

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

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
held February 17, 2009, in Downers Grove, Illinois

Call to Order: Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:00 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	Jerry Yoksoulian
	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Roy Cripe
	Westmont Park District	Chad Dyson
	Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
	*Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Director	Susan Friend
	Superintendent	Catherine Morava
	Assistant Superintendent	Matt Corso
	SEASPAR Recording Secretary	Georgia Weber
Absent:	Indian Head Park	Joan Pieri
Visitors:	SEASPAR Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	*Precision Brand	Larry Franczyk
	*Precision Brand	Betty Vicena
	*Precision Brand	Kyle Cuning

Open Forum and Correspondence:

Cathy Morava presented the IPRA Community Service Award to Larry Franczyk, Betty Vicena, and Kyle Cuning, representatives of Team Precision Care of Precision Brand of Downers Grove. Cathy Morava reported that Precision Brand has been making donations to SEASPAR for many years by holding hot dog days and various other forms of fundraising. Precision Brand has also provided SEASPAR with volunteers Ann and Larry Franczyk since February of 1999. Ann Franczyk is a SEASPAR full-time employee since 2006. Jason Steed, a SEASPAR part-time staff also employed by Precision Brand, suggested to the Franczyks they volunteer. The Franczyks and Steeds have been working at Friday Night Social Club for more than nine years and many other programs throughout the year.

Larry Franczyk, Betty Vicena, and Kyle Cuning graciously accepted the award on behalf of Team Precision Care.

*Larry Franczyk, Betty Vicena, and Kyle Cuning exited the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Dan Garvy reviewed correspondence from PDRMA regarding the 2008 Loss Control Award and commended Cathy Morava for her outstanding job at motivating SEASPAR to attain a loss control score of 99.54.

Susan Friend reviewed Downers Grove Reporter, Reporter/Progress, and TribLocal newspaper articles regarding Lisa Rasin, new SEASPAR Fund Development Coordinator.

Susan Friend reviewed the Doings Newspaper coverage regarding the December SEASPAR Holiday Spectacular.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Jerry Yoksoulian moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled January 20, 2009, Board Minutes, the minutes of the January 20, 2009, Executive Session, and Cash Disbursements for February in the amount of \$33,836.98 as presented. Dean Bissias seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Indian Head Park

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Reports:

Cathy Morava reported that the seven participants that are registered for horseback riding lessons provided through the equestrian facility at the Hansen Center are very pleased with the program. Families would be very happy if more lessons were available.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR is holding two sports programs that are very well attended, Youth Basketball, and Sports Mania, at the Park District of LaGrange Community Center.

Cathy Morava reported that the School's Out Programs on February 16 were successful. The young group went to Legoland in Schaumburg and the young teen group went to the Oak Brook Park District Aquatic Park.

Cathy Morava reported the annual dance for SEASPAR participants, sponsored by students at Northwestern University was held on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Eighty-five participants and staff attended.

Cathy Morava reported that the Valentine Dance was held at the Darien Park District Community Center on Friday, February 13, 2009. More than 150 participants and staff enjoyed an evening of dancing and socialization.

Cathy Morava reported that fifteen teachers from ten schools are utilizing SEASPAR's Leisure Education program this season.

Matt Corso reported that the SEASPAR Slammers Blue Basketball Team took home the Gold at the January 25, 2009, NEISO Tournament in Deerfield. On February 1, 2009, the Junior Basketball team, the Sharks, got the Gold at their tournament in Aurora. Both teams compete at the 2009 Special Olympics Illinois State Basketball Tournament in Bloomington-Normal the weekend of March 13, 2009.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR will once again use First Student for day camp transportation.

Matt Corso reported that SEASPAR is planning a two-week Self-Advocacy Academy, Monday through Friday, August 3 – 14, 2009, at The Park District of LaGrange. The students, ages 16 to 24, will cover 10 topics, one per day, to help prepare them for the world after high school. SEASPAR would like to have Board members come to visit the program.

Matt Corso reminded the Board of the February 18, 2009, Fuddruckers Fundraiser in Woodridge.

Lisa Rasin, Fund Development Coordinator, reported that SEASPAR raised \$1,700 by providing volunteers for a Casino Night for St. Francis High School in Lombard, on Saturday, February 7, 2009.

Lisa Rasin reported that plans are underway for the April 29, 2009, Johnny Rogers Concert that will be held at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove.

Lisa Rasin reported that SEASPAR is now able to process credit card payments for fundraising projects.

Directors Report

Susan Friend reported that Jennifer Steinhaus and Nicole Richard, members of the DECA Club at Downers Grove North High School, organized a fundraiser for SEASPAR after a discussion in their class on business regarding raising money for local agencies. For four days, during their lunch periods, they asked fellow students to contribute to SEASPAR. They collected \$1,200. The girls were quite pleased with their results and are now writing a paper about SEASPAR and their fundraising experience for a national competition. The club is coordinated by Ms. Jan Jacobson.

Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR received a grant of \$1,400 from the Downers Grove Community Grants Commission to be used for the April 29, 2009, Johnny Rogers Concert. The Tivoli Theatre has reduced their fee by \$200.

Susan Friend reported that the November/December IPR Magazine had an article regarding Adventures, ETC. which is a program for children with mental illness. SEASPAR is noted as a sponsor of the program and Matt Corso is credited for his leadership in developing the program. Laura Christensen is featured on page 44 as SEASPAR's new staff member.

Unfinished Business:

Dan Garvy thanked the Board members for their information regarding the Accessibility Audit. Dan Garvy reported that the information will be compiled by Dan Garvy, Stephanie Gurgone, and Susan Friend and proposals will be solicited.

New Business:

Susan Friend reviewed Ordinance #09-01 Authorizing Conveyance of Personal Property. Susan Friend reported that SEASPAR has obsolete equipment that is no longer of use.

Mike Adams moved to approve SEASPAR Ordinance #09-01 – Authorizing the Conveyance of Personal Property as presented. Steve Thomas seconded the motion.

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

A general discussion of the economic climate and its affect on recreation agencies followed.

Member Entity Projects and Events

Mike Adams reported that the Woodridge Park District is celebrating their 40th Anniversary and will be in the Woodridge Memorial Day Parade at 9:00 a.m.

Dan Garvy stated that the Lisle Park District would be in the Lisle Memorial Day Parade at 11:00 a.m.

Chad Dyson reported that Westmont Park District is celebrating 50 years on July 4 and are holding a celebratory picnic in August.

Cathy Morava reported that SEASPAR is having their Summer Kickoff on June 6, 2009, at Ty Warner Park in Westmont and information would be sent with participant's confirmations.

Adjournment:

Dean Bissias moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled February 17, 2009, SEASPAR Board Meeting at 3:43 p.m. Ron Gunter seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Friend, Secretary Pro Tempore
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