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

**Board Meeting**

**April 9, 2019**

**Minutes**

**Attendance**:

Jeff Wade, Chairman Tom Bonner, Director

Kendall Crittenden, Member Heath Coleman, Asst. Director

Marilyn Crittenden, Member Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director

Steve Farrell, Member Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant

Mark Nelson, Member Don Wood, IT

Spencer Park, Member Ivan Spencer, IT

**Excused:**

Danny Goode, Member

Jeff Wade called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

**Minutes**:

Tom explained that he wanted to respond to Steve Farrell’s comment from the last meeting in regards to reviewing the events held at the Event Center. Tom said that at the beginning of every year he meets with Heath and Jon and they go over all the events. This year they cut 12 to 15 events.

Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes.

Kendall Crittenden 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Jeff asked if there were any Public Issues for future meetings. There were none.

Jeff asked if there were any Governing Board Issues for future meetings. There were none.

**Warrants:**

Tom presented the warrants for March 8, 2019 through April 4, 2019 in the amount of 68,728.26.

Tom explained that the charge from Marlin Business Bank is basically a pass through. We purchased a piece of equipment, a switcher, which does video replays. We lease our screen to Oakley for different events and they pay us between $5,000. and $7,000. a year and they offered to pay for this piece of equipment. Marilyn asked what their motivation was in paying for it and Tom responded that we have a good working relationship with them and that to rent what we have from somewhere else would be substantially more money.

Kendall asked if the high school still rents the screen. Tom answered that they do and pay us about $1,700. for the season. During football season the screen stays there at the football field.

Kendall Crittenden made a motion to approve the warrants for March 8, 2019 through April 4, 2019 in the amount of $68,728.26.

Steve Farrell 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Before moving to the next agenda item, Tom asked the Board if it would be ok if we discontinued the binders that we have been providing and put all that information on “Agenda To Go”. We would still provide a hard copy of the agenda, but all other information would be on their I-Pad under “Agenda To Go”. The agenda would be posted for the public on the Friday before the board meeting in compliance with state guidelines. Don Wood commented that the agenda can be published on “Agenda To Go” at any time, as the “Agenda To Go” and the meeting agenda are separate. Everyone was in agreement that we should discontinue the binders.

**Miss Wasatch By-Laws:**

Tom explained that in the past, as different issues have come up, it has become necessary to make changes to our by-laws for certain programs. Recently, we have had an issue come up with the Miss Wasatch Pageant. Tom explained that on a good year we have 5 to 6 participants, and on a great year 10 participants, competing for Miss Wasatch. This year, a young lady would like to compete in the pageant who is a resident of Summit County but attends Wasatch High School.

Tom, Heath, and Amaria have discussed this and would like to recommend that we change our by-laws to allow girls from ages 17 to 22 who are enrolled in Wasatch County schools, or Utah Valley University, Wasatch Campus to compete. Tom explained that we want to make this pageant relevant and get more participants. This is a valuable program as Miss Wasatch and her attendants represent Wasatch County very well and also promote their platforms.

Kendall asked if they had considered a time frame that they need to be enrolled in our schools. He didn’t want someone to enroll in our schools just before the pageant so they could compete for the scholarship money. Amaria replied that she understood what Kendall was saying. Tom responded that we could add in a time frame such as, participants would need to be enrolled in Wasatch County schools six months prior to the pageant.

Mark asked if we had received any complaints or criticism of our pageants in general, as these pageants are a controversial topic nationally. Amaria responded that we have not and explained that our pageant is part of the Miss Utah and Miss America organizations. This year the organization has revamped the competition. There will not be a swim suit competition and the evening gown competition has been changed to wearing something of their own choice. The on-stage interview, judge’s interview, and talent score percentage has been raised to make up for these changes. The name has also been changed to “Miss Utah Scholarship Pageant” and “Miss America Scholarship Pageant”.

Steve asked what Amaria thought might be the cause for the lack of interest, wondering if the scholarship might not be high enough. Amaria replied that the scholarship amount could be part of it. She also said that it might be contestants feeling that their talent is good enough for the local level, but not good enough for the Miss Utah pageant.

Kendall commented that the program has been well run in the past years and Amaria agreed that Kelly Swainston and Wendy Casey do a great job.

Jeff asked about raising the scholarship amount. Amaria responded that a few years ago we raised it from $1,500. To $1,700. Tom also responded that in addition to the scholarship we provide a stipend for dress and travel. Amaria clarified that they get a $500.00 dress allotment and we pay for approximately 40% of their Miss Utah fees. Amaria fully supports raising the scholarship amount if that is a possibility. Amaria also commented that Kelly and Wendy go to local businesses for contributions, so that every participant receives something.

Mark commented that he has met quite a few of these young ladies from the past and that they are very serious about winning it. He asked Amaria if she thinks the contestants are doing it for the chance to get to Miss Utah or to represent our community. Amaria answered that she thinks most of them are doing it for the experience and our pageant provides valuable experience for public speaking and interviewing skills.

Mark said that he has heard from parents about how political the Miss Utah pageant is and he would like to see our pageant be geared more to the community and making it a positive experience for the contestants. Amaria responded that our pageant has definitely been a positive experience for our girls and most want to come back and be involved in our future pageants.

It was decided that we will change the Miss Wasatch By-Laws under eligibility to read that they must be a former or current resident, or enrolled in a Wasatch County school six months prior the Miss Wasatch pageant.

**County Fair Help:**

Tom reported that when Parks & Recreation first took over the county fair we still had a good number of volunteers, but that number has dwindled over the years. Tom said that what he and Amaria are proposing is that they ask Mike Davis if they can get 6 county employees to come help for a few hours each day at the exhibits, Monday through Thursday, the week of the fair, and be able to stay on the clock. Parks & Recreation would still set up the nine different areas and check in the entries, but they would help with arranging and displaying the hundreds of entries.

Steve brought up the issue that we are asking full-time employees to do something that is not in their job description. His concern is our liability if they got an injury, or hurt their back or something. Amaria responded that in all the job descriptions she has seen, there is the statement under “Duties”, that says: “Any other duties as assigned”. Steve said that would have to be something approved by Dave Rowley to make sure we are covered by UCIP. Steve said that this scenario would probably never happen, but we need to make sure we are covered just in case.

A discussion followed regarding how we could get volunteers. Kendall said that before Parks & Recreation took it over the mentality was more volunteer oriented, but now the mentality is that the Parks & Recreation Department puts on the fair and people just show up. Mark suggested we ask some high school clubs to volunteer and then give them free carnival passes for helping. Steve asked if anyone has contacted the Chamber of Commerce for help. Marilyn asked what has been done to get volunteers and Amaria responded that they have asked for volunteers through all social media, ads in The Wave, and asked many individuals. Tom said that they will have more discussions and he will talk to Dave on this issue.

Tom reported that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is in the process of touring all of the facilities. They are meeting tomorrow to tour the Maintenance Shop and Southfield Park. It is going well.

Steve asked about the RFP for the additional pickleball courts and Tom responded that the RFP went out last week and it closes on Monday, April 15, 2019. He reported that they have had at least 12 responses and have sent out proposals. Steve asked about a completion date and Tom said that if everything goes smoothly the new courts should be ready by the end of July. Tomorrow at the Advisory Board Meeting they are going to come to a consensus on the positioning of the additional courts.

Kendall Crittenden made a motion to adjourn.

Spencer Parks 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke