

**Fox Valley Special Recreation Association  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors  
October 23, 2006  
7:00pm  
FVSRA Administration Offices  
In the Vaughan Athletic Center  
2121 W. Indian Trail  
Aurora, IL**

**CALL TO**

**ORDER:** Chairman Rose Smilgys called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and directed the Executive Director to call roll.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Rose Smilgys, Chairman	Fox Valley Park District
Sheavoun Lambillotte, Vice Chairman	Geneva Park District
Robert Thomson, Secretary	St. Charles Park District
William McAdam, Asst. Sec'y	Oswegoland Park District
Carolyn J. Nagle, Treasurer	Fox Valley Special Recreation Association
Michael Clark	Batavia Park District
Linda Cole	Fox Valley Park District
William Conner	St. Charles Park District
Charles Emma*	Geneva Park District
Steve Messerli	Fox Valley Park District
Greg Repede	Sugar Grove Park District

\*arrived after roll call was taken

**Absent:**

Alan Leard	Batavia Park District
Eleanor Rzeminski	Sugar Grove Park District
Mark Slover	Oswegoland Park District

**Others present:**

Peter Pope	FVSRA Superintendent of Recreation
Cori Younie	FVSRA Inclusion Coordinator
Ginny Pavesich	FVSRA Office Manager

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Brian LeFevre	Sikich LLP, Accountant
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**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Member Repede made a motion to approve Consent Agenda, Items A through I. Steve Messerli seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Executive Director shared her enthusiasm for the Beacon News article dated October 22, 2006, written by Amy Roth which detailed the development of FVSRA, some of its history and the upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Special 5-8 Funding Policy Status**

The Executive Director reported that the FVSRA special committee met to discuss the Special 5-8 Funding Policy details. Following input from committee members, she will rewrite the Special 5-8 Funding Policy for presentation at the November 2006 FVSRA Board Meeting.

## **B. Strategic Planning Proposal Update**

The Executive Director presented the Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan Proposal Report that detailed information provided by two potential groups to perform these services for FVSRA. One of the groups is Dr. Sydney Sklar/University of St. Francis Solutions Resource and Business Center and the other is Ron Vine – Leisure Vision, a division of ETC Institute. The Executive Director detailed that the FY06-07 budget includes \$17,000, appropriated for the Assessment/Strategic Plan costs. The timeline for completion of the Plan will be FY2007-08 and the costs for that portion of the total costs will be part of that fiscal year's budget. When asked regarding whether there is a confidence sample, the answer was a 95% level of confidence with a margin of error of +/-4% overall.

FVSRA will be requesting mailing lists from DayOne and other groups in order to distribute surveys. There is a possibility that the FVSRA Mission Statement may be reviewed as part of the Strategic Plan. **Board Member Clark made a motion to approve the Needs Assessment/Strategic Plan Proposal of Ron Vine – “Leisure Vision”. Sheavoun Lambillotte seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **B. FVSRA and West Aurora School District Agreement**

**Board Member Clark made a motion to approve the FVSRA and West Aurora School District Agreement. Linda Cole seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. FY2005-2006 Audit Presentation**

The Executive Director introduced Mr. Brian LeFevre, of Sikich LLP, who presented the FY2005-06 Audit. **Board Member Messerli made a motion to accept and place on file the FY2005-06 Audit. Board Member Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **B. Health Benefits Review Study**

The Executive Director reported that a Health Benefits review is being done and is working with PDRMA to include a great deal of information on what is currently available through PDRMA for health benefits options. This information will be compared to the current health benefits plan which FVSRA now offers. Currently, FVSRA full-time employees contribute 10% of the premium and FVSRA pays the 90%. The Executive Director will also provide information on whether the PPO has Health Savings Account option.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. NRPA Congress**

The Executive Director and Superintendent Peter Pope attended the NRPA Congress in Seattle during the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> and found the sessions informative and worthwhile.

### **B. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The FVSRA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, with many activities to do throughout the evening. All FVSRA Board Members, present and past, and their families are very welcome to join in the celebration.

### **C. Carson Pirie Scott Community Day – November 11, 2006**

Coupon books are still available for \$5 purchase through FVSRA. Coupons are usable at any Carson Pirie Scott store on November 11 only.

### **D. Medicaid Project**

The Executive Director reported that the SRA Directors have been working collectively on the Medicaid Project in an effort that Medicaid funds may be made available to cover the cost for a person with a disability to participate in certain types of SRA program(s). Board Member Cole inquired regarding the types of services FVSRA would expect to provide. While there are some limitations, group home residents would be eligible. Board Member Clark asked what position IPRA has taken on this Project and who is going to certify which agencies are eligible. Board Member McAdam, current IPRA Chairman of the IPRA Board believes that this is not a decision of IPRA, but rather a function of IAPD. The Executive Director stated that Peter Murphy of

IAPD is looking at this matter and she will provide updated information at the November FVSRA Board meeting.

**E. Elizabeth Dempsey Memorial Contributions**

Elizabeth Dempsey, mother of long-time part-time staff, participate and volunteer, Gene Dempsey, passed away. Elizabeth was part of the initiative that helped create FVSRA. FVSRA was named as the recipient of donations in her memory, and the Dempsey Family has always been appreciative of the services FVSRA provided to Gene.

**F. Distinguished Agency Accreditation Project**

FVSRA began the process to seek accreditation as a distinguished agency. Ervin Tucker, FVSRA Administrative Intern is working on this project which was originally begun by Julie Rushmeyer, previous Administrative Intern. Mentors for FVSRA are Steve Scholten and Steve Echelberry. The Executive Director requests the support of the FVSRA during this process and possibly assistance from the Member Park Districts. Ervin will provide a time frame for the details of the project.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent's Report was included in the Board Packet.

Cori Younie, FVSRA Inclusion Coordinator presented statistics and aspects of Inclusion as provided to participate through FVSRA in Member Park District programs.

**PROGRAM REPORTS**

Staff Program Reports were included in the Board packet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Board Member Clark made a motion to adjourn. Greg Repede seconded and motion passed unanimously. Chairman Smilgys adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.**