

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
held November 17, 2009, 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
	Downers Grove Park District	Janet Barr
	Village of Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe
	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 A. Morava
	Superintendent	Matthew Corso
	Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber
Absent:	None	
Visitors:	*Senior Recreation Specialist	Lisa White
	*Downers Grove Resident	Linda Svitak
	*SEASPAR Athlete of the Year	David Svitak

**Open Forum and Correspondence:**

Lisa White, SEASPAR Senior Recreation Specialist and coordinator of Special Olympics sports, reported that SEASPAR offered 16 sports and 104 athletes competed in them in the last fiscal last. Many of the athletes played multiple sports. SEASPAR has 34 coaches and many coach multiple sports. SEASPAR has had great success when attending State competitions this year. SEASPAR sent 53 athletes from 11 different sports to participate in State Games ranging from Galena for Winter Games, Bloomington Normal for Summer Games and basketball, Decatur for golf, and Rockford for volleyball. All SEASPAR athletes did very well.

Lisa White reported that seven SEASPAR athletes attended Special Olympics State Golf Competition in 2009. SEASPAR competed for the first time in Special Olympics Floor Hockey at the State Tournament held in Chicago on Saturday, November 14, 2009. SEASPAR has a cooperative team with NEDSRA and the team took second place in their division.

Lisa White reported that SEASPAR rotates with the other SRAs in hosting a tournament for softball, volleyball, basketball, or soccer. These tournaments provide good practice in preparation for Special Olympics tournaments.

Lisa White reported that SEASPAR hosts an annual swim meet. The 32<sup>nd</sup> swim meet co-sponsored by the Downers Grove Kiwanis Club and is held on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at the Downers Grove North High School pool. Every year the swim meet is a huge success and a lot of fun. This year there are nine teams competing with 171 athletes participating.

Lisa White introduced David Svitak of Downers Grove, SEASPAR's Athlete of the Year for 2008-2009. David Svitak participates in many sports. David Svitak was recently selected by Special Olympics Illinois to be a member of the Team Illinois Men's Basketball Team at National Games held July 18 – 23, 2010, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

David Svitak reported that he will do his best at National Games to make his teammates and coaches proud. David Svitak stated that the team will give their all in Nebraska. David Svitak reported that he will be training with his teammates April 10 – 11, 2010, in Bloomington.

Matt Corso provided a Power Point presentation featuring SEASPAR athletes.

\*Linda Svitak, David Svitak, and Lisa White exited the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Dan Garvey reviewed various newspaper articles featuring SEASPAR's Paralympic Event, EAGLES Anniversary, EAGLES new program space, new SEASPAR Staff Greg Pavesich and Theresa Waite, and the upcoming SEASPAR Holiday Spectacular.

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Dean Bissias moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled October 20, 2009, SEASPAR Board Meeting, Bank Reconciliation for October, and Cash Disbursements for November in the amount \$41,858.33, as presented. Ray Jasica seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

#### **Recreation Reports:**

Cathy Morava invited the Board, their staff, and their families to attend the Third Annual Holiday Spectacular on December 7, 2009. The special program is held at the Theatre of Western Springs at 7:00 p.m.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR is taking a group to see the Harlem Globetrotters at the Allstate Arena on December 28, 2009.

Cathy Morava invited the Board, their staff, and their families to attend the Annual SEASPAR Holiday Dinner Dance at Alpine Banquets in Darien on December 11, 2009. The Board was requested to inform Cathy Morava if they wished to attend.

Cathy Morava reported she and Theresa Waite attended a Parent Resource Night at Seventh Avenue School in LaGrange on Thursday, November 5, 2009. A meeting with LADSE Parent Education Facilitator Jacqueline Clifton has been scheduled to discuss the importance of recreation for individuals with special needs in our communities.

Cathy Morava reported that Greg Pavesich is working on providing programs for our participants with physical disabilities by paring up with World Sports Chicago. The plans are to recruit individuals for sled hockey, boccia, archery, reball, cycling, and softball.

Cathy Morava reported that the SEASPAR winter/spring brochure is ready to go to the printer on November 18, 2009, with delivery planned for the first week of December.

Matt Corso reported that the Darien Park District's 21-passenger lift-equipped van, affectionately referred to as the EAGLES Express, had been delivered and is in full use by the EAGLES. The van arrived on Wednesday; on Thursday the staff passed their drivers tests; and on Friday the EAGLES Express was used for the program.

Matt Corso expressed his appreciation to Julie Rhodes of the Woodridge Park District for her assistance in helping coordinate staff with CDL license training.

Matt Corso reported that two SEASPAR bowlers attended the November 7, 2009, Special Olympics Illinois North Sectional Bowling Tournament in Rockford. Megan McClellan of Brookfield came home with a Silver Medal and Jason Brockman of Westmont won a Seventh Place Ribbon.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR has been approved as an intern site by Illinois State University. SEASPAR plans to have an intern from ISU in January 2010. SEASPAR is approved as an intern site for Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, and the University of Iowa.

### **Fund Development**

Lisa Rasin reported that an Annual Appeal Campaign plan is well underway. Pledge contributions will be sought by sending a rather unique perforated response card that can be shared with another person who may wish to make a donation.

Lisa Rasin reported that she has plans to attend local fundraising seminars in the near future.

Lisa Rasin reported that she recently met with the Downers Grove Rotary Club regarding fundraising for SEASPAR.

Lisa Rasin reported that she met with Arlene Kowalczyk from the Downers Grove National Bank regarding contacts who may wish to donate to SEASPAR.

**Director's Report:**

Susan Friend reported that she is awaiting information from Rick Tarulis regarding IMRF.

Susan Friend reported that a minivan is scheduled to be purchased this fiscal year. This type of vehicle will provide a cost effective method for transporting small groups and will supplement SEASPAR's larger vehicles for groups that require just over one bus, allowing more individuals to participate.

Susan Friend reported that the Illinois Supreme Court Ruling has been reviewed by Ansel Glick and they have a different view of the SRA tax as an additional tax therefore the attorneys believe a new community does not need to go to referendum to collect the tax.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR and Representative Patti Bellock are hosting a meeting at the Darien Sportsplex/EAGLES Nest for area legislators, human service providers, and park and recreation professionals on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR has been informed that it is a beneficiary of the Subat Trust being administrated by the Downers Grove National Bank.

Susan Friend reported that Matt Corso has been elected to the IPRA Board.

Susan Friend invited the Board to attend the December 7, 2009, Third Annual Holiday Spectacular.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR was nominated for the Downers Grove Chamber's Choice Award. Since SEASPAR has already received the award, the nomination had to be declined. It was nice to be nominated again.

Susan Friend reported that the Aktion Club held its annual Installation and Initiation Dinner at the Weber Grill on Monday, October 26, 2009.

Susan Friend reported that the Club is planning to spend some of the monies they have collected throughout the year at the Book Angels Drive held through Anderson's Book Shop in Downers Grove. The books are purchased for children in need. The Aktion Club is also involved in collecting items for the Support Our Troops Illinois. The Aktion Club is planning a fundraising dance on January 23, 2010, to collect money to donate to charities such as St. Jude Children's Fund.

**Unfinished Business:**

Susan Friend reviewed the FY2010-2011 SEASPAR Levy Request. Discussion ensued. Stephanie Gurgone moved to approve the FY2010-2011 Levy Request at the rate of .01486% as presented. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None  
Absent, Not Voting: None  
Motion Carried Unanimously

Stephanie Gurgone reminded the Board that the rate used by SEASPAR doesn't matter; the dollar amount is what counts.

**New Business:**

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR needs to appoint an official delegate to the IAPD Conference. Discussion ensued.

Janet Barr was appointed Delegate, Roy Cripe was appointed First Alternate, and Susan Friend was appointed Second Alternate.

Susan Friend reviewed the FY2008-2009 Annual Statistical Report. Discussion ensued.

Susan Friend reported that numbers of participants and service hours has generally increased.

Dan Garvy inquired if the member entities recruited SEASPAR participation.

**Member Entity Projects and Events**

Mike Adams reported that Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park was named in the *Aquatics International Magazine*.

**Adjournment:**

Roy Cripe moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled November 17, 2009, SEASPAR Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None  
Absent, Not Voting: None  
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