

**Minutes of the
Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board
February 26, 2025**

Members Present:

Doyle Adams, Chairman
Jeff Free, City of Bossier
Stormy Gage-Watts, Caddo Parish Commission
Mary Ward, Bossier City Parks & Recreation
Keith Sutton, Bossier Parish Police Jury
Shantel Hardison, Caddo Parish Commission
Shaun Houston, City of Shreveport

Not Present:

Patrick Wesley, City of Shreveport
Stacy Brown, Visit Shreveport-Bossier

Guest / Staff Present:

Sara Nelms
Aaron Bronson
Charlie Rice
Cicely Parson

Welcome

Mr. Adams welcomed Keith Sutton. The Bossier Parish Police Jury appointed Mr. Sutton.

Call to Order

The Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission (SBSC) Advisory Board's regularly scheduled meeting was held on Thursday, January 29, 2025, at the Visit Shreveport-Bossier office, 629 N. Spring St., Shreveport, LA. Doyle Adams, Chairman, called the meeting at 8:38 a.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda

The agenda for the February 26, 2025 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Free moved to accept the agenda. Ms. Hardison seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, with no public comment.

Minutes

The Minutes of the January 29, 2025 meeting was reviewed. Following review, Mr. Free moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Hardison seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, with no public comment.

Financial Report

Mr. Bronson reviewed the December and January financials with the board. Ms. Gage-Watts moved to accept the financials. Mr. Free seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, with no public comment.

Grant Applications

- ***Optimum Classic Championship*** – budgeted \$20,000; staff recommends staying \$20,000.
- ***2D Sports Super Select NIT*** – budgeted \$5,000; staff recommends staying at \$5,000.

Events Update/Discussion

- a. LHSAA State Wrestling Recap—The event added the girls division this year and they had over 200 girls and 900 boys participate.
- b. Rouxgaroux Arena Football – The arena football season has begun and will be playing at George’s Pond.
- c. Potential Events - Gymnastics Meet and Regional Basketball – Brookshires Grocery Arena is interested in hosting.
- d. Grambling vs. Lanston Football Game—The VSB board voted and approved up to \$50,000 from the bureau. Ms. Gage-Watts made a motion to approve up to \$50,000 from the SBSC with the stipulation that there will be multi-year games, seconded by Ms. Hardison. All were in favor, none opposed, and there was no public comment.
- e. LSUS Fishing – working with Charles Thompson at LSUS.

Upcoming Events

- National Collegiate Wrestling Association – March 14-16, 2025
- Ark La Tex Classic Wrestling Tournament – March 14, 2025
- NWLACTA Event – March 14-16, 2025
- Summit Volleyball – March 22-23, 2025
- Women’s Collegiate Gymnastics – April 11-13, 2025

Adjournment

The next meeting is on March 26, 2025, at The Visit Shreveport-Bossier office. With no further business, Mrs. Gage-Watts made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Free. seconded, which was voted on and passed with no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Doyle Adams, Chairman