Bel Pre Recreational Association Board of Directors Minutes of Meeting of 23 January 2012

The Board convened at Bel Pre Elementary School at 7:37 pm. Present were President Ed Frantz, Vice President Karen Potocki, Treasurer Keith Yockelson and Secretary Dan Keating and board members Sue Hoye, Dan Entwisle, Paulette Ladas, Lou Ann Rector, Bob Bowser and Anthony Wormack. Administrative Assistant Brenda Henry was also present. Keating took the minutes.

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the December meeting.

Frantz updated the Board on the case brought by Richard and Brenda Henry against the BPRA and Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC). Frantz said that the CCOC hearing panel found in favor of BPRA on grounds that CCOC did not have subject jurisdiction. That ruling was upheld last year by a Montgomery Circuit Court judge. The Henry's appealed to the State Court of Special Appeals. Frantz said the court issued a ruling this month upholding the CCOC finding in favor of the BPRA. Henry said that the ruling did not mean that the BPRA had won the case, but simply that CCOC did not have jurisdiction. Frantz said that was true. Frantz said that unless the Henrys appear further, the case is over.

The 2012 annual assessment letter was given to Henry for copying and mailing.

In the Treasurer's Report, Yockelson said that there was very little financial activity over the past month. The financial year does not end until the end of February.

He said the CPA letter, which he emailed to the board before the meeting, indicated that the CPA wants the board to switch to accrual accounting from cash accounting. Given the insistence of the CPA, Yockelson said the board probably has to make the change. Frantz said it could be overkill for such a small, seasonal organization whose spending, income and assets are so limited. Yockelson said the CPA is also insisting on an engineering report like the Ponte report done in 2002 for projection of major maintenance expenses of BPRA buildings and facilities over the next several years. The board commissioned a report last year, but it was incomplete and never finished. Yockelson said that over the next month or two the board should seek another firm to do a similar report.

The board discussed new Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for pool access being enforced for 2012. American Pool, one of the failed bidders for the pool management contract, wrote to the board saying that pools will not get permits to open in 2012 without meeting the requirement. Changes in ramps for the wading pool that would required major structural changes may be postponed with proper paperwork, but changes that are not excessively difficult, such as adding a second "lift chair" for the main pool,

will be required, American Pool said. Hoye said she would check with pool operator Clark Baugher of Georgetown Aquatics, and Yockelson said he will be attending some seminars on the new ADA rules. Womack said if a new lift will be required, the board should get working on it right away.

Gordon Klang, a former board member who was in attendance, asked the board members how they intended to deal with childcare organizations that use the pool. Historically, Cosmic Kids and Five Star, are two organizations run by Association members that have used the pool in the past. The board agreed to put discussion of the topic on the agenda for the next meeting and invite the groups to attend the meeting.

Frantz requested that the board go into a closed meeting under state statute Title 11B-111 (4)(i) that says a homeowners meeting may be held in closed session for discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel. As required by 11B-111(5)(ii), a vote was recorded for entering into the closed meeting. The board voted unanimously to enter into the closed meeting. The room was cleared except for the nine board members.

The closed session ended at 8:40 and the meeting of the board was adjourned.