



**Minutes of Board Meeting
August 25, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Recreation Foundation was held at the Golf Center at Palm Desert located at 74-945 Sheryl Avenue, Palm Desert, California.

Board of Directors

Brandt Kuhn, President
Ernesto Rosales, Vice President Bill Appel, Director
Jason Schneider, Treasurer Laura McGalliard, Director
Wendy Belk, Secretary John Henry Garcia, Director
Sergio Gutierrez, Director Vacant, Director

Desert Recreation District Staff and Other:

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

1. Opening Ceremonies:

Call to Order: President Kuhn called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Garcia, Kuhn, McGalliard, Gutierrez, Appel, Schneider
Absent: Belk, Rosales

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

May 12, 2015

Board Member Garcia made the motion to approve the May 12, 2015 minutes, second by Board Member Appel.

Ayes: Garcia, Kuhn, McGalliard, Gutierrez, Schneider, Appel
Noes: None
Absent: Belk, Rosales
Abstain: None

3. Financial Report

Schneider reviewed the Financial Statements.

For the month ending June 30, 2015 the Foundation had a beginning balance of \$401,240.22, revenues of \$13,233.88, expenses of \$115,297.53 and an ending balance of \$299,176.57

For the month ending July 31, 2015 the Foundation had a beginning balance of \$299,176.57, revenues of \$2,074.00, expenses of \$1,183.30 and an ending balance of \$300,067.27

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Belk, Rosales

Abstain: None

4. Presentations:

Director Gutierrez introduced Chandra Patel as a potential candidate to fill the remaining board vacancy. Chandra shared his background and interest in becoming a board member. Board members interviewed Chandra for fit on the board.

Kalman explained the appointment process and that the DRF would be in touch with Chandra in the next week.

Board Member Garcia made the motion to recommend appointment to the DRD Board of Directors of Chandra Patel, second by Board Member Schneider.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Belk, Rosales

Abstain: None

5. Updates and General Information:

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

B. Updates on Activities of the Desert Recreation District

Kalman stated the North Shore Park is scheduled for ground breaking in January 2016. We still have an \$850,000 funding gap to close on the \$2.5 million project. We are closing on the 15 acre parkland acquisition in Oasis this week. We will immediately clean the property of all remaining hazards upon closing. The demolition and environmental mitigation has been bid and awarded and the contractor is on standby for when we close. We are actively seeking parkland in Thermal as well. We have three potential sites; 5 acres owned by

Riverside County RDA Successor Agency, undeveloped acreage on the Thermal Sherriff station property, and potential donated property from the catholic church.

July 1, 2015 DRD took full control of the North Shore Yacht Club, Indio Hills and Bermuda Dunes Community Centers. We have seen continued growth in community use and support in these facilities. We are scheduled to change one of the community rooms at the Yacht Club into a fitness center similar in configuration to our La Quinta Fitness Center.

Summer programs were full this year, we added summer camp programs in Thermal, Oasis, Indio Hills and all were very successful. In addition First 5 of Riverside County bought out our last session of swimming lessons at Pawley Pool in order that we could continue to offer free swimming lessons on a need basis after Kaisers (operation Splash) monies were exhausted.

6. Old Business:

A. Agreement between DRF and DRD

Kalman explained that the board had approved the language in the agreement at the May 12, 2015 meeting. The exhibit A had to be completed and formatting cleaned up. Kalman further explained that the commitment amount has been lowered for both the First Tee and Financial Assistance program as DRF had fallen short of its fundraising goals the prior year. Kalman felt it was prudent not to overcommit the Foundation again this year as we used significant reserves to meet the obligation.

Appel, Schneider, McGalliard all expressed they thought this was appropriate.

Director Schneider made the motion to approve the funding commitment of \$200,000 for the First Tee and \$10,000 for Financial Assistance for FY2016 and authorize the President to execute the final agreement, second by Director Gutierrez.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Belk, Rosales

Abstain: None

B. Fundraising Prospect Packets

Kalman shared the DRD has dismissed its marketing firm and has brought marketing/public information in house. This project has not been completed due to the transition and should be ready for our September meeting.

C. District Tour

Kalman stated that at the May 12, 2015 Director Gutierrez and Belk indicated a desire to have a tour of the District. Kalman suggested that the entire board take an annual tour as much has changes since the last board tour. The board selected October 31, 2015 from 8am to 1:00pm for the next tour.

7. New Business:

A. Board Committee Assignments

President Kuhn stated that we need to select committees and assign directors accordingly. Three committees were created; Communications, Events, and Finance. Committee assignments are as follows:

Communications	Events	Finance
Sergio Gutierrez, Chair	Ernesto Rosales, Chair	Jason Schneider, Chair
Wendy Belk	Laura McGalliard	John Henry Garcia
John Henry Garcia	Bill Appel	Brandt Kuhn
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B. Agreement between DRF and DRD

Kalman presented the draft agreement between the DRF and DRD and explained the exhibit needs to be completed with the DRF's funding commitments.

Kalman and Treasurer Schneider agreed to meet and draft the FY2016 DRF budget prior to committing to a funding amount.

Director Appel made the motion to approve the draft agreement as presented and revisit Exhibit A once the budget has been drafted, second by Director McGalliard.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Belk

Abstain: None

C. Fundraising Prospect Packets

Kalman shared that Director Garcia and staff met with the marketing consultants regarding producing fundraising collateral for the DRF. Kevin presented the work product and shared his disappointment with the effort at the last meeting. Kalman stated that the DRD has taken its marketing in house and that has caused a delay in the production as we reorganize. Staff and the Communications Committee will continue to work on this project and hope to provide finished materials at the next meeting.

Director Gutierrez suggested that KUNA may be interested in becoming a sponsor to help produce the video collateral for the DRF/DRD/FT. He suggested a meeting with GM Mike Stutz. Kalman will coordinate the meeting.


8. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held at the Indio Community Center on September 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kevin Kalman, Executive Director


Brandt Kuhn, President of the Board