



Betmar Swim Club Membership Meeting

Minutes for December 15, 2025

Board Members Present: Bob Engler, Diane Engler, Deanna Wachsmuth, Jackie Giesler, Wayne Nareau, and Lori Kadwell

Absent: Kim Elder, Kelly Reno

Bob Engler, President, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am in CH2 Annex.

Kim Gooding was recognized for doing an excellent job heading up the Christmas Cookie sale this year. We ended up with 115 plates sold (\$10 each) plus 2 additional donations for a total of \$1170 raised. Kim and her team sold all the donated cookies. A wonderful fundraiser for the pool! Thank you to all the volunteers and to Kim for being our “Cookie Queen!”

It was motioned and seconded that the April 2025 Membership minutes be accepted and approved without reading them. They will be uploaded to the Swim Club page on Betmar.org once approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Officers’ Reports:

Bob stated that the chairs for the large pool are on order. The software issues we had last summer are being addressed. It is partially installed now and everything is working again. We have one problem with one gate. They will fix that.

Treasurer’s Report

Diane Engler, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s report. As of November 30th, our bank accounts (between CDs, Money Market and Checking) total \$352,781.81. Our expenses are going up – the electric bill in particular is going up with Duke Energy - for the pool alone it is over \$2K per month.



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General Expenses:

Membership Sales Tax \$322.85

Utilities and Pool Maintenance: \$6,910.50

Duke Energy (\$1837.44 large pool + \$760.23 small pool) = \$2597.77

Pasco Water \$537.00

Spectrum \$165.00

Pure Bliss Cleaning \$470.80

Collection \$3,140.00

Additional expenses: \$276.74

2 waterproof clocks \$59.90; new bolts and master locks and extra keys for pool gates \$122.86; copy paper, printer ink and fob tags \$93.98.

Grand total for expenses \$7510.09

Income \$5,417.12 – broken out by membership dues, credit card payment reimbursement, and interest in check book.

Turkey Dinner fundraiser net income of \$986.58 with \$493.29 for Swim Club.

Cookie Fundraiser \$1,170.00

Membership Report

Jackie Giesler (Membership) presented her report. We have 1,043 members currently. We have taken in guest donations of \$3,243 year to date. Last year the membership was around 1150, so we are down slightly. A lot of people are just coming down and renewing now so we may reach our goal of 1100.



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Pool Deck Manager Report

Lori Kadwell, Pool Deck Manager gave her report. She thanked everyone who helped decorate for Christmas in her absence. We have guests arriving with babies and toddlers in diapers so we have a donated wading pool with a bucket for use at the large pool so they can enjoy the water too. They cannot be allowed in the pools as we all know.

Pool Equipment Report

Bob stated It appears we have a problem with the small pool repairs that were completed last April. It is not mold. We think it is water getting behind the plaster. Pinch a Penny (the contractor) has looked at it and are supposed to come out again with the subcontractors who did the work.

Wayne Nareau, Pool Equipment Manager, stated that other than that everything is running well. Chemicals are now stable.

Open/Closers

We still have a few open slots for this winter and if anyone can volunteer, please let us know.

A member asked if the volunteers opening the pools could please remember to prop the bathroom doors open as they are difficult for some of us to manipulate. Bob said this has been addressed and if there is any problem in the future to please call him.



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Other Old Business

Large Pool Chairs

They are on order. They should be here on the 25th or 26th of January.

Software Upgrade

The old membership/security software that Jackie uses has not been working properly. We have upgraded to the current application with a monthly cost of \$40 plus an additional \$40 for facial recognition. This will take a picture and match to a name to send alerts when there is an issue with someone fobbing someone else in or two people coming in with one fob or someone using the emergency exit button. Guests will trigger it, but we can see that and potentially double check that they were signed in that day. You may get a phone call if your fob was used just to double check. This should give us a better way to enforce the rules, so everyone pays their fair share. Do not allow someone to come in without using their own fob! This is technically a violation of our rules.

Bob also noted that guests must be from out of town and staying overnight for a short period of time in the member's home. A resident of Betmar or a friend from the local area cannot be admitted as a guest.

