JOPLIN
SPORTS AUTHORITY

Minutes of the open session of the Joplin Sports Authority Board of Directors held at 12:00p.m. at Mythos, Joplin MO, 3301 W 1st Street Joplin MO, 64801 December 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Jhan Hurn called the meeting to order at 12:17p.m.

Present: Dave Compton, Patrick Tuttle, Paul Bloomberg, JT Weber, Jhan Hurn, Patty Vavra, Melissa Rodgers
Absent: Christopher Beyer, Hunter Perry, Rob Mallory, Matt Hiatt
Staff & Guests: Jared Bruggeman, Brittnie Earp, Lauren Johnson, Steve Taylor, Shaun Buck

Review of previous meeting minutes

Paul Bloomberg made a motion to approve the November 8th, 2023, board minutes as presented, seconded by JT Weber. Motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

Reports

A) Executive Directors Report

Jared Bruggeman continues to work on the education credits for the Sports Tourism Strategist Degree. Show Me Missouri Sports Group has authorized St. Louis Commission to assist in representing our group to get the Amateur Sports Tax Credit Program. They are looking to expand the tax credit. Jared was asked to present at the TEAMS 4-Summit in El Paso in late October. Jared was nominated for the Sports ETA Board. JSA financials are doing well, the end of the year financials are solid. Nationwide is dropping JSA vehicle insurance due to a change in business model. Summer Baseball schedule is being worked on for next year. A new revenue stream with Missouri Department of Economic Development Amateur Sporting Tax Credit Program, the reserved amounts from the ADTCP are extensive to the NJCAA DII WBB Championship. JSA Audit had begun with Ben Miller. Final Audit report will be issued to the Budget and Audit Committee at the first of the year. It will be submitted to the full board on January 10th, then submitted to City council as a part of JSA quarterly presentation. Proposed meeting schedules were presented to the Board for 2024. Strategic Planning Process will be initiated late summer early fall of this fiscal year. Jared continues meeting with the City Manager for decision making. The Joplin Area Sports Hall of Fame committee will be meeting soon. JSA is looking to grow the event as it has been challenging with the drawing large attendance numbers. JSA is continuing to grow the schedule with events for FY 2024. Coverage in the Globe has been going well. The last article of the year will be submitted during Holiday Break.

B) Treasurers Report for September 2023 (Presented by Steve Taylor)

A motion was made by JT Weber to accept the November 2023 Treasurers Report, seconded by Dave Compton, motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

C) Employee Compensation Committee Report—No Report

D) Bylaws & Administration Policies Committee Report—No Report

E) Budget & Audit Committee Report—No Report

Event Report—

A) NCCAA D2 Volleyball National Championship—There were 8 teams, it was a three-day pool play event. The hotel numbers are being worked on. This event will continue to the 2025.

Old Business—

A) Strategic Plan Process—Joplin Sports Authority has been in contact with a strategic planning consultant; Huddle Up Group. JSA has had a zoom meeting with the group and have a site visit scheduled January 9th-11th, 2024. Huddle Up has requested to do a short presentation at the January 10th, 2024 Board meeting.

New Business—No Report

A motion was made to go into closed session at 12:44p.m. by Dave Compton, seconded by JT Weber, motion carried on roll call vote unanimous. Yay Dave Compton, Patrick Tuttle, Patty Vavra, Jhan Hurn, JT Weber, Melissa Rodgers, Paul Bloomberg.

Motion was made to leave closed session and motion to adjourn by Jhan Hurn, seconded by Melissa Rodgers, motion carried on roll call vote. Yay Dave Compton, Patrick Tuttle, Patty Vavra, Jhan Hurn, JT Weber, Melissa Rodgers, Paul Bloomberg.

Jared Bruggeman
Executive Director

Jhan Hurn
Board Chairman