

Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority

**Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority
Board of Directors
January 19, 2005
Fennemore Craig, P.C. Conference Room E1-E2
3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 2600
Phoenix, AZ 85012**

Attendance

Members

John Benton, Chairman
Roc Arnett
Rod Williams
Jon Garrett
Larry Landry
Herman Orcutt
Verma Pastor
Bill Peltier
Rod Williams
Michele Eckert, Absent

Staff

Ted Ferris, President/CEO
Charles Foley, Chief Financial Officer &
Treasurer
Kim Monroe, Executive Assistant
Kerri White, YAS and Cactus League
Coordinator
Brad Parker, Public Information Officer and
Security

1. Call to Order. A public meeting of the of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority (the "Authority") Board of Directors (the "Board") was held in Conference Room E1-E2 at the offices of Fennemore Craig, Suite 2600, Phoenix, AZ 85012, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. A quorum being present, and the meeting having been duly noticed and called, Mr. Benton, the Chairman, called the fifty-fifth meeting of the Board to order.

2. Consideration of Minutes from October 7, 2004 and November 10, 2004.
The Chairman asked for a motion to approve and ratify the minutes of the Board held October 7, 2004 (exhibit A) and November 10, 2004 (exhibit B). Upon motion duly made by Mr. Landry and seconded by Mr. Arnett and unanimously carried and it was resolved that the minutes be approved. Chairman Benton noted that Mr. Rod Williams

has had a perfect attendance all fifty-five Board meetings and that all the Members have no less than a 95% attendance rate. The Chairman requested that the Youth and Amateur Sports Matters, on the agenda be move ahead of the Executive Session. Hearing no objections the Youth and Amateur Sports Matters were moved to item three on the agenda.

3. Consideration of Grants Recommended for Funding by the Youth and Amateur Sports Oversight Committee. Board Member Bill Peltier, Chairman of the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee, updated the members on the action taken by the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee at their last meeting. Mr. Peltier stated that the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee members had unanimously agreed to forward the Mesa YMCA (\$65,000) and the Glendale/Peoria YMCA (\$150,000) grant applications to the full Board of Directors for Approval. Mr. Peltier reviewed the grant applications with the members and stated that Ms. Kerri White, Youth Sports and Cactus League Grant Coordinator, had recently toured both facilities. Mr. Peltier also stated that the Committee added a condition to the Mesa Family YMCA that there must be approval for the lights by the neighborhood residents prior to awarding the grant. Mr. Peltier asked for a motion to approve the Mesa Family YMCA grant application in the amount of \$65,000 for lighting of their sports fields with the condition of receiving approval from the neighborhood residents. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Arnett the motion unanimously carried. Mr. Peltier than asked for a motion to approve the Glendale/Peoria YMCA grant application in the amount of \$150,000 to be used towards construction of their gymnasium. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Williams the motion unanimously carried. Mr. Peltier then briefed the

members on the Quick Grant program which the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee had unanimously approved at their December 16, 2004 meeting for further consideration by the Board of Directors. Mr. Peltier stated that the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee received numerous requests from programs for relatively small amounts. The Youth and Amateur Sports Committee, at the Authority staff's recommendation, has recommended that approximately five percent of the annual youth and amateur sports allocation be reserved for the Quick Grant Program (approximately \$65,000 for the current fiscal year). Mr. Peltier stated that the Committee would like the maximum amount awarded for the Quick Grant program to be \$2500. Mr. Arnett asked the Board to consider increasing the maximum Quick Grant award to \$5,000. The Chairman stated the Board could consider increasing the maximum Quick Grant award to \$5,000 but reminded the members that the awards are generally for grass roots organizations with small activities. Mr. Landry moved to approve the Quick Grant program with a \$2,500 maximum per award but with the understanding that, if deemed appropriate by the Youth and Amateur Sports Committee, the maximum, on a case by case basis, could be increased up to \$5,000. Mr. Orcutt seconded the Motion and with unanimous approval the Motion carried. Mr. Landry requested a year-end report from Ms. White detailing the awards provided under the Quick Grants Program. Mr. Landry discussed the possibility of adding a deadline for completing the Intergovernmental Agreement during the next round of grant awards. Ms. White stated that two grant recipients from the last round of awards had not completed their Intergovernmental Agreements with the Authority, Mesa Aquatic Center and the Hispanic Boxing Gym. Mr. Ted Ferris, President/CEO for the Authority stated that Mesa would be revising their grant application and resubmitting to

the Authority. Mr. Peltier thanked Ms. White for her dedication and hard work with the Youth and Amateur Sports Projects and her work with the Maricopa Council on Youth Sports and Physical Activity (MCYSPA). Ms. White Stated that MCYSPA has been assisting the Authority by reviewing and making recommendations on the revised Grant Application and that they will also be reviewing the actual Grant Applications and making recommendations on awards.

4. Consideration of Executive Session – Legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) or consultation with the attorneys of the Authority regarding the Authority’s position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations pursuant to A. R. S. 38-431.03(A)(4). Chairman Benton asked for a motion for the Board to enter into executive session. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Orcutt seconded by Mr. Landry, and unanimously carried, the motion was approved. The public was asked to exit the Conference Room and the Board entered into executive session. At the end of the executive session the public was invited back and Chairman Benton asked for a motion to exit the executive session and return to the regular session. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Arnett, seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously carried, the motion was approved. The Board exited its executive session and returned to its regular session.

5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned.

“Exhibit A”

October 7, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes

“Exhibit B”

November 10, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes