

**MESA SPORTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2021 - 8:00 AM  
ZOOM MEETING**

Executive Board: Steve Adams (Big Ho) – Mark Fullerton (Lil Ho) – John Dennett (Sachem) – Brandon Smith (Treasurer) – Tim Baughman

BOARD – Al Childress – Anita Peters – Rich Curtis - Bryan Vivian – Jeremy Felstead – Gary Whitley

Members and/or Committee chair: Ron Duranti - Dave Mattson – Nancy Hunter – Paul Buser – John Evans – Tom Rhodes - Angela Vaughan

**BUSINESS:**

**Call to order**

Steve

- Adams 8:02 call to order
- Memorandum for Ferdie Guerrero Sr. – Smith shared some Hohokam memories.

**December Board Minutes**

John

- Adams – motion to approve – 2<sup>nd</sup> Whitley – approved.

**Treasurer's Report/New Budget**

Brandon

- Smith – we received money back from the IRS from 50/50 money (\$648)
- Paid basic expenses – property taxes and accounting fees.
- Smith – provided budget estimates from 2021.
- Adams – Childress - motion to approved treasures report – Peters 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved.
- Adams – discussion with Cubs & A's – both clubs are planning that we will have a socially distant season – both feel that attendance will be between 15% - 25%
- Both teams are suggesting a cut in manpower – A's no gates / limited parking crew and full staff of ushers – Cubs increase in gates – cut back on parking.
- Hohokam's are proposing to the A's @ \$3K per game – which was \$3,900.
- The Cubs have not asked the Hohokam's for a reduction in their contract.
- Adams – is not ready to adopt the current budget until contracts and revenue is resolved.

- Adams – Motion Smith keep membership dues @ \$100 annually 2<sup>nd</sup> Fullerton - approved.
- Smith – will send out statement via Quickbooks

### **Business Oversight Committee Report**

Tom

- Rhodes – sign / frames – met with BOC after Thanksgiving.
- January 2015 Hohokam's spent \$6,500 for signs.
- Initial goal was to lease signs to Hohokam's each year @ \$1,000 / event.
- Goal fell short about \$3K.
- Signs are currently at Longbow and McNichols wants them picked up.
- Economic loss is only \$1,625 – asset value is virtually zero.
- Rhode suggestion is to authorize the Hohokam's remove the debt from our records.
- Smith – Motion all assets owned by Mesa Sports association can not be sold or disposed of without a vote by the board – Childress 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved.

### **Cactus League Update**

Paul

- Buser – MLB sent out a memo to all teams – suggestion reducing a 162 games season – players and management rejected the motion, and a full season is planned.
- Spring Training is set for the last week of February.
- Stadiums may look at getting pods for fans.

### **A's Contract Status / Discussion with the Cubs**

Steve

- A's Will not charge for parking.
- Cubs will charge for parking.
- Planning on 20 – 25% attendance
- If spring training were delayed 1-month – speculation would be an increase.
- Buser – there is no liability insurance for an infectious disease.

### **Direct Mail Project/Donation Button**

Dan Taylor/Rich

- Evans is diligently trying to create a donation button via the bank.
- Bank indicated it's a simple process – Curtis is helping to coordinate.

### **COMMUNITY:**

#### **Foundation Report/Allocations**

Dave/John

- Still have several checks still out

- Evans \$1.9 million in Merrill Lynch
- Chase account \$227,934K (waiting for checks to clear)
- Evans – regaining the revenue we lost earlier in the year.

### **Golf Tournament Results**

Dave

- Raised \$107K
- Special thanks to our loyal sponsors

### **Leadership Academy-Westwood High**

Tim

- Baughman – Leadership Academy is on hold

### **Food Bank**

- United Food Bank – approx. 15 Hohokam's participated

### **New member elections**

- Adams – elections must be an in-person meeting.
- Adams – suggestion to forgo bringing in new members for this year.

### **CLUB:**

#### **KAM Report**

Hector

- Hernandez – facility needs to be cleaned up and trees need trimming.
- *Will the lodge be open, and meals provided when Spring Training starts?*

#### **Facilities Report/Water issues**

Hector/Jim

- Adams – the City of Mesa water bill is a little high.
- Hernandez - we fixed a sprinkler leak.

### **Adjourned 9:18**

Mission Statement: Continue the legacy of the Hohokams through our enhancement of Spring Training Baseball in Mesa, AZ, while investing our time and resources to better the community we serve.