



**Minutes of Board Meeting
January 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Recreation Foundation was held at the District Administration Building located at 43-8305 Oasis Street, Indio, California.

Board of Directors in Attendance:

Brandt Kuhn, President
Bill Appel, Treasurer
John Henry Garcia, Director

Laura McGalliard, Director
Ernesto C. Rosales, Director
Jason Schneider, Director

Board of Directors Absent:

Joshua Bonner, Vice President

Desert Recreation District Staff and Other:

Kevin Kalman, General Manager

1. Opening Ceremonies:

Call to Order: Board Member Appel called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Appel, Garcia, Rosales and Schneider

Late: Kuhn (Came in at 5:38 PM while discussing Item 3)

McGalliard (Came in at 5:41 while discussing item 3)

Absent: Bonner

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

September 24, 2014

Mr. Kalman stated there was a correction on the minutes on item 6d the word "bottom" need to be changed to "button". Board Member Garcia made the motion to approve the September 24, 2014 minutes, second by Board Member Rosales.

Ayes: Appel, Garcia, Rosales, and Schneider

Late: Kuhn (Came in at 5:38 PM while discussing Item 3)

McGalliard (Came at 5:41 while discussing item 3)

Noes: None

Absent: Bonner

3. **Financial Report**

Mr. Kalman brought a new Management Report for the Board members to see and decide if they would like to move away from what they previously had, or continue using it, or a combination of both. Mr. Appel stated he had the opportunity to see the report before the meeting and he likes it, he would like to see in the future a list of who the donors are instead of having a total lump sum line of donations. Mr. Schneider feels the same way, he likes seeing an annual budget column, also having the combination of both, the presentation of having restricted, un-restricted funds is important to him. Mr. Kalman stated the finance department is going to be working internally to set up when the deposits come from TFT they are detailed and ready to be put in the financials and tide with the report. In the report they are able to see the peaks and valleys, they are already behind on registration for the Tournament this year. Mr. Schneider asked sine they are looking year to date compared to this year, why they were \$56,000.00 lower in income? Mr. Kalman stated there are a lot of factors involved, there were four contributors to the Tournament, they lost three and gained one (Pacific Western Bank). Also the condition of the facility was not user friendly for over six months, the expenditures were up due to having to buy furniture for the class rooms. Mr. Schneider also asked if they knew the percentage of children getting scholarships. Mr. Skogen is going to find out and let them know. Mr. Appel thought it was 30%, but not sure. On donations they have not received the computers yet but they received \$10,000.00 from the Hyman Foundation as the final payment for the van. The Tournament will be on February 28th, Mr. Skogen stated there goal is to have 144 players and they are broadening the base to collect items for the silent auction.

Board Member Kuhn made the motion to accept the financial statements, second by Board Member McGalliard.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Bonner

4. **Presentations:**

Mr. Kalman introduced Tim Skogen their new Executive Director to TFT. Mr. Skogen gave a brief history of his impressive background and his vision for TFT, he is very happy the position turned out to be a match.

5. **Updates and General Information:**

- a. **Update on Activities of TFT by Mr. Skogen** - The Grand reopening will be on January 31st, 2015 Noon to 4:00pm. At 1:00pm will be the ribbon cutting, the placing of a new pedestal with a bronze plaque with the name of people involved, The unveiling of the van from the Hyman Foundation and the dedication of the class rooms as the Springs Learning centers. The winter session started today it will be dark during the week of Humana, the participants will attend the Humana, and they will be transported by bus and also will have the opportunity to be standard bearers. The Springs event will be on Saturday January 10th and February 28th will be the Invitational.

- b. **Give Big Riverside** - Mr. Kalman stated on Nov 13th they raised \$1,658.00, he thanked Director McGalliard for personally writing the thank you cards to all the donors.
- c. **Oasis School Site Acquisition** - They came to an agreement with the Coachella Valley Unified School District on price and terms for the purchase of 15 acres, they expect to close escrow by February and the most important part for them is to make the place safe. They are looking at \$3.5 million to develop the site.
- d. **N. Shore Park Development** - Next Wednesday at the District Board Meeting they will be reviewing the plans for the new Park in North Shore, the environmental documents are completed, they are in the public review period, and they are going to start working on hiring a contractor to begin the work. On the Admin report it said the approximate cost is \$7.8 million and actually is \$1.8 million. Mr. Kalman stated this is another project the foundation can get involved with, Mr. Appel told them he had an idea for TFT on donations by naming the driving range, a hole, planting trees, etc. Mr. Kalman told them this will be part of the fund raising committee.
- e. **Ready, Set, Swim Program** - The Program is going to start next Monday in two different pools, the goal is to have it Valley wide, their challenge is going to be transportation and heated pools on the Eastern part of the Valley.

