JOPLIN
SPORTS AUTHORITY

Minutes of the open session of the Joplin Sports Authority Board of Directors held at 2:30 p.m. at Homewood Suites by Hilton, 2642 East 32nd Street, Joplin, Missouri, 64804, October 9th, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

President Roger Doman called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.

Present: Roger Doman, Taylor Brown, Phil Metz, Matt Hiatt, Cathy Welsh, Heather Arnold, Patrick Tuttle, Wendi Douglas, Melissa Rodgers.

Absent: Jim Frazier, Shawn Klosterman, J.T. Weber, Mark Turpen, Forrest Reed, Jared Bruggeman, Paul Bloomberg, Christopher Beyer.

Staff & Guests: Craig Hull, Steve Taylor, Brittnie Harter, Shaun Buck, Cori Reid and Renea Bobb.

Agenda Items

Review of previous meeting minutes

Phil Metz made a motion to approve the September 11, 2019 board minutes as presented, seconded by Matt Hiatt, motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

Treasurers Report for September 2019 (Presented by Steve Taylor)

A motion was made by Phil Metz to accept the September 2019 Treasurers Report, seconded by Patrick Tuttle, motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

Event Discussion

National

I. Premier Baseball Junior, 13-under Championships, June – July — JSA Director Craig Hull said the Premier Junior Championship generated 792 room nights, 28 teams participated, 22 teams stayed in hotels. Mr. Hull said he will know more about future Premier Baseball events in November.

II. NJCAA Fall Preview Golf Tournament, October 6-8, 2019 — Shaun Buck said the event took place at Twin Hills Golf and Country Club with 10 teams participating. This was a preview event for the 2020 NJCAA Men's Division II National Championship Tournament scheduled for next May. A total of 66 room nights were tracked from the event.

III. NCAA Division II Cross Country Regional, November 9, 2019 — Cori Reid said MSSU has a conference call scheduled for the following week to discuss the final event logistics. JSA will be responsible for hosting hospitality Friday during the coaches meeting.

IV. ACCA Fall Championships, November 14-16, 2019 — Mr. Hull said the event is scheduled to have men's soccer and women's volleyball at Ozark Christian College, it is uncertain the number of teams at this time. Mr. Hull said he met with Chris Lahm, Ozark Christian College Athletic Director, and OCC is hosting the NCCAA Women's Volleyball and Men's Soccer Regional Championships November 7-9 with seven soccer teams and nine volleyball teams. JSA is assisting with event logistics.

State

I. NJCAA Baseball Showcase, September 26-28, 2019 — Mr. Hull said the event had 18 teams over three days with over 70 college coaches and professional baseball scouts in attendance. JSA did a better job of tracking rooms this year and was tracked 42 room nights from the event.

II. MCSAA Fall Championships, October 24-26, 2019 — Mr. Hull said 2020 will mark 25 years of MCSAA hosting championship events in Joplin. The Fall Championships (boys soccer, girls volleyball and boys and girls cross country) will have 14 soccer teams, 27 volleyball teams and cross country is unknown at this time. Volleyball will play at MSSU, OCC and Memorial Hall, soccer and cross country will take place at the Joplin Athletic Complex.

Local

I. MS Bike Ride, September 6-8, 2019 — Mr. Hull said 380 riders participated and a total of 84 room nights were generated from the event.

II. MSSU Southern Stampede, September 21, 2019 — Mr. Hull said a preliminary report on the number of room nights generated is 321.

Old Business

A) Bylaws Review Committee — Board chair Roger Doman said due to the personal reasons, Bylaws Committee Chair Forrest Reed has not had a chance to bring the bylaws committee together yet, there is no report at this time.

B) Event Workers Pay — Board chair Roger Doman said during the September meeting, the board approved increasing event workers pay from $9 to $9.50 per hour. Mr. Doman asked if the board would be interested in going ahead and making it $10 per hour. There was no motion or discussion by the board.

New Business

A) JSA Office Computers — Mr. Hull said the current office computers, installed in May 2012, could no longer be updated with the latest Mac Operating System. In September, Bluehost (the host for JSA emails) upgraded and Bluehost was no longer compatible with the current operating system (Mac Sierra) JSA had on its computers. Mr. Hull presented three bids for new computers to the board of directors. Upon review, Phil Metz made a motion to approve the bid to purchase and installation by Brake Designs (Tory Brake) for new JSA computers, the motion was seconded by Wendi Douglas and the motion carried on an 8-0 vote.

Any Other Business

Mr. Hull gave an update on the latest NJCAA bids submitted by JSA. In conversation with NJCAA Director of Championships Rod Lovett, JSA is one of six finalists for the 2021 NJCAA Cross Country National Championships. Mr. Lovett will be in Joplin December 4-7 (as part of the NJCAA National Football Championship in Pittsburg) and JSA will be responsible for his travel and hotel while here. He will conduct a site visit at MSSU on Friday, December 6 to see the cross-country course and also the Fred G. Hughes Stadium. JSA submitted bids for the NJCAA Division II Men's and Women's Soccer Championships (separate events) and are one of four bids for those events.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Phil Metz, seconded by Wendi Douglas motion carried on an 8-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Craig Hull
Director

Roger Doman
Board Chairman