

Symons Recreation Complex Natatorium Board Minutes May 8th, 2023

The Natatorium Board met in person & virtually via Zoom on May 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The following people were in attendance: Melony Walters, Marty Brewer, Grant Worthington, John Cler, Todd Coppernoll and Mark Chambers. Tracy Gobin was also present.

1. Call to Order- Walters called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
2. Proof of Notification- Proof of Notification was met, per Gobin.
3. Change in Board Members – Mark Chambers is a new board member, he replaced former board member Susan Fruit. Dr. Compton is no longer the UWP-Richland representative, still waiting on the new representative to be named.
4. Election of Chairperson – Walters nominated herself. John Cler seconded. *Marty Brewer made a motion to suspend normal voting and keep the same Chairperson and Vice Chairperson as previously: Melony Waters, Chairperson and Chad Cosgrove, Vice Chairperson. John Cler seconded. The motion carried.*
5. Election of Vice Chair – Motion in item 4, above covered this item.
6. Approve Agenda- *Marty Brewer made a motion to approve the agenda. Todd Coppernoll seconded. The motion carried.*
7. Public Comment: Joel Rewald stated that looking at a third party – YMCA has awakened the community. Rewald mentioned that pools are loss leaders, the pool is open 365 days a year. The facility helps with bringing people to the area. Barb Wentz stated that the (SRC) facility is economic development for Richland County & City of Richland Center. The community is fortunate to have this facility here. Gary Gutknecht stated they built a new house in Richland Center because of Symons. Had Symons not been here the thought would be to build elsewhere. This facility is important to his health. Think of the future and the young children. Suzanne Fish stated she is an original member of the facility. The facility is for people with broken down parts, meaning artificial replacements. The facility helps to save people. Linda Gentes stated that when Water Aerobics started she used YMCA information to start Splash for Life, which is very similar to what is going on now. Gentes stated that Hospital Foundation and SRC Foundation has fallen through the gaps and need to be re-looked at. Gobin played a recording of Grace Wang’s voice telling her story of how Symons Recreation Complex has changed her life after she moved to Richland Center. She talked about the variety of classes and how socially she has met new friends due to the activities she participates in at SRC. Wang stated think of Symons Recreation Complex as a Wellness Hub.
8. Creation of an Endowment Fund for SRC Foundation (originally item #13): Joel Rewald stated that the current SRC foundation purchase equipment and raises money. An endowment is a different critter. This is important to help with the future of Symons Recreation Complex. Paul Beck stated that exercise in the swimming pool is positive, nothing negative. It is expensive and to figure out how to stay open we need a dollar amount so we know.

Consent Items:

9. Approve Minutes

10. Approve Bills for May 2023

John Cler made a motion to approve the consent items: Approve minutes from April 10, 2023 meeting & bills for May 2023. Marty Brewer seconded. The motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

11. Budget Overview – Gobin presented the reports for revenue, expenditure, and membership statistics reports. April’s warmer days didn’t help Symons Recreation Complex (SRC). Year to date revenues special events and key fobs have exceeded their current year to date projections. Year to date memberships are \$20,000 below projections. Expenses are all under budget except Education, telephone, heat, workman’s comp and bill line no detail. Balance sheet looks good, however not as good as March of 2023. Memberships are pretty consistent with last month. Total individuals are up by five this month. Attendance in April is down from March, this is

where you can see there were those warmer days in April. The year to date visits are still under 2019, but the gap is closer.

12. Directors Report - Gobin stated the membership drive has been finalized: 36 days to earn prizes June to July for purchasing a year membership. Anniversary week posters & membership drive posters will be hung up around town within the week. SRC is partnering with the ADRC with a 3K walk in May.
13. YMCA Madison Interest – Walters stated that the committee was looking at different revenue streams. Didn't want to leave any stone unturned. LacCrosse YMCA took over the Bigley pool in Viroqua. LaCrosse doesn't have the resources, so passed it along to Madison YMCA. Only way to become a YMCA is to join a current YMCA. YMCA of Madison was very excited and asked additional questions. Gobin and Walters complied information and Walters sent the information on. Walters stated she plans to reach out to get a thumbs up or a thumbs down from the YMCA of Madison.

Action Items:

14. Equipment Purchase: Gobin stated an incline trainer in the exercise room is no longer working and it not able to be fixed. It is the last incline trainer that was purchased in 2012. Would like to replace with a like machine. Quote from Direct Fitness Solutions for \$3,770.00 includes two-year bumper to bumper it is used machine. A brand new machine would be \$8,000.00. Marty Brewer made a motion to purchase the used incline trainer with the 2 year bumper to bumper warranty. John Cler seconded. The motion carried.
15. Maintenance Supervisor Position at Symons Recreation Complex – Gobin stated no action needed.
16. Symons Recreation Complex – land and future land proposal- Gobin stated she will be presenting at the education committee meeting on June 12th and the Public Works meeting on June 15th .
17. Symons Natatorium Board Meeting date & time- possible change: Gobin stated that Tim Gottschall stated 6pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month works for him. City public works meeting is on that Wednesday and is usually done by 5:30pm, rare occasions it does go over. Brewer stated Wednesday nights is when he has Driver's Education behind the wheel with students. No motion.

Closing:

18. Future Agenda Items – Endowment Fund – keep on agenda.
19. Schedule Next Meeting- Monday June 12th, 2023 at 6:00pm in person at the UWP-Richland campus and virtually via Zoom.
20. Adjourn—Melony Walters made a motion to adjourn at 7:21pm. John Cler seconded. The motion carried.