

## **MINNESOTA AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes**

February 15, 2017 @ 11:30 am  
NSC Welcome Center/Grand Hall

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Alex Rowell, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30 am.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Judy Frisch, Alberder Gillespie, Michael Hahm, Joan Hallock, Lori Higgins, Rick Nelson, Al Nuness, Alex Rowell, David Stead, John Wendt.

Absent: Joel Carlson, Julie Lunning, Bob Milbert, Rep. Linda Runbeck, Sen. David Senjem, Sen. David Tomassoni.

Staff/Guests: Todd Johnson, Neil Ladd, Kris Bjerkness, Steve Olson, Barclay Kruse, Peter Barsness, Danielle Seraphine, Sherry LeMire, John Daniels, NSCF Chair.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Made (Higgins), Seconded (Gillespie) to approve the proposed February 15, 2017 MASC Meeting Agenda as written and distributed to members. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion Made (Hallock), Seconded (Nuness) to approve the November 16, 2016 MASC Meeting Minutes as written and distributed to members. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Alex updated members on the status of MASC appointments noting that he has been in contact with the Governor's Appointment staff and awaiting confirmation on potential reappointments of Lori Higgins, Joan Hallock and Alberder Gillespie, each of which has reapplied for appointment consideration. In addition, staff is inquiring on the legislative appointments made by the House and Senate leadership

Alex welcomed John Daniels, NSCF Chair, and David Stead, Executive Director of the Minnesota State High School League and MASC member.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Todd introduced Danielle Seraphine, NSC Assistant Director/Registration, and Sherry LeMire, NSC Director of Hospitality, as guests recognizing their contributions and efforts in their respective roles at the NSC; Danielle and Sherry provided a brief summary of their work responsibilities and role at the NSC as well as professional backgrounds.

Todd apologized for the change in meeting location and noted that construction is still taking place on the office remodel and the new meeting rooms will be done and available by the next meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

A. MN United FC Lease Resolution – Todd provided background on the lease negotiations noting that staff recognizes the importance of maintaining a long term relationship with MN United via the offering of onsite training center at the NSC. Todd reviewed the training complex diagram that illustrates the overall structure of the proposed agreement which features \$1.0 million in improvements to the facility for amateur sport purposes, including but not limited to the use by academy/reserve teams. The proposed resolution highlights the importance of promoting amateur sports and specifically MNSC will have a youth development program. These amateur teams (boys & girls, one team per age group) will not compete in the State High School League. Following discussion, **Motion Made (Nuness), Seconded (Hallock) to approve the proposed resolution as reviewed and distributed to members (copy attached). Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Updated SLP School District Land Sale Resolution – Todd provided background on the SLP School Land sale noting that it has been a long and complicated process commending Neil Ladd for his diligent work which has allowed the project to move forward. Todd showed a video which featured the school design for the K-4 elementary school noting that it will be a more open setting vs a classroom style; more small groups vs individuals; is an exciting partnership that will offer many benefits to the NSC including having tournament headquarters for larger events (ie USA CUP). Neil reviewed the updated resolution that includes the Transactional Documents (as approved by MMB). Following discussion, **Motion Made (Frisch), Seconded (Nuness) to approve the proposed resolution as written and distributed to members (copy attached). Motion carried unanimously.** Neil also noted that parking and traffic related issues have been studied by the school and are part of an approval process by the City of Blaine.

C. NSCF Board Member Appointment Resolution - Kris noted that the MASC appoints NSCF board members on an annual basis, per MASC/NSCF Master Agreement, noting that there are currently three vacancies and one new appointment. John Daniels commented on the outgoing members (Voxland, Tabor and LeBeouf) as well as the new appointment (Jackson). Kris reviewed the proposed resolution. **Motion Made (Hallock), Seconded (Wendt) to approve the resolution as written and distributed to members (copy attached). Motion carried unanimously.**

## DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. MASC Legislative Update – Todd provided a brief update on the following legislative initiatives: 1) Language has been introduced modifying the FY17 Mighty Duck grant appropriation and extending the time any unused funds for allocation/awards in FY18; 2) Todd reviewed the proposed FY18/19 agency biennial budget which includes the provision for a new position; 3) SLP School/Land Sale proposed language has been included in the Senate Bonding Bill relating to the use of land sale proceeds.

B. Campus Master Plan – Todd reviewed background on the securing of LHB, Inc. to develop a campus master plan noting that this was the result of a sponsor meeting that took place in May with Connexus Energy where it was decided to incorporate the concept/plan with Connexus as a partner that would also include energy and sustainable initiatives. LHB is well

versed in working with state agencies and any future bonding bill initiatives. Following discussion, **Motion Made (Hahm), Seconded (Frisch) to approve the MASC paying a portion of expenses related to the Master Campus Plan, prepared by LHB, Inc.. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. City of Blaine – Neil noted that the relationship with the City has a history of being rocky; however, Todd has made it a priority to improve the relationship through meetings with council members and city staff and is still working on a logistical level to engage city and county officials with the various MASC/NSCF projects and is hopeful things will continue to improve and remain productive.

D. Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Lease – Neil was pleased to report that the new 30 year Lease with MAC for the soccer/softball fields and golf course property was executed effective January 1, 2017. There are several open items related to the use of the property specifically; MAC options to sell a 2+ acre and 10 acre portions and use of the softball wheel by the City.

E. Exploration of State Pension Plan for NSCF Employees – Todd reported that staff continues to look at ways to improve NSCF benefits with the intent to have them be more in line with the State's benefit offerings. Staff is currently working with the Minnesota State Retirement System regarding the potential opportunity for NSCF employees to access and participate in the Minnesota State Retirement (Pension) Plan. **Motion Made (Hahm), Seconded (Nelson) to authorize staff to consider pursuing the eligibility and option of participating in the State of Minnesota's Pension Plan. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IX. NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER REPORT**

A. NSCF Financial Reports – Kris presented the unaudited financial reports for the period ending December 31, 2016 noting that the financial results are the second best ever since the inception of the NSCF. Important to note however that the average annual change in Net Assets (Net Income) is only 140k. Related to the Balance Sheet, Cash flow is lower than we'd like but expect that to recover by year end.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next MASC meeting is scheduled for **May 17 at 11:30 am** at the NSC Welcome Center.

Recorded by,

Lynda Lynch