
**Youth Activities Board Meeting
Assembly Chambers
February 15, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call

Members Present: John White; Liz Brooks; Tom Rutecki; Kathy Tran; Bonita Nelson; Pete Christensen

Members Absent: Joyce Vick; Sarah Cannard; Elizabeth Lange

Staff Present: Dave Pusich, Recreation Manager; Ana Olivares-Ramos
Administrative Assistant

II. Approval of Agenda – Agenda Approved

**III. Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2016
Pete approved minutes**

**IV. Contingency Requests- Available Balance- \$11,000.00
Contingency Balance after – \$10,500 Remaining**

NAME	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED
Chaz VanSlyke - 2017 Alaska Swimming Age Group Championship	\$1,160.00	\$500.00

Board discusses that Chaz received money last fiscal year as well as this fiscal year.

Ms. Brooks suggest awarding Chaz \$500 for airfare.

The board approves \$500.00 for Chaz VanSlyke towards airfare.

V. Agenda Topics

A. Introduction of new board member- Sarah Cannard (JAHC Seat previously held by Sean Boily) absent.

B. Arctic Winter Games- Pam Leary funding question

Mr. Pusich received a question from Ms. Leary about applying for either the contingency or grant funding due to state funding cuts for the Arctic Winter Games.

This is not an anticipated request, so most likely wouldn't be approved by the board.

Mr. White asks if they would like to apply for grant. They would not be able to qualify for a contingency but could apply for a regular FY18 youth activities grant if they meet application requirements.

Mr. Pusich stats that they are a nonprofit organization and if they were to fall in the Alaska category they could have funding. They could also apply

individually but would possibly not qualify for this cycle due to time constraints and not knowing who would qualify.

Mr. Rutecki stated that they can create a proposal to submit before it is due in two weeks.

Mr. White comments that they might not have enough infrastructures to build the proposal due to the flow of candidates and an inconsistent amount of backup.

Mr. Pusich will inform Ms. Leary that they have the option to submit a proposal and if it meets the requirements it might pass or receive partial funding. They could also apply for a contingency in the next cycle for FY18.

Mr. Rutecki agrees with Mr. White's previous comment that they do not qualify for a contingency.

C. Survey questions from Board regarding grant application

Mr. Rutecki asks if a comment section regarding the application process could be added.

Mr. White agrees that it is a good way to look for feedback and general comment.

Ms. Tran comments that a general comment section might be too lengthy for responses. Instead there should be a question targeting difficult parts of the application.

Ms. Nelson comments on the difficulty on filling out sections that do not seem to correspond to the applicant's needs. It would be a good idea to leave a comment section at the end of grant the application.

Mr. White agrees to add a comment section for feedback at end of application.

D. Committee Groups for FY18 Grant Cycle

Mr. Pusich informs the board that new members have been added and he would like to change things up to allow senior leadership in each of the committees.

Mr. White and **Rutecki** have a conflict with sports.

Mr. Pusich will follow up with Ms. Vicks to see if she is able to be in the sport committee and move Sarah Cannrad to the Academic Committee to have senior leadership for each group.

E. Board Vacancy (Public Seat)

Ms. Lang will be leaving the board on the end of March. She will assist with scoring this year's grants before moving out of state.

Mr. Pusich has informed the clerk's office and they have placed a notice for a board opening on the YAB for the public seat. Applications are due March 1st.

VI. Liaison Reports and Board Comments

A. JAHC - Absent

B. JSA

It is winter and there is not much going on. A new executive director was appointed for JSA and his name is Karsun Newport.

The JSA board is working on registration forms for the upcoming season as well as looking into a jox mat to put on mound area for pitcher's landing.

C. PRAC

Met on Feb 7 about being invited into the budget process – priority driven budget – going over each departments' budget break down.

The Assembly is looking into using the priority driven budgeting for the budget process in April.

Donna Pierce's daughter – Alexandra Pierce – was hired as a consultant and to update the Parks and Recreation master plan. She created a survey that asked for local opinion to improve Parks and Recreation over the next 10 – 20 years. A board is being created to discuss the survey answers and come up with preliminary recommendations.

The new surface material was blown off the Savikko fields from the wind. There was discussion about possibly using a semi concrete spray to improve the field but it is not very durable and it is an expensive product so most likely not an option at this time.

D. Next Meeting – TBD

VII. Adjournment – 6:10