

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR  
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
held May 18, 2010, in Downers Grove, Illinois

**Call to Order:** Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present:	Village of Brookfield	Rick Ginex
	Clarendon Hills Park District	Steve Thomas
	Darien Park District/Treasurer	Stephanie Gurgone
	Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Dean Carrara
	Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
	Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Director	Susan Friend
	Superintendent	Catherine Morava
	Superintendent	Matthew Corso
	Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber
Absent:	Downers Grove Park District	Janet Barr
Visitor:	Recreation Specialist	Theresa Waite

**Open Forum and Correspondence:**

Catherine Morava introduced Theresa Waite, Recreation Specialist. Catherine Morava reported that Theresa Waite joined the SEASPAR staff in September of 2009. Theresa Waite is responsible for children's programs and aquatics.

Theresa Waite reported that she was graduated in May 2009 with a Major in Therapeutic Recreation. Theresa Waite stated she likes it very much at SEASPAR. Theresa Waite reported that she is the children and youth program coordinator for ages five to fifteen. Theresa Waite reported that a favorite Saturday program for ages five to ten is Kids Club and for ages eleven to fifteen is Out And About. Both programs involve outings into the community. The registration for the younger group increased from five in the fall session to ten in winter spring and the group enjoyed perfect attendance. Similarly, the older group grew from seven in the fall to twelve in winter-spring. Theresa Waite reported that in planning some programs, the option of selecting individual weeks rather than an entire series has shown to be successful.

Theresa Waite reported that one of the most popular programs she supervises is swimming. SEASPAR currently provides lessons at the Lodge at McDonalds, Downers Grove South High School, the Indian Boundary YMCA, and soon the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Downers Grove. In the summer, Lisle's Sea Lion Aquatic Park and Maple Hill Pool in Downers Grove will be used. Theresa Waite reported that currently swim lessons are on a 1:1 basis due to participant

needs and the wide variety of disabilities. It is hoped that in the near future, some small groupings of swimmers may be possible.

The Board thanked Theresa Waite for her report.

Dan Garvy and Susan Friend reviewed newspaper articles regarding SEASPAR's SCUBA program, the current EAGLES program, a feature article about Special Olympics with photographs of SEASPAR participants, and articles regarding the new EAGLES program to begin this winter in Brookfield.

Susan Friend/Matt Corso played the Believe and Achieve DVD. Susan Friend offered use of the DVD to Board members.

Susan Friend thanked the Board members who were able to come to the Believe and Achieve Banquet. Susan Friend reported that Bill Maresh of Westmont, a parent of a participant, taped, edited, and coordinated the production of the DVD with the assistance of Anne Cosentino and Lisa White.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Steve Thomas requested April 20, 2010, minutes be amended to show that he had attended the regularly scheduled Board meeting and the Executive Session meeting.

Dean Bissias moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 20, 2010; Bank Reconciliation for April 2010; and Cash Disbursements for May 2010 in the amount of \$104,401.35 as presented. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: LaGrange, Indian Head Park, Brookfield, Clarendon Hills, Darien,  
LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge, Lisle  
Voting Nay: None  
Absent, Not Voting: Downers Grove  
Motion Carried Unanimously

Susan Friend welcomed Dean Carrara, alternate Board member from the Community Park District of LaGrange Park who was attending the Board meeting.

**Recreation Reports:**

Catherine Morava reported that SEASPAR has hired Kim Huggins as Recreation Specialist to begin at SEASPAR on June 2, 2010. Kim Huggins will be responsible for social clubs, teen and adult programs and special events. Kim Huggins is a graduate of Aurora University and currently acts as secretary to the Participant Services Division of ITRS.

Catherine Morava invited the Board to attend the music recital at Lincoln Center on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 10:30 a.m.

Catherine Morava reported that the teen overnight went well. The participants slept at the

Downers Grove Park District's Kid Zone.

