

Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority (B.V.R.A.)

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March 23, 2022

Call to Order – 6:31pm

Attendance – absent: Patrick Shandera, Pat Musselman

Approval of Minutes – (Feb. 2023) Motion: Char Gray. Second: Tim Hutchings.

Operations Report – John Rowe

- Becky is Back! Becky Cunfer is returning as summer activities director at the Nature Center. She will work Mid-April thru August.
- The summer program has received only five job applications.
- Luke Stanko hired as pool manager.
- Discussion about pool staffing, staff hours, competitive compensation.
- John is in consultation with professional swim instructor with the aim to improve swimming lessons, teach progressive skills with the aim of instituting structure, increasing interest, and class enrollment.
- John is hoping to have the Gators Swim Team return to use the Community Pool.
- Community Park prep is doing well. Maintenance manager Jack Fisher will be meeting with Creative Landscapes to discuss landscaping. There is no charge for the consultation.

Financial Report – see separate attachment.

- Motion to approve: Tim. Second: Mike Glazer.

Old Business

- Gymnastics and martial arts classes are doing well. John expects to see “High water marks” for enrollment in the fall, 2022. Gymnastics currently has a 20+ waiting list.
- Again, John discussed the problem of finding and attracting qualified coaches. Finding skilled and dedicated coaches is a problem as well as paying a competitive salary. John and Char will study what pay structure is workable.
- Pete Bergonia will research the practical and financial feasibility of installing cooling pads at the ice rink.
- Need for more space was revisited. The former high school choral room is available for \$1,500/month.

- General discussion concerning reviving successful BVRA programs that have disappeared over the years.

New Business

- Char reported that the BVRA has received three Degenstein Foundation grants.
- Gymnastics and martial arts program enhancements grant: \$5,000.
- Community Pool program enhancement grant: \$5,000.
- Ice Rink infrastructure and program grant: \$20,000.
- BVRA will apply for Union County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant.
- BVRA fundraiser mailing to coincide with "Raise The Region" (a regional fundraiser for 501 C 3 non-profits) was a bust.

Executive Session – 7:55pm.

- Discussion of legal issue.

Adjournment – 8:00pm