

**Pima County Sports & Tourism Authority
Bank of America
33 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, Arizona
Wednesday, June 24, 2009
11:30 AM
Minutes**

1. Roll Call

Tom Tracy called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m with a quorum

Members Present

Tom Tracy
Rick Vaughan
Rocky LaRose
Dave Sitton
David Cohen
Justin Lanne
Linda McNulty
Jim Arnold
Rick Grinnell
Jack Camper

Members Absent/Excused

George Favela
Kendall Bert
Justin Lanne
Edgar Soto

Other Present

Catherine Strickland
Ben Buehler-Garcia
Tom Moulton
Mike Feder
Chris Bartos
Sarah Trotto
Steve Rivera
Jim Tiggas
Linda Garrett
Vince Trinidad
Dan Schneider
John Sefton
Jeff Westlake
Steve Wilson
Frank Segers
Michael Blaker
Martin Rosales

2. Approval of the Minutes

Tom Tracy made a motion to amend the minutes to change the effective date of hire for Mike Feder from June 15th to June 1st (recorded in item 3, motion after the Executive Session). Jim Arnold gave a second and the motion passed without opposition.

It was also acknowledged at this time that Kendall Bert will remain on the board, but there are three positions open as Mike Feder has resigned to become the Executive Administrator. Board members were encouraged to

submit their recommendations for the August board meeting to get approval for the replacements.

3. Japanese Initiative

Dan Schneider made a recommendation to the board to move forward with the proposals as there are groups in Japan that are ready to go. There was some discussion as to how to select the group to work with and it was recommended that the PCSTA send a letter to the County Administrator and Director of Procurement in the County for permission to conduct a direct select for this purpose.

4. Status of Baltimore Orioles

Dan Schneider shared that this is still up in the air. The Orioles have appeared on the Spring Training schedules in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but this does not mean they are definitely staying in Florida. He does not have any positive indicators that they are coming out here yet. His recommendation to the PCSTA board is to move forward with the Japanese initiative since they might make it for the 2010 season. Rick Vaughan agreed that the PCSTA shouldn't suffer their negotiations with the Japanese waiting for the Orioles to make a decision. Dave Sitton said that the worst case scenario is the best case scenario as there would be two groups looking to move into TEP at once. Dave Sitton made a motion that in light of Baseline's lack of response to the County, resulting in a termination of their agreement with the PCSTA, the Authority shall enter into negotiations with Donovan & Associates regarding the Japanese Initiative pending direct select approval from the County Administrator. Jim Arnold made a second and the motion carried.

5. Diamondbacks Retention Campaign

There was discussion pertaining to the fact that it is interesting that the Diamondbacks have announced they are leaving but not where they are going, especially since there is a RFP out. Tom Tracy shared that the PCSTA's position will be that if they made a mistake, we are still here and they can stay. Mike Feder shared that the City's interpretation of the Rockies' contract is that they cannot leave early and have to be there until 2011. So in effect, the Rockies' action may dictate what the Diamondback's opt to do. It was discussed that there has been no construction taking place of any significance in Phoenix that would indicate that a new stadium is in progress there even though the Diamondbacks have said they have a plan. David Sitton said he does not understand the logic behind relocating so many teams to Phoenix with

expensive new stadiums when it will be really hard to fill all of those stadiums with people during the same month each year.

6. Discuss hiring professional services

Linda McNulty updated the board that she met with Mike Feder and Tom Moulton to outline the important things they need to make sure that the outside services should have. This subcommittee will meet with each potential firm and then bring a summary to the board in executive session for a vote on who should be hired next meeting.

7. Youth and Amateur Sports Committee Update

Mike Feder shared that the committee has met and has heard from Jim Tiggas, RussMatt, Donovan & Associates on what fields they want and the year-round usage requirement as spelled out by Dave Sitton last meeting. The County will make the decision, but the committee will be working with Chris Bartos to make recommendations on which groups to go with, some of which are ready to begin as early as next year. There is still time to wait a little while to find out the results of the Japanese and Orioles before planning out all of the youth and amateur sports schedules. The recommendations should be made by the end of the summer as the next meeting should be a good one.

Tom Tracy pointed out that the discussion goes beyond TEP and baseball and should include facilities that are needed for field sports as well. He feels it is important to understand all the needs so that the PCSTA can address the different pockets of the community. Mike Feder explained that he will be meeting with the City and County Parks and Recreation directors to identify the needs and develop a campaign to get voters on board. He encouraged the PCSTA board members to call him if they have questions since they are all spokespeople on this issue together.

Rick Vaughan shared that all ages should be considered especially since the MTCVB has bid on the Senior Olympics. Most cities have a sporting facility that can integrate different ages and sports in one neutral location. Tom Tracy said that the PCSTA could leverage this opportunity to get a sponsorship going.

8. Legislative Report

Tom Tracy shared that the bill got through the House and is in the Senate. It was scheduled for the Finance Committee today but it dropped off the agenda and probably for the best. It is on the Government & Institutions Committee agenda for tomorrow morning and it is critical that it is heard at that time as the legislature will be wrapping things up early next week.

The only unrequested amendment to the bill thus far has been to the election date. The only way Representative Stevens could resurrect the bill was to get it moved to a November election. This is not as detrimental as it would have been if this had happened last year. The County is not concerned with it being on a special session, so the hope is that it passes, the Governor signs it and then the PCSTA gets it on a special session this summer to amend it if needed.

PCSTA board members were encouraged to email or call the senators on the commission before tomorrow's meeting.

9. Treasurer's Report

David Cohen distributed the PCSTA Profit and Loss statement. The first payment from Pima County for \$75,000 came in and so the bank balance is now over \$80,000. The \$80,000 plus the \$50,000 from the Tohono O'odham grant makes up all of the income thus far. The expenses were for contract services that went to Baseline, copywriters for the Diamondbacks, Rockies, and Orioles RFP responses and public affairs services along with Mike Feder's salary. The PCSTA will submit an application for the Tohono O'odham grant again.

Jack Camper made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Jim Arnold gave his second. The motion carried.

10. Next agenda

It was discussed that meetings would be held the last Wednesday of each month at 11:30am in the Bank of America 7th Floor Conference Room, therefore the next meeting will be July 29th. Here are the items for the agenda as discussed at this meeting:

- Executive Session to discuss hiring professional services
- Japanese initiative
- Youth and Amateur Sports Committee report
- Legislative report
- Treasurer's report

11. Call to the Public

Frank Segers commented on the Orioles asking what the likelihood of the Orioles coming would be. Tom Tracy addressed this question sharing that them leaving would be substantial since they have been in Florida for so long. He is excited that if the bill passes the PCSTA would be in a position to offer them a new facility.

Ben Buehler Garcia encouraged everyone to call their senators so that the PCSTA could see the bill get passed and not miss this opportunity.

12. Adjournment

Rick Vaughan made the motion to adjourn and Linda McNulty gave a second. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

Attachments enclosed.

8:48 AM
06/22/09
Cash Basis

Pima County Sports & Tourism Authority
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2009

	<u>May 31, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash - Wells Fargo Bank	80,262.47
Total Checking/Savings	<u>80,262.47</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>80,262.47</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>80,262.47</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Net Income	80,262.47
Total Equity	<u>80,262.47</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>80,262.47</u>