

Butte Civic Center Board

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023 12:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jocelyn Dodge, Jim Lynch, Marko Lucich, Dan Callahan

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kelly Lee

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Melvin, Krystal Carlson

MOTION: Motion to approve the January 5th, 2023 Civic Center Board minutes. 1st Jocelyn 2nd Dan Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- **COUNCIL MEETING REPORT**

Ken Toposki, 1923 producer, spoke at the meeting regarding the financial impact 1923 had on the community and said it has been wildly successful. He said 12 million watched the premiere and an additional 8 million more over the first seven days. Chief Executive JP and Ken both complimented the Civic Center and the community. Dan agreed that Ken said nothing, but positive things. The next season of 1923 will be filmed in Butte again with a timeline depending on Harrison Ford's schedule and availability. Jocelyn mentioned that Harrison Ford has been on a few talk shows talking about 1923 and has mentioned Butte a few times.

Scoreboard Advertising Ads

Bill requested Council's approval to defer payments from the Civic Center's scoreboard advertisers since they lost 6 months of advertising due to 1923 renting the facility. Council approved this. The amended contracts will be distributed to the advertisers for their signature.

- **MHSA CONFERENCE**

Bill attended the Montana High School Association Conference in Missoula in January. It was a great networking conference. The AA principals & Athletic Directors met, and the Bozeman AD suggested moving the All-Conference tourney to Wed – Fri so the hotels would open up for Cat games. John Metz spoke up & said Butte would host it for the set dates of Thurs-Sat. 4 Courts are needed. The principals agreed that the kids would be missing too many days of school and the hotel rates in Bozeman have skyrocketed. Discussions were also held on new sports; such as Lacrosse.

2023 STATE AA COMBINED BASKETBALL TOURNEY

March 9-11, 2023. Bill and Krystal have a meeting scheduled next Tuesday with Greta from the MHSA to discuss details of this upcoming tourney.

- **1923 CLOSEOUT**

The Civic Center's bleachers are being repaired since being moved out of the building. 1923 is paying for these repairs. The Civic Center also provided 1923 with a proposal for new bleachers, since the company whom fix the bleachers informed Bill that they will condemn the bleachers if they are moved out again. The bleachers are 22 years old and depreciation is also a factor. Discussions were held on donating them or selling as is. These can be moved to a new location where they can be used for permanent seating.

- **UPCOMING BUDGET REQUESTS**

Carryover the parking lot funds, add a new ticket booth to the North Side with that parking lot expanding in size, carryover last year's requests, and Bill asked the Board to start thinking of new requests for the next meeting.

MARKETING REPORT

- USAW Folkstyle Wrestling tourney was very successful. The AAU Folkstyle is coming up.
- Big Sky Volleyball Challenge – this is being moved to MT Tech and Carroll. It didn't work out at the MAC last year. It Chamber Dinner at the Civic Center Feb 23rd

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mall Contract – as of January 31, 2023 there is no contract in place with the space at the Butte Plaza Mall. Currently the lease is month to month. 1923 has a long-term contract in hand, so the Civic Center should have one as well.
- Jocelyn informed the Board that the CVB is coming out with a tour map of the 1923 filming sites.
- Jim commented on the positive feedback of having vegetable trays in the concessions at the BHS vs BC basketball games.
- Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Rent. They assist with all the hospitality rooms during tournaments and in the past they have been given the facility for their annual dinner at a rental rate of \$350. Bill is asking the Board for this approval again.

MOTION: Motion to charge the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner rent at the rate of \$350 . 1st Dan, 2nd Jocelyn. Motion Passed. Disclose that Jocelyn stated she would abstain from the vote, being on the Chamber Board.

- Traffic Control will be in place for the weekend and for the State AA Basketball Tourney
- Snow removal in the parking lot will be done before the BHS vs. BC Basketball games and 6 light plants will be rented for lighting in the parking lot.
- There will be a bus route to all hotels for the AA and will drop off at the Civic Center (possibly use the Lady of the Rockies van – Jim)

Meeting Adjourned 1:05pm Next Meeting March 2nd at Noon.