Tempe

Minutes
Tempe Sports Authority
Wednesday October 17, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Sports Authority held on October 17, 2007 at 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona

MEMBERS - Present:
Dick Neuheisel, John Bebbling, John Benton, Tom Burns, Mike Chismar, Chris Boyles, Bill Dutton (phone)Tom George, Dee Robbins, Ed Valenzuela

MEMBERS – Excused Absent:
Alex Arredondo, Sherry Henry, Peggy Kirch, John Langbein, Spike Lawrence, Stephanie Nowack, Bruce Skinner,

City Staff Present:
Shelley Hearn
Monica Lamparter

Other's Present:
Judi Yates

Agenda Item 1—Call to Order
Dick Neuheisel, President called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Agenda Item 2- Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes:	Dee Robbins
Second:	Tom Burns
Decision:	Unanimously approved

Agenda Item 3 –Gridiron Greats
Bill Dutton called in and briefed the board about the Gridiron Greats. Mike Ditka's has formed a foundation to raise money for the NFL players who have retired and are having financial hardships. Bill thought it was a great opportunity for TSA to sponsoring a telethon using the NFL players that are coming into town for the Super Bowl.

Dick recommended that Bill Dutton contact Mike Ditka and see his response to the idea of the telethon. Mike Chismar will contact Channel 8 at ASU to find out if they would be in support of the idea and help out for the cause. Bill and Mike will both update the board at the next staff meeting.

Agenda Item 4 –Grant Distribution Update:
Grant checks were mailed out last week. The board asked Monica to bring in copies of any thank you letters received to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 5 –Gene Autry Courage Awards
John Bebbling passed out two letters from Jackie Autry and opened the discussion on the naming rights of the banquet. John Benton addressed the board that they had already had this discussion at a previous meeting and at that time it was voted to change the name from the Gene Autry Courage Awards to the 2008 Courage Awards. Dick asked Monica to pull the

minutes to confirm the action. Some board members didn't remember voting to change the name to the Courage awards so John Benton made the motion to change the Gene Autry Courage Awards banquet to the 2008 Courage awards. Ed Valenzuela seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved for the record.

Chris Boyles asked Shelley if she could research the $100,000 that Jackie Autry said she donated to the Tempe Sports Authority. Shelley will get back to the board with this information.

Agenda Item 6 – 2008 Courage Awards (Budget Review)
Dee informed the board that she had met with Judi Yates and Judi has agreed to reduce her fee by 20% this year. In agreement that the contract be renegotiated for the next year.

Judi passed out the budget and informed everyone that it was the same budget minus the VIP reception. It was agreed that the VIP reception stay in the budget and hope to find a sponsor for that night.

Discussion was held to continue with the $5000.00 scholarship to MCC.
John Bebbling asked to adopt the revised budget but to add the VIP reception back in. It was agreed that Dee will revise the budget and bring it back for approval at the next meeting.

Judi asked Monica to send out reminders that the 2008 Courage Awards banquet is on March 3, 2008.

Judi will be contacting the recipients and will report back at the next meeting on their status.

Agenda Item 7 – Retreat Update:
Stephanie and Spike are meeting with the Mayor today to see if TSA can get involved with the Tourism and Amateur Sports Committee.

Agenda Item 8 – Tax/Charitable Status Update:
Shelley will be meeting with the Mayor and Council and giving them an update at the next Executive Session meeting so they know how the TSA is moving forward.

Agenda Item 9 – New Business and future Agenda Items:
Please hold the date for the Boards and Commission Dinner to be held on 11-30-07 at the TCA. Invitations will be mailed to all board members.

Monica announced that Carolyn Pendergast resigned from the board. Dick asked for the minutes to reflect he will accept her resignation from the board with deep regret.

Agenda Item 10 – Next Meeting:
November 14, 2007.

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment:
Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.
Prepared by: Monica Lamparter Reviewed by: Shelley Hearn

Tom George

Tom George Secretary, TSA