

**Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority  
Finance, Budget and Audit Committee**

**April 7, 2008**

**Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority Board Room  
1 Cardinals Drive  
Glendale AZ 85305**

**Attendance**

**Members**

Roc Arnett, Chairman  
Rod Williams  
Herman Orcutt, Ex-Oficio  
John Benton (absent)

**Staff**

Ted Ferris, President/CEO  
Charles Foley, CFO and Treasurer

**Others**

Debbie Johnson, AZSTA Board Member  
Brad Wright, AZSTA Board Member

1. Call to Order. A public meeting of the of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority (the "Authority") Finance, Budget and Audit Committee (the "Committee") was held in the boardroom of the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority, 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, Arizona 85305 on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.. A quorum being present, and the meeting having been duly noticed and called, Chairman Arnett called the meeting to order.

2. Consideration of Minutes from January 24, 2008. Mr. Arnett called for a motion to approve the minutes of a meeting of the Committee held (Exhibit A). Mr. Williams moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnett and passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Resolution 2008-77 Providing for the Authorization, Issuance and Sale of up to \$55,000,000 in Senior Revenue Refunding Bonds to Refinance the Series 2005A Senior Bonds previously issued for the Multipurpose Facility Project (Exhibit B). Mr. Arnett called on the Authority's Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Charles Foley, to present information on the resolution. Mr. Foley summarized for the committee the economic events leading up to the Authority's need to refund the 2005A Senior Bonds (the "Bonds"). He outlined how the current national subprime mortgage credit crisis negatively impacted the Bonds'

insurance company's (Ambac Assurance Corp.) credit rating which has negatively impacted the weekly variable rate set by the Bonds' remarketing agent to sell the bonds in the open market. Mr. Foley introduced the Authority's financial advisors, Kurt Freund and John Snider, of RBC Capital Markets, who provided the committee with an electronic presentation (Exhibit C) covering the events leading up to the market's credit crisis, the steps the Authority and RBC Capital Markets have taken to assuage the issue and the recommended action being considered by the committee at the meeting. Mr. Foley reviewed the resolution for the committee. Mr. Arnett called for discussion among the committee members and other board members in attendance. After the discussion ended, Mr. Arnett called for a motion. Mr. Williams moved that the committee provide their approval and recommendation of Resolution 2008-77 and forward it to the full board of directors for their consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnett and there being no further discussion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Resolution 2008-75 Approving Funding Commitments Related to Present and Future Cactus League Projects (Exhibit D). Mr. Arnett called upon the Authority's President/CEO, Ted Ferris, to present information on the resolution. Mr. Ferris provided the background on the resolution which was initially to respond to the City of Goodyear's request for funding in order to bring the Cincinnati Reds into the Cactus League in Maricopa County. He explained that out of this initial request the Authority's existing funding plans were expanded to the outlying years (post-2031) when the Authority's current statutory funding sources for Cactus League funding would expire. The resolution sought to address the Authority's commitment to existing as well as future renovation and new facility projects by addressing each of these needs in a fair and equitable manner and one consistent with the Authority's existing Cactus League policy. Mr. Brad Wright, Chairman for the Authority's Cactus League Committee, provided additional background on the resolution as well as his committee's action at their last meeting which was to forward the resolution onto the Finance Committee and

full board of directors with their recommendation to approve the resolution. After the discussion ended, Mr. Arnett called for a motion. Mr. Williams moved that the committee provide their approval and recommendation of Resolution 2008-75 and forward it to the full board of directors for their consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnett and there being no further discussion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

5. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates and Other Information Concerning the Committee.

6. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Arnett moved for adjournment. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Arnett and after a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.

“Exhibit A”

January 24, 2008 Meeting Minutes

“Exhibit B”

Resolution 2008-77

“Exhibit C”

RBC Capital Markets Presentation

“Exhibit D”

Resolution 2008-75