



**Sports Commission Board Meeting minutes**  
**May 13, 2020 ▪ 11:30am**  
**Via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Matt Hawkins, Leanna Bordner, Doug Damery, Kathleen Lorenz, Beth Sauser, Ray Ceresa, John Althoff, Steve Newman, Mike Wagner, Rich Zeller

**Call to Order:** Beth Sauser called meeting to order at 11:38am.

I. **Public Comment**

None

II. **Action Items**

- a. **2020-21 Operations Budget:** On the revenue side, we will not need sponsorship for girls' basketball banquet. The membership dues have also changed. With the economic issues right now, it would be fair to cut the dues in half, now charging only \$4 per room for hotels. There were no comments on the revenue side. Leanna moved to approve. Kathleen seconded. All in favor. Budget is passed.
- b. **Sports Commission By-laws amendments:** Beth shared that the by-laws are up for review. They have not been updated since 2012. Matt gave a brief overview. Doug moved to approve. Leanne seconded. All in favor.

III. **Discussion Items**

- a. **Sports Complex:** Jeremy from IL Fire Juniors said that the club has made a decision on their property and will plan an announcement as a "piece of good news" coming out of this quarantine. Ray said part of the recovery should be helping the restaurants and hotels, and make that some of the reasoning to support and drive this project.

IV. **Open Discussion**

Board discussed the opening of pools for the summer. Doug said ultimately what is preventing the local pools from opening is the amount of people, not the water.

V. **Director's Report**

- a. **State Farm Youth Classic:** The State Farm Youth Classic has been cancelled. The committee is looking to maybe do something in late summer.
- b. **State Farm Student Athlete Recognition Banquet:** The State Farm Student Athlete Recognition Banquet has been cancelled. With cancellation of spring sports and current pandemic, it would not be fair to host that event. John added that winter sports as well didn't get a chance to go full completion. Plan is to have that come back next year.  
**Midwest Nationals Wrestling:** Event is still on as scheduled as of today but he sees that being cancelled or scaled back substantially.

**SixtySix Games Expo presented by State Farm:** Matt said there is a lot to work on for the committee to bring the event back up where it needs to be with the equipment. The equipment is phased out and needs to be updated to work with the game. They are working with Dell to obtain more machines. They are looking at September of 2021 to get things in order and come back bigger and better.

- c. **IHSA Boys Golf, Cheerleading:** We were fortunate to have IHSA Golf extended for 5 more years. Cheerleading was extended for 1 year at the arena. The 1 year was to get it back on the same cycle as the Dance finals.
- d. **IHSA Girls Basketball:** The decision for IHSA Girls Basketball State Finals is scheduled for their June board meeting. It was originally scheduled to happen in April but they wanted to have that discussion in person.

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

- a. Wednesday, July 8
- b. Wednesday, September 9
- c. Wednesday, November 11

**VII. Adjourn**

Leanna Bordner motioned to adjourn. John Althoff seconded. Beth Sauser adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm.