BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Fitness, Aquatics & Spa Committee
DATE:	October 7, 2020 via Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bob Lerner, Chair, David Shifrin, VC, Stephen Blank, Ron Nevins, Terri Cox, Lewis Levin, Martin Klein, Michelle Schneider, Roz Wolpov, Phil Wollruch
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
PARTICIPANTS:	Phil Kupperman, Board Chairman, Charles Wolf , Board Member, Joe Barone, Director of Fitness, Aquatics & Spa
FOR INFORMATION:	The Board of Governors
ISSUED BY:	Bob Lerner
ISSUE DATE:	October 8, 2020
NEXT MEETING:	November 4, 2020

Meeting called to order by B. Lerner.

B. Lerner welcomed all participants and reminded all Committee members that the Club follows all federal (CDC), state and county guidelines first and then the Board makes final decisions on all revised policies and procedures in terms of our handling of the COVID 19 virus.

J. Barone gave an update on the current club policies regarding the virus as we have moved into Phase Three of the re-opening. All members are still required to have their temperatures taken as they enter all indoor facilities, they must sanitize their hands and practice safe social distancing practices. Masks must be worn as members enter all buildings and members can then switch to face shields only in the Fitness Center if they choose to do so. Otherwise, masks must be worn at all times.

J. Barone stated that the Sports Center Locker room areas have now re-opened with the exception of the wet areas and lounges. Safety seals have been placed over all lockers and shower doors to indicate if those areas have been sanitized. This area is also closed down from 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. daily for additional sanitizing and disinfecting. Thus far, there has been minimal traffic in all of these areas. Plans to open the remaining facilities are being evaluated weekly.

J. Barone stated that the pool area has now expanded to 75 pods and two additional water classes have been added to the afternoon schedule. These classes have been well attended.

J. Barone gave an overview of the Spa and Salon monthly specials and added that traffic in these areas has been very slow for the most part.
It was stated that the department overall was down approximately 30% in revenues for what was projected for this past fiscal year. He emphasized that although revenues are very difficult to control, the club has focused on managing expenses throughout all areas.

He stated that we had a Salon employee and Lifeguard that had tested positive for the virus over the past month, but all employees having contact with those individuals had tested negative.

He announced that at this time, it looks like the returning International staff will arrive between November and the early part of January at the earliest. It still remains uncertain if they will be able to arrive at all.

M. Klein asked if management realizes that some members are not wiping down their machines when using the Fitness Center. J. Barone stated that we have requested all members do their job in assisting us with wiping down exercise machines, but unfortunately there are members who ignore this request. He went on to say that staff members are trying their best to go behind every user when something is not wiped down, but it is virtually an impossible task to catch everything. B. Lerner stated that a reminder correspondence will be worked on to send out to the members.

L. Levin asked if the same procedures were being followed in the Golf Locker Rooms in regards to cleaning. J. Barone responded "yes".

M. Schneider stated that everyone needs to be reminded that members use the facilities at their own risk and if they are not happy with the club's policies in terms of disinfecting and sanitizing, they should stay home. T. Cox agreed with this statement.

S. Blank suggested that a "hotline" be set up for members to lodge complaints if members are not sanitizing their machines after use. B. Lerner and J. Barone stated that suggestions/complaints are received on a daily basis regarding this issue.

R. Wolpov asked why the Club cannot consider having guests use the facilities as in Golf and Tennis during the holiday period as she is concerned that the Club will be losing out on a lot of income from guest fees. P. Kupperman stated that the major concern is in regards to safety while the loss of any guest fee income was not the main priority.

T. Cox asked why the club cannot open up the fitness facilities for guests at this time. P. Kupperman stated that the Board continues to review this particular item and taking a very conservative approach at this time appears to be in the club's best interest as once again safety is our number one concern.

L. Levin added that there is a genuine concern for younger kids coming down to our club that could potentially spread the virus to our older population although they appear to be the least asymptomatic for the virus.

D. Shifrin asked if the Club had considered what the mask/face shield policy in the Fitness Center will be once we start getting busier and that we may have to make some revisions. J. Barone and B. Lerner stated that the Club will continue to monitor the situation in terms of traffic flow.

R. Nevins reiterated that the club must establish set guidelines in terms of how we handle the Covid-19 virus and stick to them. It was stated that all policies have been posted in all reception areas and on the Club in house station.

S. Blank asked that the Club consider using stickers to mark all exercise machines that have not been wiped down. M. Klein requested that the club purchase additional sanitizing wipe dispensers for the Fitness floor area. B. Lerner responded that Joe and the department will review all procedures for sanitizing and disinfecting going forward.

Note: Although not discussed at this meeting, the Club has designed a video showing all the steps the Club has taken throughout all indoor facilities in terms of disinfecting and sanitizing all areas on a daily basis.
B. Lerner asked everyone to think about suggestions for the Club's upcoming renovation that can be discussed at the next meeting.

J. Barone thanked Mr. Kupperman, the Committee members and all members for their continued support and patience during these very difficult times.

Next Committee meeting is scheduled for November 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.