**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21**

**Board Meeting**

**January 9, 2018**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** **Excused:**

Spencer Park, Vice-Chair Danny Goode, Chairman

Kendall Crittenden, Member Mark Nelson, Member

Steve Farrell, Member

Greg McPhie, Member

Mike Peterson, Member

Tom Bonner, Director

Heath Coleman, Asst. Director

Jon Provost, Event Center Director

Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant

Spencer Park called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

Tom Bonner presented the minutes for December 12, 2017.

Greg McPhie made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 minutes.

Steve Farrell 2nd motion. Motion carries.

Spencer asked if there were any public issues for future meetings. There were none.

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**Warrants:**

Tom presented the warrants for December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount of $48,695.87.

Greg McPhie made a motion to approve the warrants for December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount of $48,695.87.

Steve Farrell 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

**Resolution 18-01:**

Tom presented Resolution 18-01, Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21, which sets the dates and times for the WCPR Board Meetings and related matters. He stated that this is the same schedule as last year.

Steve Farrell made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-01, adopting the meeting schedule for 2018.

Mike Peterson 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

**Director’s Report:**

Tom turned the time over to Jon Provost to discuss with the board the issue of the Mountain Valley Stampede Rodeo Queen Contest.

Jon reminded the board that last year we elected not to have a Mountain Valley Stampede Rodeo Queen Contest because of safety issues and we needed to get a program in place. Jon has talked to Chris Price, who is a former Miss Rodeo Utah. She will be taking over our Queen program. We are calling it a program because we would like to have a Junior, Junior Division, a Junior Division, and a Senior Division. Our Junior Divisions would then be able to develop contestants to qualify and roll into the Senior Division.

One of the suggestions by Chris was to open up our Senior Division to others outside of our county. By doing this we would get quality and quantity of contestants. At some future point, as our junior divisions have more qualified participants that would eventually be in the Senior Division, we could close it and just have county participants again.

Kendall asked if there were other counties that do this and Jon responded that yes there are many counties that open their contests. He knows it is a sensitive issue because by opening it up you can force your local participants out. Tom stated that two years ago, we only had three contestants.

Steve asked if we could partner with the High School Rodeo Club. Jon responded that at this time we do not have a member that would qualify. There will be a competitor coming up that is a freshman this year that will do very well. Steve was wondering if Chris could work with competitors in the Rodeo Club and Jon said that Chris already does and that Chris would run clinics from March to May with the three Divisions.

Spencer voiced his opinion that he would like to see us do another year with locals before we open it up to outsiders. If we offer the contest and do not get any participants, then there cannot be any back lash from the public, because it was offered. Tom said that he is on board with that. Then in the future, as the Junior Divisions are developed, we would have a local pool to compete in the future. Jon said that by opening up the contest we will be forcing the competitors to excel. Greg asked if it hurts us in our standing with the PRCA if we do not have a rodeo queen and Jon responded that it does not.

Tom said safety and horsemanship is one of our biggest concerns. That is why the clinics that Chris will offer will be very beneficial. Chris will continue to work with the royalty until the rodeo is over.

Greg said that he would like to see a recommendation from the Rodeo Board on this issue. It was discussed that there should be a council board member also in these discussions. Tom suggested that three board members attend a meeting with the Executive Rodeo Board. It was decided that Steve Farrell, Danny Goode, and Greg McPhie would participate in this meeting. It was proposed that the meeting take place next week so that recommendations could be brought back to the board on February 13th.

Kendall asked what was happening with the John Cowley home. Tom responded that the backyard is totally cleaned out and the next step is tearing down the house. Tom said that he has talked with John Jr. and he has asked that we let him know in advance when we will be tearing the house down so he can take his dad out of town for a couple days. John does know it is coming down. Steve asked that we handle this situation as tactfully as possible and Tom said that they would.

Greg McPhie made a motion to adjourn.

Kendall Crittenden 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Laurie Duke