**Unaccompanied children** – Pak proposed that the age for unaccompanied children be lowered to 10. The Board discussed at length the ages of 8 versus 10 versus 12. No action was taken. It was the consensus of the Board to revisit this issue at the July 6 Board meeting.

**Pull up bars** – Pak moved that the pull-up bars be open for use. The motion was seconded, discussed briefly, and approved with Foraker, Jennison, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed. Jennison left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

**Pavilion use** – The Board discussed expanding the availability of the pavilion. No action was taken. It was the consensus of the Board to revisit this issue at the July 6 Board meeting.

**Effective date** – The Board discussed when the just adopted changes to the Summer 2021 rules should take effect. Pak moved that the changes to the Summer 2021 Pool operating rules and procedures adopted at the June 8 Board meeting will take effect on Saturday, June 12 at noon. The motion was seconded and approved with Foraker, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed. The rules will be published on the Strathmore Bel Pre website and at the pool on Friday, June 11.

**11) Swim Team facility use requests**

**a. Permission to host visiting teams**

Pak reported that the Swim Team would like to host a maximum of 4 meets this summer (3 “A” meets and the divisionals) on Saturday mornings as in prior years. The meets would comply with the standards set out in the “Prince-Mont Swim League Supplemental Meet Document/Information”. Each meet expects to have up to 70 visiting team swimmers plus 1 parent per visiting team family, plus coaches, for a total of approximately 150 visitors. All of the teams would be from either Maryland or the District of Columbia. The Board discussed the safety protocols. Pullen moved to approve the Swim Team’s proposal. The motion was seconded and

approved with Foraker, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, and Stagnitto in favor, and Swan opposed.

**b. Afternoon practice**

Pak reported that the Swim Team would like to use 5 lanes (no wings) from 4:30 to 6:30 on Mondays thru Thursdays, as has been authorized in prior years. Foraker moved to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved with Foraker, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

**c. Wednesday evening B meets**

Pak reported that no teams have been found so far for “B” meets. If the Swim Team does find teams that would be willing to compete in “B” meets at Strathmore Bel Pre, the Swim Team would like to hold up to 3 “B” meets on Wednesdays in July, with the pool closed to the general membership starting at 5:00 p.m., as in prior years. The Board discussed the proposal. Pullen moved to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved with Foraker, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

**d. Other events (pasta parties, Dolphin Dance, banquet)**

Pak reported that the Swim Team would like to use the pavilion and the pool grounds for the pasta parties and the Dolphin Dance. The Board discussed the requests. Stagnitto moved that the pasta parties be allowed on the grounds and at the edges of the pavilion as long as social distancing and any COVID protocols in place at the time were observed. The motion was seconded and approved with Foraker, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

Foraker moved that the Swim Team Banquet be permitted, using the same rules as the pasta parties. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved with Foraker, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Purdy, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed.

The Dolphin Dance tentatively is planned for July 24, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Purdy noted that reservations are currently not permitted for the pavilion. No action was taken. It was the consensus of the Board to revisit this issue at the July 6 Board meeting.

**12) Budget & Finance**

**a. Monthly financial statements**

Treasurer Pullen reported that copies of the monthly financial statements were distributed to Board members before the meeting.

**b. Delinquent Accounts**

Deferred to the July 6 meeting.

**c. Assessment Assistance Committee**

Deferred to the July 6 meeting.

**d. Financial Audits**

Audit Coordinator Foraker reported that work was progressing on the audits.

**e. Other items**

None.

**13) Committee Reports**

**a. Questions about reports**

No Board members had general comments or questions about the reports.

**b. Entertainment & Recreation – Shred event parking lot use Saturday, 9/25**

Deferred to the July 6 meeting.

**c. Tennis/Pickleball – approval of sign wording**

Tennis Courts Committee Chair Pullen reported on the progress in setting the wording for the tennis/pickleball courts sign. It was the consensus of the Board that Pullen be authorized to select the final wording.

**d. Plan of Organization**

Deferred to the July 6 meeting.

**14) Other Business**

Purdy requested that she be reimbursed \$159.09 for photocopies and office supplies for the pool. Pak moved that the reimbursement be authorized. The motion was seconded, discussed, and approved with Foraker, P. Kominski, Pak, Pullen, Stagnitto, and Swan in favor, and none opposed. Purdy abstained.

The Board briefly discussed whether the July 6 meeting should be held in person at the pool or held by teleconference. It was the consensus of the Board that the meeting be held by teleconference.

Stagnitto announced that all of the books in the Book Exchange (at the entrance to the pool) have been replaced, including kids books.

**15) Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., by teleconference. If needed, the Board will meet on Tuesday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., by teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

-- Chris Swan, Secretary