Pine Bluff Pool Board Meeting

Sunday, April 26th 2020, held on Zoom

Members Present: Angela Hammond, Sommer Hansen, Jen Liskey, Sarah Simmons, Troy Thacker, Wendy Sailer, Johnny Shiflett, Misty Shaver, Renee Nestor, Sarah Davis, Susan Arritt

1:06 pm – Zoom Meeting held due to Covid-19 Pandemic

General Board Discussion:

Discussion on opening, possible plans for a framework, review of Spring Break sale results, came in short, projecting 17.9, got about 5.9, thoughts....Sommer sent it in an email, not surprising given the pandemic, health and financial aspects.

Effects are spreading, June 10th is current date forecasted for starting to reopen. Other states are making plans to open earlier. If we don't open at all where does that leave us? What are our fixed costs? 5,000-10,000? What are the ramifications financially? Insurance, electricity, taxes. We do have \$1500 that should be coming in for the water access, he wants to meet when it is over for a discussion.

Will people emotionally be ready/willing to come together at the pool? Will be able to open late? Can we afford to? Would payroll reductions due to late opening and reduced hours be able to counter reduced membership? Would be people be comfortable purchasing concessions? Taking swimming lessons? Parties? What will we do with the 101 people who have paid for memberships? We would lose the credit card fees we have already paid. Could we possible ask for a small amount as a donation? Could it be held until next year? If people keep their sale price it would make the sale prices for next year almost sold out. Could we guarantee the sale price for next year for those who already purchased them? Could they choose an option?

We would also need lead time to hire/train guards, do work at the pool? People have been asking if we will extend the season if we start later. Not even sure when school will open? Should have some sort of answer from school within 3-4 weeks. Are we eligible for any government assistance? Thoughts are no because of our tax designation.

Ashby is in dire straits due to loans and Grottoes sunk money into repairs and has been closed for two years, may not open at all. Gypsy Hill may not open at this time. Can we prorate? Can we provide any time at all? Would we have enough interest? Tentative dates and reduced hours?

Would be the manager be willing to come on board still? We do still have 5-6 interested life guard applicants. Based on what we have taken in what can we even afford to do? Some of them may still want a refund. Will anyone be willing to buy more at this point? We can't open and take a big loss. Budget is already pared down. Some thoughts are school not starting until after Labor Day so we could potentially stay open late but then we may get another spike. A big loss could mean the end of the pool. Some of the 'fixed' expenses would be much less if we were not open, like electricity. It all still depends on the Governor. We don't need to make a choice right now, but stay open to sharing ideas and possible routes. Reconvene every two weeks, or so, so we can respond to any changes, as we do not have enough information right now to make any solid plans, send information to members so they know we are meeting and trying to adjust and make plans, send out a survey to all members, former members, see what people are thinking. Email list is updated, put it out on FB, let members input opinions and also share that we are making contingent plans. Survey with 1-10 answers to gauge range of feelings. Misty and Sommer work on possible budgets.