

Minutes Approved 9/25/2013

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA SPORTS AND TOURISM AUTHORITY
YOUTH AND AMATEUR SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 12, 2013
9:00 am
Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority
1 Cardinals Drive
Glendale, AZ 85305

Attendance

Committee Members

Verma Pastor – Co-chair
Jody Harwood – Co-chair
Dave Eberhart

Staff

Tom Sadler, President/CEO
Kevin Daniels, CFO
Robin Lea-Amos, Grant Coordinator / Office
Manager

Committee Members Absent

Jeff Meyer

Guests

Janice Simpson, City of Avondale
Mike Nelson, Chaparral High School
Chastity Fermoile, Valley of the Sun YMCA
George Scobas, Valley of the Sun YMCA
Pat Gregan, City of El Mirage
Tamara Shreeve, City of Peoria
Steve Davidson, Boys & Girls Club of Scottsdale

Casandra McCray, Canyon State Academy
Tommy Eubanks, Chaparral High School
Elaine Starks, Civitan Foundation
Karen Dobric, Civitan Foundation
Ellen Versen, Arizona Broadway Theater
Kurtis Overby, Arizona Broadway Theater

1. Call to Order - A public meeting of the Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority's (the "Authority") Youth and Committee (the "Committee") was held at the offices of the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 9:00 am. A quorum being present and the meeting having been duly noticed, Ms. Pastor called the meeting to order. Ms. Pastor recognized the guests and thanked them all for attending. Ms. Pastor explained that the purpose of this meeting is for the staff to provide the summaries of the grant applications to the committee and give their recommendations to the committee for recommendations to the full Board.
3. Consideration of Minutes from June 26, 2012 Meeting – Committee Co-chair Pastor called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Youth and Amateur Sports meeting from June 26, 2012 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Upon motion duly made by committee member Dave Eberhart and seconded by committee member Jody Harwood the minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Overview of 2014 Biennial Grant Applications – Co-chair Pastor explained the scoring of the Grants by the Committee members used in assisting the committee to recommend the awards to the full board. President Tom Sadler gave an overview of the timeline and the factors used to score the applications. Mr. Sadler also shared the criteria used to score the applications were from the AZSTA Biennial Grant application or the statute. Those criteria used were; 1. Adjacent/in proximity to or of benefit to a public school, 2. Demonstrated financial need, 3. Benefit to a local community, 4. Sustainability and 5. Previously funded.

5. Discussion of Funding Recommendations – Grant Coordinator Robin Lea-Amos announced to the Committee two Grants that had applied for funding withdrew their applications prior to the meeting. Those two organizations were Goodyear Little League and Peoria Unified School District. Committee Chair Verma Pastor recommended the grant request by Arizona Broadway Performing Arts association be excluded as they did not meet the criteria. ABPA submitted a grant requesting \$26,825 to renovate a rehearsal hall at the ABT. Although the organization clearly benefits the community; the rehearsal hall's main beneficiaries would be the many paid actors that perform at the theater. There are students who do use the facility for paid classes in acting, voice and dance; however the grant does not meet the criteria set for an AZSTA grant award. President Sadler summarized the grant request from Arizona Interscholastic Association. He indicated that the project would not be completed until 2015 and therefore recommended to the committee the grant request be denied at this time with the committee recommending the project be given high priority at the next grant cycle should they chose to resubmit their application.

Ms. Pastor then asked Ms. Lea-Amos to present the remainder of the Grant Applications and their score and relative percentage of the grant requests recommended, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The total of grant funding as presented would be \$1,727,446 out of the \$1.8 Million available to award.

6. Consideration and Approval of Funding Recommendations of 2014 Biennial Grant Applications - At the conclusion of the award recommendations, the committee recommended to the staff to review the applications and projects further to determine if any of the projects should be considered to receive an additional percentage.

Once staff has prepared a second set of recommendations for the Committee to review, a Youth and Amateur Committee Meeting will be convened to discuss.

7. Adjournment - There being no further business of the committee, Co-chair Pastor asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion duly made by Member Eberhart and seconded by Member Harwood, the meeting was adjourned.