



Sports Commission Board Meeting minutes

January 15, 2020 ▪ 11:30am

DoubleTree Hotel

Attendees: Matt Hawkins, Leanna Bordner, Stan Lewis, Mike Wagner, Ray Ceresa, Kathleen Lorenz, Doug Damery, Beth Sauser, and Denise Balagna

Guest: Tony Bauman (taking Stan's seat once he retires)

Call in: Steve Newman

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 11:50am.

I. Public Comment

None

II. Director's Report

a. State Farm Holiday Classic

- i. Matt Hawkins shared with the board that overall, the State Farm Holiday Classic went well. He talked with Dave Oloffson, the Vice President of the tournament and he said that the attendance throughout the tournament was good. Recently, the State Farm Holiday Classic has brought on a lot of new committee members so they are working through a lot of changes.

b. Sixty Six Games Expo presented by State Farm

- i. Matt shared with the board his excitement for the upcoming Expo. It will be taking place January 17th-19th. He explained that it is an expansion of last year's event with a few additions. At the convention on the concourse, there will be 51 booths selling video games, vintage games, open side tournaments, etc.

c. IHSA Girls Basketball State Finals

- i. Matt shared that we just submitted our bid for 2021-2023. They are changing the format to move to 1 weekend. The decision will be announced at the IHSA Board Meeting in April.

III. Action Items

a. B-Town Throwdown Pickleball Tournament sponsorship

- i. Beth Sauser shared with the board that they have received a request from B-Town for a \$500 sponsorship. Matt said there is potential for it to grow with the great location and strong committee. Evergreen Racquet

Club is committed to this event long-term. They are expecting the number of players to grow. Kathleen Lorenz moved to approve the \$500 sponsorship. Leanna Bordner seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

IV. Discussion Items

a. Sports Complex

- i. Matt Hawkins started the discussion of the sports complex recapping that we currently have an SFA proposal on the table that will identify the ideal site for the project and the investment opportunities. The CVB board voted to table the proposal for the March meeting so that the board can gather questions as well as talk to the respective governments about any questions they have. Also, the Illinois Fire Juniors are planning to make a decision on their land at their February meeting. Depending on that decision, the SFA proposal will need to be updated to factor in the Illinois Fire Juniors project. Leanna Bordner moved to commit Sports Commission funds up to 1/3 the cost of the SFA plan up to \$20,000. Kathleen Lorenz seconded this motion. Beth asked if all were in favor. All in favor, motion passed.

b. Strategic Plan

- i. Matt said we will table the Strategic Plan for next time. Matt did say that the sports complex among other things was a big discussion during the Strategic Planning Session. For those purposes, Matt wants to discuss some ideas for a Strategic Plan for the Sports Commission to tackle in the coming years. At the next meeting, he would like to discuss things they are doing well and things that could be improved on.

V. Open Discussion

None

VI. 2020 Meeting Schedule (11:30am at CIRA)

- a. Wednesday, March 11
- b. Wednesday, May 13
- c. Wednesday, July 8
- d. Wednesday, September 9
- e. Wednesday, November 11

VII. Adjourn

Beth Sauser asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen Lorenz moved. Leanna Bordner seconded. Beth adjourned the meeting at 1:17pm.