

**GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

- I. Call to Order:** President Cindy Szkolka called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Director's Meeting to order at 3:00pm on February 9, 2017 at the Oakbrook Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oakbrook, Illinois. A Quorum was present.

*Roll Call:* Board Members present: Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge; Sharon Peterson, Countryside; Cindy Szkolka, Elmhurst; Heather Bereckis, Hinsdale; Karen Spandikow, Oakbrook; Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale; Jim Berg, Westchester; John Fenske, Willowbrook; Scott Nadeau, York Center

*Absent:* None

*Staff Present:* Ray Graham Staff: Superintendent Ryan Cortez, Mike Baig

*Visitors:* None

- II. Open Forum:** John Fenske mentioned the Willowbrook Spring Fling 5K run will be taking place on May 7, 2017. He distributed flyers to the board. As mentioned a few months back, a portion of proceeds from the event may be donated to Gateway.

- III. Board Member Comments:** None

- IV. Communications:** None

- V. Omnibus Agenda:** Motion was made by Scott Nadeau, York Center; to approve the Omnibus Agenda and motion seconded by Heather Bereckis, Hinsdale.

- A. Approval of January 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of February 2017 Check Register
- C. Approval of February 2017 Treasurer's Report

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- VI. Reports:**

A. Superintendent Cortez reviewed her monthly report and stated that program registrations continue to be collected. While staffing continues to be an issue, two new employees were hired and applications are coming in so there is a sense of optimism on that front. Vehicle status is satisfactory. Scholarship status has stayed relatively the same as last month. The summer brochure is scheduled for distribution on March 17 with a registration deadline of May 26. A separate summer camp brochure will be assembled and distributed. Superintendent Cortez highlighted two evenings of training with 15 staff members at York Center that was very

successful. York Center staff was very appreciative of the time and techniques offered and they have already seen an improvement in behaviors. She also introduced a topic for possible discussion regarding fundraising for going down state to Special Olympics. As many Gateway teams have been successful and head to state competition, there is an increased financial burden on participating families. Many of the athletes are on multiple teams as well. Discussion followed on past practices and rationale. The board supported the idea and would be interested in hearing specific options in the future. If, and when, additional funds are secured, the board will need to establish a policy on distribution of funds for consistency and fairness to all programs and athletes. Also mentioned was the past thought, that as RGA employees, fundraising by Gateway staff wouldn't necessarily only be attributable to SRA programs. A clause was noted in the existing RGA contract regarding fundraising and President Szkolka asked board members to review the contract before next month's meeting in anticipation of budget discussion. The past two special events (Chicago Bulls and Chicago Wolves) were both very well attended and successful.

**VII. Old Business:**

A. Nothing Heard

**VIII. New Business:**

A. Program Transportation "advanced approval for (vehicle) non-routine maintenance or repair that exceeds \$300" - A point of order was made by President Szkolka regarding repairs on vehicles, specifically when the timing and/or nature of repair doesn't allow for placement on the monthly agenda. Previously, phone calls and emails were sent to individual board members to approve required repairs. The question was posed to see if there was an option for best practice moving forward. The board was in consensus that the President should have the ability to approve emergency/necessary repairs in order to not disrupt program transportation.

B. Meeting Schedule- Motion was made by Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge; to approve the proposed 2017 Gateway Board of Director's Meeting Schedule and motion seconded by Sharon Peterson, Countryside.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Open Forum: None**

**X. Adjournment:** John Fenske, Willowbrook; made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Berg, Weshchester. Motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.