

**Bel Pre Recreational Association
&
Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association**

2016 Annual Meetings

Thursday, November 17th – Bel Pre Elementary School
(13801 Rippling Brook Drive)

6:45 pm – registration starts

7:00 pm – Civic Association

- Report of Activities
- Election of Board Members
- Treasurer's Report

7:30 pm – Recreational Association

- Candidates' statements & election of 3 members to Board of Trustees
 - Information on the Candidates is in the October issue of *The Bugle*.
 - Ballots can be cast only after the candidates have had an opportunity to address the membership
- Candidates:
 - Elliot Chabot
 - Chris Jennison
 - Lou Ann Rector
 - Nick Reyes
 - Megan Virga
- Annual Report & 2017-18 Budget
- Proposed By-Laws amendment
- Annual Assessment remains at \$225



Prior years' budgets, engineering reports on the pool and facilities, current contracts, meeting minutes, and other documents are available at <http://strathmore-belpre.org/bpra-governing-documents/>.



Legal Stuff:

If a quorum (71 households) is not present at the November 17th meeting of the Recreational Association, then the election and bylaws amendment portion of the annual meeting will be adjourned and will reconvene on Thursday, December 8, at 8:00 p.m. at Bel Pre Elementary School.

If there is a quorum at the November 19th meeting, then we are planning to hold a Town Hall meeting on December 8. The Town Hall meeting would be in a question/answer format with (hopefully) a relaxed tone.

So – either way – mark your calendar for **Thursday, December 8, 8:00 pm**. More details will be available at the November 17th Annual Meeting.

For more information, contact BPRA President Elliot Chabot at (301) 871-1113 or echabot@usa.net.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment – Annual Meeting Date

Article XVII, § 2 of the BPRA By-Laws provides that:

The following procedure shall be followed in amending these By-Laws:

- (a) An amendment shall be considered at an Annual Meeting if presented by at least six (6) Trustees or by a petition of one-tenth (1/10) of voting members.
- (b) An amendment shall be carried by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present.
- (c) A proposed amendment may be amended at the Annual Meeting for the purposes of clarifying it or making grammatical changes; it may not be amended so as to affect its substantive nature.
- (d) If adopted, the amendment shall be in force thirty (30) calendar days after adoption.

The Trustees have requested that the General membership consider the following amendment to the By-Laws at the 2017 Annual meeting:

Article VIII, § 1, currently reads:

The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held during **the month of November** at a time and place designated by the Board of Trustees. . . .

Replace this so that it reads:

The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held during **October or November** at a time and place designated by the Board of Trustees. . . .

If the amendment is adopted, it is the intention of the current Board of Trustees to submit 2 alternatives (a date in October and a date in November) each year to the general membership as part of the dues notice that goes out every February - asking the membership which of the 2 dates they would prefer for that year's annual meeting. Contingent on an adequate size room being available for the date that was preferred by a majority of those responding, the Board would then schedule the annual meeting for that date.

Background:

The annual meetings held under the BPRA's original By-Laws adopted by the General Membership (after Levitt and Sons turned over control of the BPRA to the Membership) were held in January of each year. At the January 20, 1979 annual meeting, the membership amended the By-Laws to require the annual meeting be held in November. The tradition of having the meeting on the Thursday before Thanksgiving started in the mid-1980s, about the time that the BPRA and the Civic Association started having their annual meetings on the same night.