Catherine Morava reported that the Spring Formal hosted by Gateway SRA was held at the Burr Ridge Recreation Center and was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Catherine Morava reported that Greg Pavesich supervised the Spring Escape to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The group had a fun-packed, very full, and active weekend.

Catherine Morava reported that leisure education programs are coming to a close and the coordinators and superintendents are helping to staff the final events.

Catherine Morava reported that plans for the Summer Kick-Off on June 13, 2010, have been finalized and people are responding to say they will attend. Catherine Morava invited the Board and their staff to attend the event.

Catherine Morava reported that work on the fall brochure has begun.

Catherine Morava reported that the Tandem Bike & Cycling Ride to the Taste of Glen Ellyn is planned for Saturday, May 22, 2010. The program is sponsored by the Chicago Area Tandem Society and planned for persons with visual impairments.

Catherine Morava reported that 13 persons attended the Drop-In Center on May 16, 2010, with several attending from Briar Place in Indian Head Park.

Catherine Morava reported that the SEASPAR General Information, Drop-In Center, and Volunteer Brochures are being updated.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR is gearing up for Day Camp 2010. The camps will be held at Puffer School on Belmont Avenue in Downers Grove. SEASPAR is looking forward to another successful summer of camp.

Matt Corso reported that the new SEASPAR mini-van has arrived and staff used it for the Spring Escape.

### **Fund Development**

Lisa Rasin thanked the Board for their assistance with selling tickets and promoting the Johnny Rogers fundraiser. Lisa Rasin reported that more than 600 attended the event.

Lisa Rasin invited the Board to attend a fundraiser held at Toscana's Grill on Main Street in Downers Grove on May 18, 2010, from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. right after the Board meeting.

Lisa Rasin reported that the annual Walk And Roll-A-Thon is held on Sunday, May 23, 2010. Plans to incorporate the SEASPAR event with other area walks are being explored.

Lisa Rasin reported that the Golf Outing at Village Greens is held on Friday, July 23, 2010.

**Director's Report:**

Susan Friend reported that the SEASPAR staff planned and provided a very successful Believe and Achieve banquet on May 13, 2010. More than 340 attended the event. A highlight of the evening was the Founders Club members who could attend were given plaques to designate that they have been attending SEASPAR programs since its first season in 1977. SEASPAR has 14 participants who have been attending for that length of time. Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR received an overall average of 4.77 on the evaluations that were received that evening.

Susan Friend reported that the Joint Agreement has been updated with the new IMRF Amendment.

Susan Friend reminded the Board that elections will be held at the June 15, 2010, Board meeting.

Susan Friend reported that she, Cathy Morava, and Matt Corso visited Giant Steps in Lisle to see if cooperative programming is possible for the fall of 2010. Giant Steps is a school for students with autism.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR is using Southeastern Security Consultants, Inc. to conduct background screening for volunteers and staff. The check is completed within a 24-hour period.

Susan Friend reported that the Americans With Disabilities Act outdoor recreation guidelines will be approved by July 26, 2010, 20 years after it became law.

**Unfinished Business:**

Susan Friend reported the need for an Authorized Agent for IMRF.

Dean Bissias moved to appoint Susan Friend as Authorized Agent for IMRF. Mike Adams seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: LaGrange, Woodridge, Brookfield, Clarendon Hills, Darien,  
Indian Head Park, LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Lisle  
Voting Nay: None  
Absent, Not Voting: Downers Grove  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**New Business:**

None

**Member Entity Projects and Events**

Nothing at the present time

**Adjournment:**

Stephanie Gurgone moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled May 18, 2010, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:27 p.m. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Darien, Indian Head Park, Brookfield, Clarendon Hills, LaGrange,

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	LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge, Lisle
Voting Nay:	None
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Motion Carried Unanimously	

Respectfully submitted,

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Joan Pieri, Secretary  
South East Association for  
Special Parks And Recreation

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Georgia Weber, Recording Secretary