

NORTH HUMBOLDT RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

September 15, 2014

California Welcome Center, Arcata, California

PRESENT: Jan Ross, Harvey Kelsey, Ron Fritzsche

Staff: Dave Nakamura, Aaron Maple, Edith Harmer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jan Ross called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was passed (Kelsey/Fritzsche) to accept the agenda as amended. The change is to omit the Oath of Office, as the candidate JoAnne Joy is ill and unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was passed (Kelsey/Fritzsche) to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2014, meeting as amended, which includes adding to the name of the Simpkins pool mentioned. It is the "Simpkins Swim Center".

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dave explained the reason for the Board members' comments being listed at the end of the agenda, is that comments and ideas for future attention often come up during the meeting.

It was announced that a generous donation has been received for carpeting around the hot tub and the front of the building. The donation is greatly appreciated.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dave distributed copies of the draft of the financial statements for the end of the year. (Members already received financials dated for August 31, 2014.) Total revenues are close to last year's figures. Passes are down 6%. There was considerable discussion on the status of admissions, comparing daily admissions to pass holders. There will be a future report on electricity usage before and after the sky lights were installed. Also to be considered is how to promote the pass sales better. Lawre will be consulted on how this can be done, for example, possibly with posters and other means.

Operations: Aaron reported that the liner is holding up very well. A recent inspection by the County Environmental Health Department has been done, resulting in a clear report for both the liner and the new stairs in the shallow end. Aaron also noted that some landscaping will be started when the weather changes to the rainy season.

Dave reported on the visit by the Special District Risk Management Association consultant, which had been done by the same team member 10 or 11 years ago. It was noted that previously many recommendations were made and have been completed. At this time, there were only two or three recommendations. One was to post a sign indicating that if a person has had a diarrhea

problem, a two week period must be observed before the person is allowed back into the pool. Aaron will post a sign to this effect, to meet state regulations.

Dave reported on the incident of flooding (during the winter shutdown when the pool was drained) that our responsibility has been covered by our insurance. In the future a discharge permit will be required, where the City of Arcata must be contacted. A city staff member is to monitor the system.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter closure projects: One of the projects being considered is to cover the soundboards on the east and west walls with a nylon fabric, possibly with a scenic design of our choice. Costs were discussed, which could be between \$5,000 and \$20,000, depending on the options selected for either replacing them or covering them. Other concerns for the closure were discussed, including various safety features and improvements.

Ron Fritzsche explained features of two large swimming pools that he visited in central California, where climbing walls have been installed. Staffing requirements were discussed as well as other features that might be helpful to know in our situation. It was noted that some handprints have been painted on the column at the center of the pool's 'island'. This is an activity to raise funds for the climbing ladder. Mary Ruffcorn is supervising this project. Also a rummage sale is to be held Saturday Sept. 20th, with funds going toward the climbing wall.

GENERAL BOARD COMMENTS

Harvey announced that he will be out of the state during the next several months. As Skype worked well for a past meeting, it will be employed again, as he will be available in this way for board meetings during his absence.

It was announced that a new law will be going into effect in California: "For every 30 hours worked, an employee is to receive 1 hour of sick leave."

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was passed (Fritzsche/Kelsey) to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Harmer, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chair

Date