6. **Old Business:**

- a. **Financial Assistance Program** - Director Garcia requested the item to be discussed every month, Mr. Kalman listed it on the Admin Report so that it is easier to see where they are. Director Garcia is one of the donors on the Give Big Riverside.
- b. **Indio Chamber/Foundation Baseball Camp** - Director Rosales stated he has been in communication with Mr. Bell and the program is not going to happen, five days is a big undertaking and he is not willing to do just two days. It is a great idea but too much at this time.
- c. **New Board Member Recruitment** - Mr. Kalman stated he would like for each Board member to bring one or two potential Board Members before the next meeting for them to meet and pursue. He is working on a job description and is going to e-mail it to them to add comments or make changes. Last year they had five members, they went up to seven and now they lost one. He suggested two people that are involved with TFT as potential members, Mike Wales and Spencer Baker. He also will be a good candidate for the Advisory Board, Director Garcia suggested Dr. Sam Lin, he is going to e-mail him to see if he is interested.
Accordingly to the bylaws they are supposed to have meetings every month. They decided to bring the potential members to the February 9th meeting and have the bios (information) by January the 26th so it can be part of the board meeting agenda. They will set-up an interview and later excuse them so they can decide if they like them, after it will be sent to the DRD board meeting on February 11th for approval.
- d. **Strategic Plan Action Steps** - Mr. Kalman stated he would like to revisit the joint meeting and focus this year mainly on the Board recruitment and the financial assistance for other activities at the district beside TFT. He would like to see the Foundation name attached to

some programs. The plaque that Mr. Skogen mentioned earlier is going to be for the re-dedication of the Golf Center as The Golf Center Home of The First Tee and will have the names of the DRD Board Members.

7. New Business:

- a. **Accept Resignation of Joshua Bonner** - Mr. Kalman suggested to get a small gift as appreciation for his service.

Board Member Garcia made the motion to accept the resignation of Joshua Bonner as Vice President, second by Board Member Schneider.

Ayes: Appel, Garcia, Kuhn, McGalliard Rosales, and Schneider
Noes: None
Absent: Bonner

- b. **Approve Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2015** - Mr. Schneider stated he met with Mr. Kalman to create a budget, they are working with the actual form the prior years and have the understanding they have to raise \$40,000.00 for the financial assistance. He created a document that should be a road map to follow as they go along. The biggest change they made was reducing the revenue for the Invitational since they anticipate to lose some players. Mr. Skogen's salary will be largely allocated to TFT, the prior Executive Director salary was coming mainly from the parks. Mr. Kalman stated regarding the \$40,000.00 from the financial assistance that they only have \$25,000.00 going out this year, they are going to be cautious not to over spend.

Board Member Garcia made the motion to accept the approval of the revised budget, second by Board Member Kuhn.

Ayes: Appel, Garcia, Kuhn, McGalliard Rosales, and Schneider
Noes: None
Absent: Bonner

- c. **Appointment of Officers** – In the bylaws the officers are to serve 1 year term, not to exceed 2 years and also not to vacate the position until it is filled. They decided to leave the positions as they are but need to replace the Vice President because Joshua Bonner resigned and Mr. Appel requested to be removed as Treasure because of his commitment to The Living Desert but would like to stay as a Director.

They appointed Board Member Jason Schneider as Treasure

Board Member Garcia made the motion to accept the appointment of Jason Schneider as Treasurer, second by Board Member Appel.

Ayes: Appel, Garcia, Kuhn, McGalliard Rosales, and Schneider
Noes: None
Absent: Bonner

They appointed Board Member Rosales as Vice President

Board Member Garcia made the motion to accept the appointment of Ernesto Rosales as Vice President, second by Board Member McGalliard.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Bonner

8. Board Comments

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nelly Marsee, Board Clerk



Brandt, Kuhn, President of the Board