**Minutes of the**

**Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board**

**March 26, 2025**

**Members Present:**

Doyle Adams, Chairman

Brian Hammons, Bossier City Councilman

Shaun Houston, City of Shreveport

Stormy Gage-Watts, Caddo Parish Commission

Keith Sutton, Bossier Parish Police Jury

Mary Ward, Bossier City Parks & Recreation

Patrick Wesley, City of Shreveport

**Not Present:**

Shantel Hardison, Caddo Parish Commission

Stacy Brown, Visit Shreveport-Bossier

**Guest / Staff Present:**

Aaron Bronson

Sara Nelms

Cicely Parson

Charlie Rice

**Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission (SBSC) Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at the Visit Shreveport-Bossier office, at 629 N. Spring St. Shreveport, LA. Doyle Adams, Chairman, called the meeting at 8:39a.m.  A quorum was present.

**Agenda**

The agenda of the March 26, 2025 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Wesley accepted the agenda with a motion approved by Mr. Sutton. All in favor, none opposed with no public comment.

**Welcome/Introduction**

The City of Bossier City appointed Brian Hammons of Bossier City Council District 1 to the Advisory Board.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the February 26, 2025, meeting were reviewed.  Following the review, Mr. Wesley moved to accept the minutes. Mrs. Ward approved the motion. All in favor, none opposed, with no public comment.

**Financial Report**

Mr. Bronson reviewed the February financials with the board. Mr. Hammons moved to accept the financials. Mr. Wesley seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, with no public comment.

**Grant Applications**

1. ***Legacy in the Making – DCP Inaugural Boxing Event*** – Requested $25,000 event not in budget, recommend $2,500. Mr. Wesley moved to approve up to $2,500; seconded by Mr. Sutton. All in favor, none opposed, with no public comment.
2. ***CABOSA Cup*** – Requested $10,000 for each event; Not in the budget, but recommend $5,000. Mr. Houston moved to approve up to $5,000, seconded by Mrs. Ward. All in favor, none opposed, with no public comment.

**Events Update/Discussion Items**

1. **National Collegiate Wrestling Association Recap** – largest wrestling tournament in the United States; 750 athletes from 44 states and countries. Future bids hinge on lack of walkability of the area surrounding the arena. Mr. Hammons advised that within the year, new developments are happening with restaurants, pool hall and hotel chain. All property surrounding the arena has been sold.
2. **Sports Committee Development** – New committee to assist economic development for sports events; already asked convention center and arena general manager to join.
3. **YMCA Field Updates** - waiting on permit approvals from Corp of Engineers
4. **Bassmaster Classic Recap** – Met with several event owners about hosting events on the Red River. Note: Organizers provided reasons for not having event in Shreveport, all the items they mentioned they are currently experiencing in Ft. Worth. Lake is an hour way, no proper event setup location and water tide. Spoke with Bass Pro shop corporate contacts to make connections for events.
5. **Sports ETA** – trade show with 7-minute appointments with event organizers.
6. **Grambling v. Langston Update** – met with both Athletic Directors to discuss hotels, gameday operations, staffing and marketing. The game announcement will be in May 2025.
7. **Archery Shooters Association Update** – Meeting today at Camp Minden to finalize all details.
8. **F1 Powerboat Update** – Memorial Day weekend partner with LSUS Fishing Team to introduce the team and drivers at Louisiana Boardwalk.

**Upcoming Events**

* Texas Bass Nation Kayak Tournament
* Lady Bass Anglers
* American Cornhole Organization
* 2D Super Select NIT
* Women’s Collegiate Gymnastics Championship
* HBCUAC Track and Field Championships
* Louisiana Team Trail
* Archery Shooters Association

**Adjournment**

Next meeting is April 23, 2025, at The Visit Shreveport-Bossier office. With there being no further business, Mr. Hammons made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Wesley seconded, which was voted on and passed with no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

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Doyle Adams, Chairman