BOCA WEST
COUNTRY CLUB

MINUTES

MEETING:	Fitness, Aquatics & Spa Committee
DATE:	December 8, 2020 via Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bob Lerner, Chair, David Shifrin, VC, Stephen Blank, Ron Nevins, Martin Klein, Michelle Schneider, Roz Wolpov, Phil Wollruch
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Terri Cox
PARTICIPANTS:	Guest: Charles Wolf, Board Member; Joe Barone, Director of Fitness, Aquatics & Spa
FOR INFORMATION:	The Board of Governors
ISSUED BY:	Bob Lerner
ISSUE DATE:	December 9, 2020
NEXT MEETING:	January 7, 2021

Meeting called to order by B. Lerner.

B. Lerner began the meeting stating the Club is currently evaluating various policies as it pertains to the COVID-19 guidelines. In particular, the policy regarding masks and face shields while working out are under discussion. The Club is leaning toward a revision of the current policy and may require masks being worn at all times while participating in any indoor activities, specifically when using the Fitness Center. Members will not be required to wear a mask with all outdoor group fitness classes. This is following the recent guidelines published by the CDC. The CDC states that masks should be worn for all indoor activities and also has stated that face shields do not provide any or very little protection from the virus.

R. Wolpov stated that she is a regular user of the Peloton bikes and feels this change in policy is a mistake that will impact members tremendously and they will stop coming to the gym. She went on to state that, "You might as well close the gym down". B. Lerner responded that he understands her frustration and again this is being evaluated further and appreciated her feedback.

M. Klein stated that he is a proponent of wearing strictly face shields when working out, but if this will be the new policy, he will exercise outside of the Boca West facilities and just wait for the vaccine.

R. Wolpov asked about the Club's contact tracing procedures and asked if the Club can track all positive cases by date and time and have staff contact any members who may have worked out during the same time frame. B. Lerner and J. Barone stated that although a very challenging task, they will look into this further.

R. Wolpov also suggested that the Club consider forming a Contact Tracing Committee to evaluate further. It was stated that the Boca West Masters Association (BWMA) currently does contact tracing with the members involved and the Club's Human Resources department follows through with all employees in regards to this issue.

J. Barone re-iterated that the Club has reported 11 positive COVID cases during just this last week compared to 10 cases over the previous 4 months. J. Barone stated that the BWMA sends out a correspondence to every member who comes forward with a positive test.

C. Wolf added that Chairman of the Board, Phil Kupperman, will be sending out a message to the membership reiterating the importance for everyone to follow safe guidelines as it is mandatory. Any member who does not follow these guidelines will be brought before the Grievance Committee for possible suspension and/or fines.

J. Barone reviewed the monthly specials for both the Spa and Salon areas – the Spa continues to offer a discounted Ultimate Vitamin C Facial while the Salon is offering several different hair and nails specials for the month.

J. Barone stated that there were 312 members participating in the Turkey Trot for this year. The Jingle Bell Jaunt will also take place with members walking/running the race on their own.

B. Lerner stated that the physical therapy area is off limits for the general membership at this time however, those individuals that have physical therapy appointments and personal training sessions are allowed to use these facilities. J. Barone is looking into a possible alternative site for the punching bag.

D. Shifrin inquired if we had any comparative data with other private clubs in our area in regards to mask/shield usage and positive COVID-19 cases. B. Lerner and J. Barone stated that we have however, this is a very fluid situation that is changing daily. In addition, J. Barone stated that because of privacy issues, each Club may be hesitant of sharing number of positive cases, but it will be looked into further.

M. Schneider was having technical issues with her computer and could not attend the meeting, but later added the following when discussing with B. Lerner. M. Schneider stated B. Lerner handled the committee meeting very diplomatically although this is a very sensitive issue. Understanding everyone's point of view, she also sees how challenging it is for the Club to find a balance between safety and a desire to return to a new normal.

B. Lerner finished up the meeting by thanking everyone for their patience and understanding as we navigate through these very challenging times. He reminded everyone that collectively, the Board and management have the goal of providing the safest facilities possible. Although the decision to go to an "all mask" policy at all times may be met with some resistance and not be the most popular route, it may be the safest. The Club had two families that had positive cases and failed to follow proper guidelines that impacted both fellow members and employees of the Club. Again, every option is being evaluated at this time.

Next Committee meeting is scheduled for January 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.