

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
held February 20, 2007, in Downers Grove, Illinois

**Call to Order:** Jerry Yoksoulian called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present:

Clarendon Hills Park District	Steve Thomas
Darien Park District/Treasurer	Stephanie Gurgone
Downers Grove Park District	Jerry Yoksoulian
*Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
*Park District of LaGrange	Jo Ann Lodine
Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Ron Lorenzo
Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
Western Springs	Ray Jasica
Westmont Park District	Ron Gunter
Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
Director	Susan Friend
Superintendent	Catherine Morava
Assistant Superintendent	Matt Corso
SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber

Absent: None

Visitors:	*SEASPAR Fund Raising/Public Relations	Dawn Pope
	*Holy Cow Sports, Inc.	Margaret Buhtanic
	*Holy Cow Sports, Inc.	Mike Buhtanic

**Open Forum and Correspondence:**

Susan Friend introduced Margaret and Mike Buhtanic from Holy Cow Sports, Inc. SEASPAR nominated them for the IPRA Excellence in Service Award.

Dawn Pope presented Margaret and Mike Buhtanic with the Excellence in Service Award plaque from IPRA.

\*Dawn Pope, Margaret Buhtanic, and Mike Buhtanic exited the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Susan Friend reviewed a response from Ted Flickinger regarding IAPD membership for SEASPAR.

Ray Jasica recommended member entities write to IAPD.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Dan Garvy moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled January 16, 2007, Board Meeting; the Bank Reconciliation for January 2007; and Cash Disbursements for February 2007 in the amount of \$53,890.72 as presented. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Lisle, Clarendon Hills, Darien, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge, Downers Grove

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Recreation Reports:**

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR's basketball teams competed in the ITRS Basketball Tournaments held on February 17 and 18. The Blue team took first, the High School team took first, White team took second, and the Junior Basketball team took fourth.

Matt Corso reported that extra practices are being held for the White team which is going to compete in the ISO State Basketball Tournament on March 17 and 18 in Bloomington-Normal.

Matt Corso reported that three SEASPAR athletes competed at the Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games in Galena on February 6 through 8. Diana Pehas of Darien and Jonathan Glenney of LaGrange ran the 100-meter snow shoe race and won gold medals. Randy Naberhaus of Woodridge ran the 50-meter snow shoe race and won a silver medal.

Cathy Morava reviewed her written report and noted that the number of program registrations for winter-spring 2007 has exceeded the number of registrations for winter-spring 2006. The number of participants on waiting lists decreased from 42 people in 2006 to 18 people in 2007. Cathy Morava reported that pool time has been obtained for swimming lessons that are now being held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, in addition to Swim Team on Saturdays, which has enabled all who registered to be accommodated.

Cathy Morava reported that Jerry Yoksoulian attended the Valentine's Day Dance at Lakeview Junior High School on February 20. More than 150 participants, staff, and guests enjoyed this annual event.

Cathy Morava reported that Tim Lenac, SEASPAR's Risk Management Consultant at PDRMA informed SEASPAR that, due to SEASPAR's excellent composite score of 99.05% in 2004, the Loss Control Review of 2007 has been extended to 2008. PDRMA is also pleased with SEASPAR's previous reviews and its current standing. Tim Lenac will evaluate SEASPAR in 2008.

Cathy Morava reported that, to date, three programs were cancelled for the winter-spring season.

Mike Adams commended SEASPAR on such a low number of cancelled programs.

Ray Jasica commended SEASPAR for solving the swimming lesson wait list issue by locating more swim time at local pools.

**Director's Report:**

Susan Friend reported that a Johnny Rogers Concert benefit will be held on Saturday, March 24. Promotional materials and tickets are now available. Susan Friend requested the Board to encourage people to buy tickets and attend the event. Scott MacKay on True Oldies 94.7 has agreed to promote the show on his morning shift the week of the event.

Susan Friend reported that she is gathering information for the Kellogg Foundation's Access to Recreation Grants. The focus of the grant program is to promote the universal design of park and recreation facilities that totally integrate people with and without disabilities. The projects must clearly go beyond the basics to qualify. Local community foundations will administer the grants. The grant deadline is July 1.

Susan Friend reported donations received within the last month included several from families of participants. The annual donation from the Chicagoland Bowling Proprietor's Association, Beat the Champs was \$587 this year. SEASPAR also received a donation of \$394 from the Fox Valley Bowling Proprietor's Association, Beat the Champs.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR received the proceeds of \$1,150 from the Tivoli Theater's showing of the movie "Ice Age" at the Downers Grove Ice Festival on February 10 and 11.

\*Joan Pieri entered the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Ray Jasica inquired about the decreasing income from the entertainment book Booster Club fundraiser.

Matt Corso reported that the profit per entertainment book sold has declined each year and the local market is saturated with other organizations selling the books. Matt Corso reported that the Booster Club is looking for more fundraising opportunities.

**Unfinished Business:**

Susan Friend reviewed two maps: one showing the SEASPAR boundaries and one showing the boundaries of the surrounding area SRAs.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR has not been contacted by Brookfield regarding membership in SEASPAR. Discussion ensued regarding procedures for locating interest in SEASPAR membership and the previous attempts at so doing.

\*Jo Ann Lodine exited the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

**New Business:**

Susan Friend reviewed a letter from Ray Jasica regarding SEASPAR equity buy-in and an excerpt from the SEASPAR/Downers Grove Park District facility contract. Discussion ensued.

Susan Friend reviewed the Sterling Computer System Upgrade Contract.

Mike Adams moved to approve the Sterling Computer System Upgrade Contract as presented for cost of no more than \$17,973.95. Dan Garvy seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Woodridge, Lisle, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Indian Head Park,  
LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Downers Grove

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: LaGrange

Motion Carried Unanimously

Susan Friend reported on the SEASPAR Joint Agreement Review. Discussion ensued.

Susan Friend recommended to the Board that, upon legal review and approval, SEASPAR's By-Laws and Rules be merged into one document.

The Board directed Susan Friend to send the SEASPAR Joint Agreement Review to SEASPAR attorney, Rick Tarulis.

Susan Friend reviewed the SEASPAR/SASED 2007 Summer Day Camp Contract. Discussion ensued.

Ray Jasica moved to approve the Proposal for an Extended School Year Program for the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) in Cooperation with and through the South East Association for Special Parks And Recreation (SEASPAR) for Multi-Needs Students Summer Program 2007 as presented. Joan Pieri seconded the motion.

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

**Adjournment:**

Dan Garvy moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled February 20, 2007, SEASPAR Board meeting at 7:07 p.m. Mike Adams seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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