Music

If we do it, we have to do it properly. We need to figure out the cost of a system, including a streaming service. Members have spoken both for and against the idea. Once we have an estimate of the costs, we will bring it to the Membership for further discussion and a formal vote.



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New Business and Membership Discussion

Picnic for the Pool

Dates: Jan 10, Feb 7, and March 14 are scheduled in 2026. These are all Saturdays.

Al Knack and Dave Godfrey volunteered to cook with Bob. Board members will all help serve. Someone needs to be at coffee to sell tickets. Bob suggested that someone running for Activities on the Big Board might want to volunteer. Mary Spink volunteered to head up ticket sales for the first one. Sandy Shaw will help her.

Nominating Committee

Cindy Godfrey volunteered to chair the Committee. A member can run for any position whether anyone is in that position or not. Please let us know if you are interested.

2026 Budget and Membership Dues

Bob distributed copies of the budget for review and discussion by the Membership. He outlined some of the additional expenses such as the cleaning people that are not in our current budget.

The new budget is the result of a detailed review of all activity for the last 12 months. Bob talked to Duke Energy and other major vendors to identify any planned increases. He is confident that it will be more accurate the next time through.

We have had membership fees of \$141 for the last two years. We went over everything at the last Board meeting and looked at projected revenue with membership fees of \$150, \$155 and \$160 and voted to increase them to \$155 for next year. This will cover the increased cleaning and the higher electric costs.



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A member asked if there has been any thought to coming up with a family pass option. Bob responded that it could result in such a significant loss of revenue that it would impact the single dues too significantly.

Another member asked about doing more improvements such as a picnic area and picnic tables outside the large pool. Can we get those implemented? Last year we put \$100K in capital improvements in the 2025-2026 budget and we still have \$75,000 left to spend this year. Can we get those improvements done this year and not wait until next year? Of all the clubs in the park, Swim club and the pools are in the best financial shape of all of them. This benefits all of us so let's do more improvements. There was applause from the Membership.

Bob said we need more people involved in executing these projects.

Bob clarified the requirement for getting a reduced rate when a new member (or renter) is joining for the first time. If someone new joins late in the cycle but before the beginning of the new cycle (April 1 each year), they must pay the initiation fee (equivalent to one year's membership fee plus \$20), the one year membership fee, and \$10 per month for each month before the beginning of the new cycle. For example, if a new member (including new renters) joined this January 2026, they would pay \$175 plus \$155 plus \$30 (3 months) and be paid in full through March 31, 2027. Returning owners or renters do not have to pay a new initiation fee if they renew the following year.

This does not mean that an existing member or renter can let their membership lapse at the end of March and then re-join in December or January and only pay the \$10 per month for the rest of the cycle. They still have to pay the full membership fee upon renewal each year on-going. There has been a lot of confusion about this. The reduced monthly rate is also only for those NEW members joining for the first time.

Another important point is that the pools have to be open all year round. The total costs are allocated equally between all members, regardless of usage. Most



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agreed that a social or family membership would not be a good idea as it would reduce revenue significantly. The costs remain the same.

The Board previously voted to increase the Membership fee to \$155.

The Membership motioned, seconded and voted unanimously to ratify the Board's decision to increase the Swim fees from \$141 to \$155 for the April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 annual cycle.

A member motioned that the Board spend up to \$25K to install pavers outside the large pool and put in a nice picnic area. The motion was seconded and the Membership approved unanimously.

Bob wants to set up a Committee to look into it. **Lynette Kirk, Deb Reitchel, James Shaw, Sally Rodriguez, and Tom Frain volunteered to work on it along with Bob Engler.** Deanna volunteered to document the history of the shed project to date, the status of the electricity, why it is located where it is, etc. so they do not have to recreate the wheel.

Bob asked for a motion to approve the Budget as presented. Tom Frain motioned, it was seconded and the Budget was approved unanimously.

A member noted that Swim Club's bylaws need to be updated to accurately reflect the required timing of the annual Budget approval. Bob mentioned a few other areas he wants to see changed in the Bylaws. He will be on the Committee to work on proposing those changes.

A member motioned to adjourn the meeting. There being no other business, the motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.