



**Minutes of Board Meeting
February 10, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Recreation Foundation was held at District Administration Building located at 45-305 Oasis Street, Indio, California.

Board of Directors in Attendance:

Brandt Kuhn, President	Ernesto Rosales, Vice President
Jason Schneider, Treasurer	John Henry Garcia, Director
Bill Appel, Director	Laura McGalliard, Director

Board of Directors Absent:

None

Desert Recreation District Staff and Other:

Kevin Kalman, General Manager
Tim Skogen, Executive Director – First Tee

1. Opening Ceremonies:

Call to Order: President Kuhn called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Garcia, Kuhn, Appel, Schneider, Rosales

Absent: McGalliard arrived after role call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

January 5, 2015

Board Member Garcia made the motion to approve the January 5, 2015 minutes, second by Board Member Appel.

Ayes: Garcia, Kuhn, Appel, Schneider, Rosales

Noes: None

Absent: McGalliard

Abstain: None

3. Financial Report

Treasurer Schneider reviewed the Financial Statements. For the month ending December 31, 2014 the Foundation had a beginning balance of \$410,666.32, revenues of \$10,106.27, expenses of \$169.31 and an ending balance of \$420,603.28.

Treasurer Schneider reviewed the Financial Statements. For the month ending January 31, 2015 the Foundation had a beginning balance of \$420,603.28, revenues of \$14,685.72, expenses of \$2,920.76 and an ending balance of \$432,368.24.

Board Member Garcia made the motion to accept the financial statements, second by Board Member Rosales.

Ayes: Garcia, Kuhn, Appel, Schneider, Rosales, McGalliard

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Treasurer Schneider requested the financial statements be moved to the front of the Monthly Financial Report. Kalman agreed to make the adjustment to the report format.

4. Presentations:

A. Recognition of Joshua Bonner

President Kuhn thanked Joshua Bonner for his leadership and service on the Desert Recreation Foundation Board of Directors and presented Mr. Bonner with a plaque acknowledging his three years of service.

B. Introduction of Potential New Board Members

Kalman provided a brief overview of the Foundation and Desert Recreation District for the potential candidates.

Garcia discussed the interest and qualifications of potential director Sam Lin who was not able to attend the meeting. Kalman introduced Spencer Baker, Rosales introduce Sergio Gutierrez and Kuhn introduced Wendy Belk.

Baker, Belk and Gutierrez shared their background, qualifications and interest in joining the Desert Recreation Foundation Board of Directors.

5. Updates and General Information:

A. Report from Tim Skogen, Executive Director on activities of The First Tee

Approx. 250 people attended over the course of the day with 100 people present for the re-dedication program. Donors recognized include The Springs Country Club, the Hyman and Mintz Family Foundation, PGA Superstore. Catering provided by Casuelas Café. We received final Certificate of Occupancy approval on the clubhouse/site improvements from the City of Palm Desert. Still some smaller punch list items being completed. Overall fine-tuning of interior continues. Chris Keener, Program Director resigned effective January 31st.

Search process has commenced for a replacement, owing to programs in place, we'll take proper time to find correct candidate. Some restructuring of staff to make operation more effective, right people in the right roles. Tim attended SoCal meeting earlier in the day in Anaheim. Good first exposure to the First Tee programs in addition to networking with regional and SoCal staff. Tim has added one new Advisory Board Member, Spencer Baker with 2 additional candidates, Mike Wales and Mark Schiebach, being considered. Overall goal to strengthen Board with engaged and committed Board Members. Volunteer training was held in late January with solid results. All new volunteers were energized and anxious to start with the Youth Members. Overall approx. 100 volunteers supporting the program. Overall course condition improving with help of seasonal warm weather. Large water line break on 1/7, has been repaired and grass seed/mulch applied. Also, concept of eliminating lakes from course to control coots was surfaced. Initial thoughts being water is important to course appearance. Discussed of First Tee Tournament (2/28/15) with registrations and auction items continuing to come in. Critical to have a final last push of players and auction items to assist with event success.

B. Financial Assistance Program Fundraising Initiative

Kalman indicated the report had been adjusted to reflect Garcia's contribution. He further reported that no additional funds had been raised and that we were at 2% of our goal with only five months left in the year.

Garcia stated he had some corporate donors in the works and requested assistance putting together a presentation packet.

Kalman agreed to meet with Garcia to put together bullet points to be finalized by the District's marketing/public information consultant.

Garcia also retracted his request that this item be discussed at every meeting. Kalman agreed to place it on future agendas when there is action on the item.

6. **Old Business:**

None

7. **New Business:**

A. Recommendation for Appointment to Foundation Board of Directors

Kalman suggested he send the prospective board member questionnaire to the candidates present at the meeting and that the board assign a recruitment committee to review and report back the recommendation to go the DRD board for appointment.

Appel asked if the committee could make the recommendation.

Kalman said as long as the full board has authorized you to represent them in the appointment process. Kalman called for any volunteers to serve on the committee. Garcia and Appel volunteered to be the recruitment committee.

Board Member Schneider made the motion to appoint Garcia and Appel to the recruitment committee and authorize the committee to make the recommendation on behalf of the full

board after reviewing their prospective board member questionnaires, second by Board Member Rosales.

Ayes: Garcia, Kuhn, Appel, Schneider, Rosales, McGalliard

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held at the Golf Center at Palm Desert on March 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

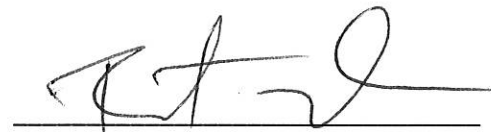
9. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Kevin Kalman, Executive Director



Brandt Kuhn, President of the Board