

**Ladera Recreation District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday May 14th, 2024**

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm at the LRD**

**Board Roll Call:** Bob Felderman, Brian Wall, Calin Thomas, Leslie Anglada, Jen Coleman

**LRD Team:** Jane Worden, Sue Suesser, Sarah Gutierrez

**Public:** Bruce Beron

**Public Discussion**

- No discussion

**Minutes From Prior Meeting Approval**

- Review of April 17th 2024 Regular Meeting Notes as amended
  - Motion to Approve with minor adjustment; Seconded, Approved 4-0

**Finance Review**

- Review of documents
  - Reviewing Budget - Capital expenditures document
    - Document does not cover operating expenses; intent is to cover expenses to be paid for via excess from operating income or other sources (e.g. capital reserves, pool fund)
    - Expected lifespan is considered as part of depreciation
    - New lights are in place, considerably under budget
  - Cash flow document
    - Discussion about where/what document to reflect Sterling loan payment
- Budget vs Actuals
  - Net Operating Income - our budget is to end the year at \$321k
  - Chemicals - relatively low expenses so far this year; will pick up in the summer; also added compound to make it so the chlorine doesn't burn off as much - that has helped
  - In progress on updating hourly swim lesson rate

## Manager's Report

- Membership counts now consistent with last year at this time
  - 139 resident families this year, 140 last year
  - Non-resident families at 120
  - Total revenue exceeds budget for memberships
- Discussion about opening up memberships to the 9 non-resident families on the waitlist
  - Agreement to let in
- Discussion about an annual "Neptune" Day to reflect the "beginning of the season"
- Camp Ladera - Sign ups have increased; last 3 weeks still a bit low
- Dolphins swim team - a bit low but pretty normal signup behavior for this time of year
- Pool backwash issue
  - Fixed this morning, still checking to make sure all ok
  - Exploring extension of warranty
  - Sunday - pool was 4" low; backwash had started, but just kept going.
    - Have to manually turn off pumps
    - The pool needs to be able to auto backwash (what the equipment is intended to do)
    - Valves getting stuck
    - Seems to be good for 15 backwashes and then runs into issues
    - In progress with contractor to resolve
  - To empower lifeguards to take action (knowing signals to identify that there is an issue, knowing what valve to adjust, and then doing it)
- Fitness classes
  - In discussions with a couple studios
  - Marti T to host Yoga classes
- Exploring Water Aerobics
- "Unofficial" masters swim meet in the works
- Late May/June - lots of parties scheduled (graduation, birthdays, etc)
- Staffing discussion
  - Most significant challenge during "off season" is finding lifeguards
  - Key to make sure we are good for coverage during the "summer season" and a defined approach for "who is responsible" when management team is not on site
  - Broader/longer term topic to consider: do we have the appropriate staffing structure in place to run the LRD "as a business" or are adjustments needed?

## Pool Report

- Working through next steps on finalizing permits
- Wading pool has been busy in the afternoons, families/kids loving it
- Donor Wall - progressing, should be here soon!
- Request for last tranche of Prop 60 money (\$37k) has been submitted
- Asphalt - contractor resealed
- In discussions with Tricon on sidewalk

**Sue**

- Likely this will be Sue's last meeting. Appreciation to Sue for all that she has done to get the new pool built. After a 6 week side job became 7 years of working at the LRD - a heartfelt thank you for all that you have done for our community, members, staff, and facility!

**Adjourned at 8:46 pm**

**Next meeting:**

Planned for 7:00 pm on Monday June 10th 2024

Respectfully submitted: Brian Wall