

MINUTES
AQUATICS BOARD
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
City & Borough of Juneau – Zoom Conference

Statement of Philosophy:
Create Community through People, Pools and Effective Swim Programs

- A. **Meeting Convened at 5:05pm** by Chair Muldoon.
- B. **Members Present:** Kristin Bartlett, Don Beard, Scott Griffith, Molly McCormick, Lena Merrell, Tracy Morrison, Tom Rutecki, Pat Watt.
Ex Officio: George Schaaf, Parks & Rec Director
Liaison Absent: Carole Triem – CBJ Assembly
CBJ Staff Present: Kollin Monahan, Aquatics Manager
- C. **Agenda Changes** – None.
- D. **Approval of Minutes** –of the January 6 meeting were approved.
- E. **Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items** - None
- F. **Operations Report – See attachment for details**
- Mr. Monahan reported that attendance has reached back to about half of where it was prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, and is trending upwards. The attached report provides more information about how usage varies by day and age group. Now that the risk has dropped back to Level 1, capacity levels have been raised from 50 patrons to 80 at Dimond Park, and from 30 to 50 at Augustus Brown. A revised mitigation plan, effective March 1, opens the pools to drop-in swimming as well as more than one unrelated person in each lap. Spray features will operate, but not the slides yet due to staffing constraints. Lunch bunch activities will resume and are expanded.
 - Mr. Monahan explained that in order to reduce schedule confusion and complexity, we are moving to a seasonal schedule. This new schedule ensures that swimmers are able to use one or other pool from 5:30am to 8:30pm on weekdays. Pool hours will be constrained by staffing levels.
 - Mr. Griffith noted that GSC has divided its swimmers into 4 teams and has held 2 meets of these teams to partially fill the void left by the inability to have public competitions during the pandemic. Two more meets are planned. These are proving to be great practice, as well as fun and motivating for the swimmers.
 - Mr. Schaaf pointed out that with the 2021 cruise ship season cancelled, the CBJ budget will be tight and all programs will necessarily be under scrutiny. The Assembly's Facility Committee will meet on April 7 to consider the Aquatics capital budget, and their recommendations will be on the agenda of the Assembly's Finance Committee on April 28. Ms. Morrison agreed to draft a letter to the Facility Committee to be approved at the March Board meeting. Board members will spread the word about these meetings so swimmers can voice their support for Aquatics to the Assembly.
- G. **New Business**
- Mr. Monahan noted the pool's instructional program and fitness classes will start up again as soon as all staff have been vaccinated. The public is eager to have these begin. Instruction programs will be private or semi-private at first, again constrained by staffing levels.

- Private instructors have begun to provide lessons in the pools again. This makes it imperative that the Board move forward with finalizing regulations for commercial use of the pools. The draft regulations reviewed in November, 2019, (see attached) will be considered again at the March Board meeting. Mr. Schaaf and Mr. Monahan will ensure that private teachers are notified of this. The Board will also set fees for public and private lessons.

H. **Standing Agenda Items.**

- ***Subcommittee Reports:*** None.

I. **Board Comments**

Ms. McCormick expressed appreciation to Kollin and staff for the skill and good humor with which they have managed the Aquatics program through the pandemic. This appreciation was echoed by Mr. Rutecki and Ms. Morrison who stated that going to the pools felt safe at all times and compliance with mitigation requirements was excellent

J. **Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm.

Meeting Follow-ups:

Mr. Monahan and Mr. Muldoon to notify the community that commercial use regulations will be on the March Board meeting agenda

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, March 30, 5:00pm, Zoom conference.