

**EMPORIA RECREATION COMMISSION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Harding.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Danny Giefer, Ryan Karjala, Jeremy Dorsey (via phone), Mike Helbert and non-voting member Rob Scheib.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Amanda Gutierrez (Assistant Director of Operations), Jennifer Kraus (Assistant Director of Business), Matt Redeker (Assistant Sports Supervisor), Aaron Hammond (Wellness Supervisor), Jennifer Wegener (Aquatics Supervisor), Tagen Trahoone (KVOE) and Stephanie Dreasher (Clerk of the Board).

Mike Helbert moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Ryan Karjala seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Leadership Team Updates**

Aaron Hammond (Wellness Supervisor) reported that the cardio equipment arrived the week before Thanksgiving and it was a very easy process. With the change of the equipment, Pre-Cor has changed their monitors by removing their audio jacks and replacing with an App. There have been a “few bugs”, but members are getting it figured out.

Numbers before Pre-COVID were 10,000/month in the Wellness Center, January 2022 there were 7,500. This is the largest attendance since reopening from COVID.

Emporia State University will be partnering with the Rec. Center and have 18 personal trainer students work with ERC clients for 8 weeks.

Jennifer Wegener (Aquatics Supervisor) reported that the new heater in the indoor pool was installed and working on getting it tweaked for the perfect pool temperature.

Pool numbers from October – January have been the highest since she started tracking numbers. Short staffed in the pool, needing day help. It is hard to staff due to staff being in school.

Worked with staff on ways to continue their vision/mission, the staff would like more community involvement and getting to know members better.

One community event was the Polar Plunge, staff raised \$1,700 and “plunged” into Mouse Lake.

Jennifer Kraus (Assistant Director of Business) has been working on updating policies.

Worked with Shalla Bennett (Marketing Supervisor) on delivering thank you plants to long time Emporia Rec. sponsors.

Jeremy arrived via phone at 5:40pm

**Director’s Items**

The Director reported that the pool heater was delivered and installed in 1 ½ days. Still working on getting the correct settings for the most consistent pool temperature. Still losing water daily, all valves have been replaced. The next step will be running a camera to check sewage line valves.

5A State Basketball will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Game times are more spread out to help flow of crowds.

Danny Giefer left 5:56pm

The Board was presented updates for Section C, Article 5 – Pay Plan. Board will bring recommendations to the next regular board meeting.

The Director gave the quarterly financial update. The Treasurer’s Report matches out the General and EBF Funds, showing cash in accounts. Payroll taxes have gone up, this is due to offering Rec-Xtra again. Looking at an overall 29% increase of revenue for the fiscal year.

**New Business**

No Items

**Old Business**

No Items

**Executive Session**

No Items

Next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Mike Helbert moved to adjourn the meeting and Ryan Karjala seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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Prepared by Stephanie Dreasher, Clerk

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Approved by Ryan Karjala, Secretary