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Minutes
Tempe Sports Authority
Wednesday November 14, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Sports Authority held on November 14, 2007 at 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona

MEMBERS - Present:
Dick Neuheisel, Alex Arredondo, John Bebbling, John Benton, Mike Chismar, Tom George, Sherry Henry, Peggy Kirch, Stephanie Nowack, Dee Robbins, Bruce Skinner, Ed Valenzuela

MEMBERS – Excused Absent:
Tom Burns, Chris Boyles, Bill Dutton, John Langbein, Spike Lawrence,

City Staff Present:
Jeff Kulaga
Monica Lamparter

Others Present:
Kendis Muscheid
LeRoy Gaitner

Agenda Item 1—Call to Order
Dick Neuheisel, President called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Agenda Item 2- Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes:	John Benton
Second:	Dee Robbins
Decision:	Unanimously approved

Agenda Item 3 –Sports Authority Status
John Benton started the discussion and turned it over to Kendis to update the board on the legal status of the board.

Kendis discussed her recommendations to the board on how to move forward.

- Process back tax returns for TSA
- Prepare 990's for the charitable trusts with a letter describing what happened and here is what we are doing.
- Leroy's office will prepare the tax return and Kendis and LeRoy can work together to write the letter.
- Dissolve the TSA
- Create a new entity and transfer funds from the Charitable Trust before the end of December 07.

Jeff handed out a list of duties the City staff performs to support TSA and discussion followed. John Benton discussed the current relations with the City and what service they provide to the board. The board should prepare a memorandum of understanding to provide a negotiated set of services for that event.

Stephanie informed the board that she and Spike met with the Mayor and he felt that the Board had a purpose and that the purpose had already been filled. Stephanie shared two points from her meeting with the Mayor. (a) The Mayor felt that the board had very talented and influential members and that they could better serve the community in other ways.

(b) The Mayor made it clear he did not like that the City staff provides so much support to this group. The kind of support that is provided to this board is not provided to any other board.

Jeff suggested that the board needs to move forward. The legal fees and the financial fees of the analysis would be paid for by the City. Jeff recommended that the board write a letter to the Mayor and Council what the future relationship will be with the City.

John Benton made a motion to fix the taxes, create a new C-3 and send a Memorandum of Understanding to the City Manager. Bruce Skinner seconded the motion.

Discussion was held and John Benton amended his motion to accept the following 5 steps. Bruce Skinner amended his second.

1. Prepare all back taxes
2. Prepare all 990's for the Charitable Trust
3. File all with the mea culpa letter to IRS
4. Dissolve the TSA
5. Form a new entity
6. Transfer current funding to the new charitable entity

Dick asked for a vote and it was unanimously approved.

John Benton, Bruce, Dick, Jeff and Peggy will meet in the next few weeks to go over the future objective and purpose of the TSA.

Agenda Item 4 –Courage Awards Status
Ed made the motion to rename the new entity Tempe Sports Authority
Dee seconded the motion

It was voted upon majority voted to approve
Stephanie abstained

The motion was amended to add the word foundation if Kendis felt it was appropriate.

John Benton made the motion to change the name to the Tempe Sports Authority Foundation. Bruce Skinner seconded the motion. It was voted upon and passed. Ed Valenzuela voted against the foundation.

Agenda Item 5 –Future Agenda Items
Courage Awards 2008
Status of the Memorandum of Understanding

Agenda Item 6 – Next Meeting
December 5, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Prepared by: Monica Lamparter

Reviewed by: Jeff Kulaga

Tom George

Tom George Secretary, TSA