

MINUTES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER SPORTS COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD  
July 26, 2017

**Members Present:**

Billy Montgomery, Chairman  
Clay Bohanan, City of Bossier  
Doyle Adams, Bossier Parish Police Jury  
Stacy Brown, Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau  
Patrick Wesley, City of Shreveport  
Ken Antee, Caddo Parish Commission  
Zazell Dudley, City of Shreveport

**Members Absent:**

Rick Avery, Bossier Parish Police Jury  
John Escude, Caddo Parish Commission  
Don Williams, City of Bossier City

**Staff Present:**

Sheila Norman, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission  
Kelly Wells, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission

**Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission Advisory Board was held on July 26, 2017 in the Board Room of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau. Billy Montgomery, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:23 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the May 30, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Following review, Mr. Bohanan moved to accept the Minutes as distributed. Mr. Antee seconded the Motion which was voted and approved with no public comment.

**Financial Report**

Mrs. Brown presented and reviewed the financials for June with the members. Occupancy taxes are beginning to pick up. Mrs. Brown noted two local hotels that are delinquent in their submission of occupancy taxes, but that collection of those delinquent taxes are being worked on through the appropriate agencies and channels.

### **Sports Update**

- Dixie Baseball is requesting funding for its 2017 Ages 13-14 event. Following discussion, Mr. Antee moved to fund the 2017 Ages 13-14 Dixie Baseball Tournament in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Wesley seconded the Motion which was voted on and passed with no public comment.
- Red River Balloon Rally – Mr. Wells reviewed the projected final budget. Mr. Wells also mentioned a smaller event past 2018.
- Powerboat Nationals- Mr. Wells discussed plans for the powerboat nationals on both sides of the Red River. The event is scheduled for September 2-3, 2017.
- Pelicans Update- Mr. Wells updated the members on the status of the City's bid to host the New Orleans Pelicans D League team.
- Holiday Classic Collegiate Basketball tournament- will be held at the Centenary Gold Dome on Saturday, December 16. Centenary Men's and Women's teams will take on Millsap's, and another game will be played as well. Mr. Wells indicated our expenses would be team hotel rooms and meals. Mr. Antee moved that \$2,500.00 be allotted from the Sports Commission budget for the hotel and meals. Mr. Bohanan seconded the motion which was voted on and passed with no public comment.
- Thunder Road Raceway- Marla and Nelson Hoyos will be closing the track starting July 31, 2017 due to lease disputes with the owner of the track.
- LHSCA Annual Convention – Mr. Wells went down to Baton Rouge for this year's event to get a firsthand view of expectations for when we host it in 2018.
- LHSAA State Wrestling- the Sports Commission was informed that some of the coaches were trying to make wrestling a non-sanctioned event so it could be held in New Orleans only each year, but we have the event definitely for 2018-2019.
- LHSBCA All-Star Boys and Girls basketball games- Mrs. Norman reviewed the proposal submitted to the LHSBCA for 2018 which the LHSBCA agreed to. The Sports Commission board members were in agreement to move forward with the event based on the proposal presented.
- Independence Bowl – some staff from the Tourist Bureau and the Sports Commission, along with staff from the Independence Bowl, met to discuss and brainstorm on ideas for 2018.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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Billy Montgomery, Chairman