

CHAUTAUQUA MULTI-USE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, INC.

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November 12, 2008 BOARD MINUTES

PRESENT: Ned Divine, Jim Enser, Don Horton, Valerie Pawlak, Evelyn Sievert, Lisa Speziale, Mark Twichell,

ABSENT: Daryl Bautigam, Gary Damico, Bob Davis, Karen Davis, Justin Jakubowicz, Ellen Luczkowiak, Mark Maytum, John Olsavsky, Stephanie Pulvino, Janey Wagner

S.I.F.E. MEMBERS: Janelle Danehy, Maggie McEntee and Sam Tuzzeo

A special thank you to Ned Divine for taking notes for this meeting since Karen Davis was unable to attend.

President Don Horton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Mark Twichell made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Evie Sievert, carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Treasurer's Report was given because John Olsavsky was unable to attend.

FREDONIA STATE SIFE STUDENTS: The students reported that the coaches' surveys have been extremely helpful. The hockey coach is definitely in need of more ice time. They are very much in favor of CMUSF moving forward. The coaches did not have any negative things to say; they are ready and willing to use the facility if they can afford the cost; there is crunch for indoor space; it is very hard for soccer and lacross to get enough practice time; and spring is the main demand time. The student-athlete surveys are under way. As soon as they are collected, the team will work on the results. The students answered questions from the members. They will give a presentation at their school the week of December 1-8. The students will give us a presentation at our December 10 meeting.

NEW ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING DISPLAY BOARDS: The display boards were made by Architect Richard Peebles for use during the partnership presentations. The Board members had agreed to pay \$300 to Mr. Peebles for the drawings via a previous e-mail vote. The drawings were discussed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - BUSINESS PLAN REVISIONS: Ned Divine said that the Finance Committee did meet, and John Olsavsky is working on incorporating more of the explanations into the Plan itself. Irene Dobies' suggestions will be reflected in the changes. Another meeting will be scheduled. Don has sent out copies of the Business Plan to potential partners.

PARTNERSHIP EXPLORATION COMMITTEE (PEC) REPORT: PEC has met two times: the first meeting was to identify who the partners would be. Fourteen potential partners were identified. SUNY Fredonia and JCC were identified as the main two. Also identified were: Jamestown YMCA, Chautauqua Tennis Club, Chautauqua County Boys and Girls Club, Chautauqua County Fairgrounds Association, Seneca Nations, and the Northern Chautauqua school districts (Fredonia, Dunkirk, Brocton, Cassadaga Valley, Forestville, Westfield and Silver Creek). Two more were added today - Chautauqua Lake and Ripley School Districts.

Meeting scheduled with Fredonia SUNY on November 18 with five of their representatives; JCC meeting will be held on November 19 with three JCC representatives. Chautauqua Fairgrounds Association President Loni Robinson will be talking with his Board at their meeting on December 1. Don has been trying to reach the Chautauqua Tennis Club. The Jamestown YMCA will discuss the partnership at their Board meeting on November 17. The Boys and Girls Club will be checking with their national organization to see whether it can be done. Don is optimistic about this. Silver Creek School District wants to meet with us. Dunkirk School District wants to meet with us and gave potential dates for meeting. This meeting will be no earlier than December 15. Westfield School District is working on a merger so they are not certain right now. Don spoke with the secretary of the new incoming Seneca Nations president. They are going to get back to Don. There are a total of 16 groups. The next PEC meeting is scheduled for November 24.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mark and his wife visited the Time Warner Winter Classic Arena in East Aurora. They are called the Aurora Ice Association and their website is www.thingrink.org. Mark mentioned that they have several similarities to our group—both are 501C3s and both have been at this for seven years. They started big and then downsized as time went on. They still have on the drawing board for an \$8M indoor twin rink facility. They purchased the land and decided to get something going. They purchased the ice facility that the Buffalo Sabres had used at the Ralph Wilson Stadium for the Winter Classic. They got all the equipment (used Zamboni and Sabres equipment) and the name (Winter Classic) for about \$350,000. Once the community saw that something was going on they had contractors showing up with materials and labor at cost. They got volunteers to help out. Don left a business card with them. Hopes to find out how they got Time Warner to become a part of it.

Coordinator for Dunkirk Rotary Club asked Don to present partnership to their members. Don did a presentation at the Shorewood Country Club during their November luncheon.

Motion was made by Lisa Speziale to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Mark Twichell, carried.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 7 p.m. at JCC.

Respectfully submitted,

(As per notes taken by Ned Divine)

Karen L. Davis
CMUSF Secretary

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