

## **Wyoming Senior Olympics**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

June 26, 2019  
9:00 A.M.

Present: Board Members Bill Stone, Gay Woodhouse, Alicia Brown, John Cox, Carmen Boyd, Larry Foianini, and Rodger Kentfield . Also in attendance were City of Cheyenne representatives Theresa Moore, Recreation Director, Jade Gerstein, Family Support Services and volunteer coordinator for the Summer Games, Recreation Specialists Scott Redman and David Contreras. Jodi Guerin was also present via telephone.

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Stone at 9:00 am. Introductions of all in attendance were made.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Summer Games**

Bill announced that Kari Kivisto, Summer Games Coordinator would be out on medical leave until September and would be unable to continue. Theresa Moore and her staff are now in the process of planning the Summer Games in her absence.

Bill requested and the Board agreed to add Theresa Moore to the Jonah Bank checking account and that Kari's name be removed in her absence. Theresa will also be added to the Board of Directors of WSO.

Tee shirts for the event, venues, programs, registration bags, sponsorship logos, WYDOT permits, volunteers, the banquet and opening ceremonies, and event information were discussed. The tee shirt design was reviewed and it was decided to use yellow shirts for the athletes, teal for the committee members, and brown for the volunteers. Alicia Brown suggested adding Cheyenne to the tee shirt. Jade reported a need for additional volunteers, and Theresa asked if any contact information was available for commissioners and volunteers. Bill proposed that volunteer commissioners would be awarded a free breakfast and tee shirt for their assistance. Discussion on commissioners and events followed, and Theresa mentioned that the biggest hurdle for them was registration and Fusesport. All events seem to be covered except table tennis. Bill will talk to LCCC about this when he visits with them about the pickle ball event. The Parade of Athletes was also mentioned, and Bill and Theresa will review this in a meeting to cover the sequence of events. Another planning committee meeting was set for July 9 at 9:00 am in the ANB building, 5th floor. For additional correspondence Theresa can be reached by emailing [tmoore@cheyennecity.org](mailto:tmoore@cheyennecity.org).

##### **2021-2022 Host City**

Bill reported that he has had no success in finding a host city for 2021-2022. Douglas and Gillette have both said no. Douglas would like to revisit the possibility in 2023-2024. Rock Springs and Evanston have not responded. Larry Foianini will be in Rock Springs Friday and will meet with their recreation director then. Thermopolis and Worland may be interested in co-hosting the event and communication with Amanda will continue. John Cox suggested that, with the towns being 40 miles apart, this could be difficult for everyone.

Georgia mentioned that giving the host city back a percentage of the profit might entice cities to host the event. Laramie had requested a portion of the profit back and was denied. A discussion on the restrictions for this money ensued. It was decided to have the money returned to the recreation department with no restrictions at this point. It was suggested that this money be used for senior activities, but this preference was not supported by a motion or vote. Bill moved to send 50% of the profit for the 2019-2020 games back to Laramie, which would be \$7000. Larry seconded that motion. John was concerned that this may set a precedent. Return of these funds would be made after factoring the financial situation and all the issues surrounding the refund. Gay called for a vote and it passed unanimously.

Bill then suggested a change to the Request for Proposal form to entice cities. He suggested giving the host city \$10,000 for the WSO and \$5000 for the Winter Games. John Cox moved to front \$10,000 to the host city with 50% of the profits minus the seed money going back to the city. Bill Stone seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

Bill mentioned changing the name by removing the "Senior" to encourage younger (over 50) athletes. Larry didn't think that should be done, as it is part of the NSGA name as well and attendance depends on marketing and qualifying year status. John said that unless there has been a downward trend in the past few years, maybe this name change wasn't necessary. No motion was made.

A discussion on marketing resources, photography, and utilizing an outside registration company ensued. Carmen will visit with West Edge Collective, a marketing agency, to get a better idea of what they can do and how much it would cost. Alicia volunteered to do the photography for the games.

A suggestion to keep the games in Laramie and Cheyenne was made. Larry suggested keeping the Winter Games in Laramie and Summer Games in Cheyenne. A discussion followed but no motion was made.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Bill suggested moving the Western Vista CD to Blue Federal Credit Union, as Blue is a big sponsor for the organization. John made a motion to move the Western Vista CD to Blue Federal Credit Union and add enough money to bring the total to \$20,000. Bill seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The discussion about an executive director for the organization was tabled until after the Summer Games.

Larry gave a brief report on the Winter Games. He said there was \$3000 in the account and another \$5000 from WSO would help. The venues are basically set and the planning is on track.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting August 7 at 5:00 pm at the David Romero Center in Cheyenne.

The meeting was adjourned by Bill Stone at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Georgia Carmin, Secretary

