

MINNESOTA AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2017 @ 11:30 am

(DRAFT)

CALL TO ORDER

Alex Rowell, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35 am.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sen. Paul Anderson, Joel Carlson, Judy Frisch, Julie Lunning, Rick Nelson, Sen. Jerry Newton, Al Nuness, Alex Rowell, Chair; Harry Weilage.

Absent: Alberder Gillespie, Michael Hahm, Lori Higgins, Rep. Leon Lillie, Bob Milbert, rep. Linda Runbeck, Sen. David Senjem, David Stead, Rep. Mark Uglem, John Wendt.

Staff: Todd Johnson, Neil Ladd, Kris Bjerkness, Steve Olson, Barclay Kruse, Lynda Lynch.

Guests: Bill Kuretsky, Lydia Major.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Made (Frisch), Seconded (Carlson) to approve the proposed meeting agenda and the minutes from the August 16, 2017 MASC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Alex commented that staff has been extremely busy with all the campus activities that features a lot of exciting changes that will have a positive impact on future NSC programs and event opportunities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT/NSCF CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

Todd introduced Lydia Major from LHB, Inc. who reviewed the draft master plan via video presentation, some of the highlights included: Existing conditions - 1) traffic and pedestrian safety issues, 2) lack of gateway, 3) challenging wayfinding, 4) difficult parking distribution, 5) lack of amenities, 6) opportunities to reorganize uses to align with MNUFC partnership, 7) clubhouse inadequate to quality of golf course, 8) potential for redevelopment in mining area, 9) changing use of stadium, 10) ice rink entry requires upgrades and reorganization, 11) fields in east require upgrades and reorganization. The plan focuses on community engagement, a consolidated vision, organizational elements and implementation goals; all of which, upon the plan's implementation, will increase opportunities and participation in campus events and programs, improve the overall experience as well as improving sponsorship and financial stability. Lydia reviewed the campus map with the proposed infrastructure/gateway enhancements. Commission members will continue to be appraised of the campus master development as the plan moves forward.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. MASC Legislative Update - Todd noted that staff had a good meeting with the House Bonding Committee when they were onsite to tour the NSC campus. It was also noted that the Governor's Office is contemplating a larger dollar commitment to asset preservation which could result in the NSC reviewing and increasing its request for asset preservation funds.

B. Mankato Sports Commission – Steve Olson commented that staff has been working with the City of Mankato in assessing indoor and outdoor facilities that have the largest economic impact potential and

would be targeted for new construction utilizing \$33.0 million from sales tax and will look to the MASC for assistance in securing future bonding dollars for new facility development.

C. City of Marshall Presentation – Harry Weilage provided an update on their upcoming retreat which will focus on the development of a marketing plan in cooperation with the Southwest Amateur Sports Commission and support of Tunheim Associates, hired as an outside consultant of the City of Marshall’s amateur sport facilities and its tournaments/events. MASC staff have been invited to attend and participate in the retreat.

ACTION ITEMS

A. MN United FC Lease - Neil Ladd previewed the 18 months of negotiating a lease agreement with Minnesota United. Bill Kuretsky, former AG and now semi-retired legal consultant, reviewed the tentative agreement noting the agreement is for 15 years that provides for facility improvements and upgrades with a 10 year option for renewal whereby MN United would have 25 years of access to NSC facility with the ability to depreciate capital improvements. **Following discussion, Motion Made (Weilage), Seconded (Nuness) to approve the proposed tentative lease agreement and authorize staff to move forward with its execution. Motion carried unanimously; Joel Carlson abstained.**

NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER FOUNDATION

A. Stadium Turf Project – Neil updated members on the stadium turf project noting that C1/C2 and the stadium are being reconfigured for installation of artificial turf which will allow for increase in programming and event opportunities as well as flexibility with management of existing fields while remaining competitive with other sport facilities which currently have artificial turf.

B. Reconstruction of 105th Avenue – Neil noted that progress continues to be made with the reconstruction of 105th Avenue with the utilities/water drainage being completed and hooked up; new pavement has been laid and roundabouts are in place; drivers are reminded to use caution when driving on the new roadway and to adhere to speed limit of 30 mph (15 in roundabout). Project is positioned to begin in early spring with completion by July 2018.

C. June Storm Damage Claims – Neil reviewed the list of the areas/items damaged during the storms from this past summer totaling \$1.2 million noting that claims have been submitted to the State and FEMA for review/processing.

D. NSCF Financial Statements – Financials for the period ending August 31, 2017 were reviewed which reflects \$200,000 behind plan due in large part to increase in cost of sales, repairs and maintenance costs and decrease in sponsorship dollars. Todd noted that staff had a good meeting with the House Bonding Committee when they were onsite to tour the NSC campus. It was also noted that the Governor’s Office is contemplating a larger dollar commitment to asset preservation which could result in the NSC reviewing and increasing its request for asset preservation funds.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Recorded by,

Lynda Lynch