

SOUTHWEST SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
12521 SOUTH KOSTNER
ALSIP, IL 60803

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING September 21, 2011
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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 Huber. The meeting was held at the Alsip Park District in Alsip, IL

Present at roll call were:

MIDLOTHIAN PARK DISTRICT	EVELYN GLEASON
JUSTICE PARK DISTRICT	LUIS FRANCO
PALOS HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPT.	MIKE LEONARD
ALSIP PARK DISTRICT	JEANNETTE HUBER
WORTH PARK DISTRICT	CARLO CAPALBO
VILLAGE OF MERRIONETTE PARK	BRENDA DZIALLO
SUMMIT PARK DISTRICT	TOM SUHS

SWSRA STAFF PRESENT:

LORI CHESNA	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MARGE COZZONE	BUSINESS MANAGER
ERIN LYNCH	SUPERINTENDENT
DENISE IWINSKI	MARKETING COORDINATOR

ABSENT:

BLUE ISLAND PARK DISTRICT	BOB MANTHEI
POSEN PARK DISTRICT	TJ WHITCOMB

ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 17, 2011

Motion made by Director Leonard to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting on August 17th. Motion was seconded by Director Gleason. All Directors were in favor; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Director Leonard. Director Capalbo made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report with a combined ending balance of \$238,882.84 (includes corrected \$10 disbursement increase in First Midwest account) plus the \$280,000 C/Ds. The motion was seconded by Director Dziallo. Director Suhs expressed his concern about SWSRA’s large fund balance. He used the word “jealous” of the balance when his agency and others are struggling to make ends meet. He feels that we are making ourselves vulnerable with this kind of balance.

Lori explained that we had been working towards the goal of a building of our own and that we needed to have a “match” in reserves if we were going to do that. However, when Worth Park District joined a few years ago, they allowed us to lease their community center. Lori also stated that in this economy, it’s been nice to have the

fund so that when our member district's taxes have been delayed, we have been able to go on with business as usual. Lori also mentioned we are at the end of our current 5 year strategic plan (2007-2011) and that she has already taken preliminary steps to redirect the focus of what we can finally do with some of the money. She mentioned that we are in need of a garage to park our vehicles and asked the staff for a wish list of capital projects. One idea was to offer this wish list of projects and offer them as part of a grant program to the member districts. She suggested setting up focus groups. In fact, we have already scheduled one for the January Support Group. Lori said she should be able to present the status of the current strategic plan at November or December's meeting. Roll was called with all directors voting yes. The motion carried 7—0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

A. GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS/MONEY DUE

Executive Board members turned in any money and grand raffle tickets that their district had been able to sell. We also received some very nice baskets for our raffle. Director Dziallo is finalizing a hand carved tree ornament she will be donating. Lori expressed our appreciation.

B. SWSRA FUNDRAISER SCHEDULE

Lori informed the board of the following dates: September 16th and 17th was the Tootsie Roll Drive; September 17th was also the LPGO Golf Outing to which all board members were invited and, of course, September 23rd is our 30th Anniversary Party/Fundraiser. Lori added that the golf outing was a fun event and the weather was wonderful. Laura Kane and Ann Thatcher have run the event for the past 19 years at Glenn Eagle Country Club. This year, due to unknown reasons, they were going to drop as volunteer hosts of the event. However, Laura's nephew, Kyle Werhand, took charge of the event. He changed it from the traditional date of July and moved it to September 17th at George Dunne National in Oak Forest. It was a sold out event and SWSRA will be receiving a check for \$5,000 net proceeds after sharing with two other recipients. Lori thanked Mike Leonard for attending.

C. 2010 AUDIT

The audit had been emailed to all board members. Director Huber said that she hadn't been able to review it yet. It was decided to table the approval of the audit until the next meeting. Lori requested that if anyone had a question, please contact either herself or Marge in advance of the meeting.

D. FALL TRIP INFORMATION (see attached)

Erin Lynch and Will Helling will be taking 9 clients to Florida September 28th thru October 2nd.

E. OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Executive Director Chesna reminded the board that she will be on vacation at the time of the next board meeting. She will prepare her board report and brief Erin Lynch who will present it at the meeting. Erin will be Acting Director while Lori is gone.

F. IMRF POSTING COMPLIANCE

Lori included text regarding the newly signed SB 1831 which deals with the Open Meetings Act and the new compliance posting requirements for agencies participating in IMRF. Lori said that although SWSRA would not be required to do so, we may post this information voluntarily.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Alsip Police Department sent a thank you note for attending National Night Out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. RECREATION: Report previously distributed to the Board was presented by Erin Lynch.

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion was made by Director Suhs to approve bills for the month of August, 2011 in the amount of \$24,061.52. Motion was seconded by Director Capalbo. Roll was called with all directors voting yes. The motion carried 7—0.

C. PLANNING & POLICY

D. PUBLIC RELATIONS: Report previously distributed to the Board was presented by Denise Iwinski.

OLD BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Director Leonard to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Director Suhs. All Directors were in favor; none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Marge Cozzone, Corresponding Secretary

Luis Franco, Corporate Secretary