

SOUTHWEST SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
12521 SOUTH KOSTNER  
ALSIP, IL 60803

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING January 9, 2008
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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Director Gleason. The meeting was held at the Summit Park District, Summit, Illinois

ROLL CALL

Present at roll call were:

MIDLOTHIAN PARK DISTRICT	EVELYN GLEASON
ALSIP PARK DISTRICT	JEANNETTE HUBER
PALOS HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPT.	MIKE LEONARD
SUMMIT PARK DISTRICT	TOM SUHS
JUSTICE PARK DISTRICT	CALI DEBELLA
VILLAGE OF MERRIONETTE PARK	BRENDA DZIALLO

SWSRA STAFF PRESENT:

LORI CHESNA	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MARGE COZZONE	BUSINESS MANAGER
ERIN LYNCH	SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

ABSENT

POSEN PARK DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE
BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT	DOMINIC COGAN

ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD –

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2007

Motion made by Director Huber to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2007. Motion was seconded by Director Leonard. All Directors were in favor; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Director DeBella. Director Suhs made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with a combined ending balance of \$59,205.08 plus the Certificates of Deposit. Director Leonard seconded the motion. Roll was called with all Directors voting yes. The motion carried, 6—0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Executive Director Chesna reported that Christmas at Georgio's took place in December and went well.

B. EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Executive Director Chesna announced that there was no selection made for the month of December.

C. VILLAGE OF ROBBINS

Lori told the Board that Maurice Nesbit, Commissioner from the Village of Robbins, contacted her regarding Robbins joining SWSRA, and Lori sent him a packet, Lori requested their tax rate information and then spoke with Bill Vasilopoulos and asked if Robbins could amend their December levy, but he said no. Lori told Mr. Nesbit to contact her in August or September if Robbins is thinking of joining next year. Mr. Nesbit plans to meet Lori at conference and may still want her to attend a board meeting.

Executive Director Chesna distributed data to the board that she had taken from the Melissa.com website. Discussion followed on this data and board members expressed their opinions on new districts joining SWSRA. Director Gleason reviewed the By-Laws in this regard. Lori is going to look into a pilot program that would offer an incentive to join. She will survey other SRAs.

D. BUDGET

Executive Director Chesna is working on the preliminary draft which may be ready in February or definitely in March. Lori reviewed some of the contents with the board.

E. PARTICIPATION

Lori reported that the winter registration started out really low, perhaps due to the brochure being mailed late or the holidays. A few programs had to be cancelled due to low enrollment.

F. PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP

Lori advised that this group is set to meet on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We've had a good response from parents who plan to attend. Director Dziallo pointed out that the invitation should have been mailed to the parents of the participant and not directly to the participant. We will need to adjust our mailing list for future mailings.

Director Suhs made a motion to accept the Executive Director's Report; seconded by Director Dziallo. All Directors were in favor; none opposed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. RECREATION - No report.

B. FINANCE

1. Approval of Bills & Payroll

Motion made by Director Huber to approve bills for the month of January, 2008 in the amount of \$17,026.41. Motion was seconded by Director DeBella. Director Gleason questioned the amount paid back for interest on the Deco Grant and if it could have been avoided. Roll was called with all Directors voting yes. The motion passed 6—0.

C. PLANNING & POLICY – No report

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS - No report

OLD BUSINESS - Director Suhs inquired when the first scheduled evening meeting would take place. Lori said that it would be on the new meeting schedule for May. Director Huber said May would be a good time if that is when the new officers will be taking over. It was agreed that this meeting will take place on the second Wednesday night in May, 2008.

Director Leonard asked if anything had been decided about the part-time position for PR other than it should not be a shared position with South Suburban. Director Gleason expressed that since this is a new position, the job description needs to be approved by the board. The other part-time position should also have a job description with a breakdown of hours, bi-lingual preference, etc.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Director Huber to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Director DeBella. All Directors were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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Marge Cozzone, Corresponding Secretary

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Mike Leonard, Corporate Secretary