

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

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Board Minutes

February 1, 2023

Call to Order – 6:30 PM (meeting held a week late because of weather.)

Attendance – Present: John Rowe, Pete Bergonia, Tim Hutchings, Patrick Shandera, Mike Glazer, Char Gray (Via phone). **Absent:** Dana Bernardo, Jordi Comas, Pat Musselman.

Approval of December's Minutes

- **Motion** to approve: Mike G.; **Second:** Char G. Approved, unanimous.

Financial Report – Char Gray

- Receipts from the martial arts program were approximately \$50,000 in 2022. Twice its budget projection.
- It was reported that BVRA is in good financial shape going into 2023.
- **Motion** to accept financial report: Tim H.; **Second:** Patrick S. Approved, unanimous.

Public Participation - Guests (all from East Buffalo Township) included Joe Henkel, Mark Grotzinger, Ben Broschart. Each spoke on the topic of the community need for an indoor ice rink. Beth Confer, Laura Graver. Each spoke on the topic of the community need for an indoor swimming pool.

Operations Report – John Rowe

- A large screen TV has been installed and is operating in the gym. A video, on a 15-minute loop, shows highlight of BVRA's gymnastics classes, BVRA information and all things BVRA. The "TV BVRA" project was completed for \$2,600. \$400 under budget.
- The Gators' Swim Team competitions this summer using the community pool is still undecided. There is a concern about enough room behind the starting blocks. A decision on holding competitions rests on enlarging the start area and the contractor's schedule.
- Discussions on the swimming pool upgrade (sandblasting and painting, etc.) are being held with a few companies. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant money will be used for this project.
- ARPA funds will also be used for resurfacing the community park tennis courts. Since last year's estimate for the project, costs of materials (lower oil prices) have decreased

by \$20,000, to \$45,000 for the project if done now. The contractor will be asked if the work can be done before the season begins.

New Business

- The BVRA board decided that last year's assistant summer adventure camp director Grace Reimer will be promoted to director for this year's camp.
- A discussion was held between the BVRA board and the guests in attendance on the feasibility and financial challenges of constructing an indoor ice arena. It was said that there would be great regional interest by hockey teams, figure skaters, curling teams and the general public for such a facility. This would be a major undertaking with a need for community partners. Discussions will continue.

Adjournment – 7:18 PM

Next Meeting

6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 22.