

MINUTES OF THE
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER SPORTS COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD
April 22, 2015

Present:

Billy Montgomery, Chairman
Doyle Adams, Bossier Parish Police Jury
Patrick Wesley, City of Shreveport
Clay Bohanan, City of Bossier
Don Williams, City of Bossier City
Ken Antee, Caddo Parish Commission
Kelly Wells, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission
Sheila Norman, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission

By Phone:

Stacy Brown, Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau

Absent:

Rick Avery, Bossier Parish Police Jury
John Escude, Caddo Parish Commission
Markey Pierre, City of Shreveport

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board was held on April 22, 2015 in the Board Room of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau. Prior to the meeting starting, Lisa Willard and Ray Perrin with Tour du Teche presented on the September canoe/kayak races on the Red River. Following the presentation, Billy Montgomery, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes-

The Minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Clay Bohanan moved to approve the Minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded by Don Williams and approved with no public comment.

Financial Report –

Mr. Wells reviewed the March financials.

Funding –

Ms. Brown and Ms. Pierre are in Baton Rouge today as House Bill 216 to increase the hotel/motel occupancy tax will be heard at 1:00 pm. They have letters of support and resolutions of support for the Bill.

Event Report –

Kelly Wells discussed and reviewed the recent activity of the Sports Commission and the upcoming events the staff is working on.

- Possible Grambling football game is undecided at this point;
- ABA Basketball Championships went well and the New Orleans Pelicans are looking at the SB Mavericks as a possible NBA-D team;

- We are partnering with the Sports Museum in Natchitoches along with the New Orleans Saints and Freedom Fields for a Safety Camp for parents and coaches on June 26;
- The Major League Fishing show that was filmed here will air April 23;
- The recent CABOSA soccer tournament had 140 teams participate;
- NASC convention – Kelly and Quebrelyn Hill will attend in April. Team Louisiana will host one of the luncheons and Kelly will get to briefly address the group;
- PDRA event at Thunder Road for May 1 and 2 is building steam;
- SBSC Team is preparing for the October Sports Relationship Conference;
- We received the bid to host the 2016 Hog Rally;
- Future Bassmaster Classic is possible but they will need more space at the Convention Center;
- Nitro Circus is looking at coming to Independence Stadium;
- A press conference to announce the North American FlyBoard Championship will be held on Thursday, April 30 from 12-1 pm at the Louisiana Boardwalk.

Mr. Wells discussed some additional events and asked the board to give their recommendations:

- Hot Air Balloon Championship requires a 3-year commitment. Winners will qualify for the World Championship. Our event dates would be in July or first of August 2016. Following discussion, Ken Antee moved that Mr. Wells bid on the 2016-2018 Hot Air Balloon Championships in an amount up to \$15,000 each year. Clay Bohanan seconded the motion which was voted on and passed with no public comment.
- LHSAA 2016-2017 Swimming State Championships. YMCA program is on board with us bidding on this event and having it in their new facility. The members expressed their concern with the new YMCA facility being ready in time, but did agree Mr. Wells could submit a letter of intent.
- The board also indicated Mr. Wells could submit letters of intent for the 2016-2017 LHSAA Boys State Basketball Championships, State Tennis Championships, State Soccer Championships, Cheerleading Championships and Powerlifting Championships.

The members discussed Bossier Parish Community College and the use of BPCC's facilities for past and future sporting events. After discussion, Ken Antee moved that the Sports Commission provide a payment to BPCC in the amount of \$1,500.00 for use of their facilities. Don Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously with no public comment.

Adjournment -

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Billy Montgomery, Chairman