



AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Date/Time: Monday, August 30, 2021; 12:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Call: 779-774-4672; PIN 0314

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Craig Thomas Mike Dunn John Phelps
Michael Schirger Tom Walsh
Rudy Valdez Bobbie Holzwarth

Board Members Absent: Howie Heaton Martesha Brown

Others Present: Alderman Chad Tuneberg
John Butitta, Winnebago County Liaison
Harry Cann; Regional Vice President, ASM Global
Gordon Kaye, Consultant, Vandalay Enterprises
Tim Rollins, Attorney
Beth Howard; Executive Director, Friends of the Coronado

Staff Present: Gretchen Gilmore; General Manager, BMO Harris Bank Center
Doug Johnson; Assistant General Manager, BMO Harris Bank Center
Mike Walsh; Director of Operations, BMO Harris Bank Center
Jackie Powers; Finance Coordinator/RAVE Board Secretary, BMO Harris Bank Center

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Craig Thomas states due to the current pandemic we are not able to meet in person. These minutes are being recorded and made available to the public.

MINUTES – The minutes from the July 28, 2021, meeting were reviewed and approved.

MOTION: To approve the July 28, 2021, minutes made by Rudy Valdez, second by Michael Schirger. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Craig Thomas, Michael Schirger, Rudy Valdez, John Phelps, Tom Walsh, and Bobbie Holzwarth.

MINUTES – The minutes from the August 9, 2021, meeting were reviewed and approved.

MOTION: To approve the August 9, 2021, minutes made by Tom Walsh, second by Bobbie Holzwarth. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Craig Thomas, Michael Schirger, Rudy Valdez, John Phelps, Tom Walsh, Mike Dunn, and Bobbie Holzwarth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance** **Mr. Tom Walsh, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **Executive** **Mr. Craig Thomas, Chair**
Craig Thomas states he and Tom Walsh have been contacted by Mary McNamara Bernsten regarding concerns over programming. Craig Thomas informs the board that all contracts have been signed with the Chicago Blackhawks and the marquee at the Coronado Performing Arts Center has been turned on.
- **Davis Park** **Mr. Tom Walsh, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **Coronado** **Mr. Craig Thomas, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **DEI Advisory Group** **Ms. Martesha Brown, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **Governance** **Mr. Tim Rollins, Attorney**
No report at this time.
- **Program Advisory Group** **Mr. Michael Schirger, Chair**
No report at this time.
- **Capital Improvement** **Mr. John Phelps, Chair**
No report at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Tom Walsh, Treasurer

Tom Walsh defers to Gretchen Gilmore. Gretchen Gilmore reviews events at Davis Park in July and forecasts August will show more activity with more events and more staff being activated.

MOTION: To approve the July 2021 financials made by Rudy Valdez, second by Bobbie Holzwarth. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Craig Thomas, Michael Schirger, Rudy Valdez, John Phelps, Tom Walsh, Mike Dunn, and Bobbie Holzwarth.

Tom Walsh directs the board's attention to the proposed budget and suggests comparison be made to the 2019 fiscal year and discusses highlights of the budget concerning the sale of the IceHogs to the Blackhawks, current renovations at the BMO Harris Bank Center, and activity at the Coronado Performing Arts Center. Gretchen Gilmore states there is uncertainty due to the pandemic and the sale of the team, and that

programming is heavy at the Coronado due to lower risk for promoters. Gretchen Gilmore informs the board there will be wage increases in the budget along with new SMG management fees and suggests waiting to vote on the budget until it can be reviewed by ASM corporate and there is a more complete review by the board. Tom Walsh agrees with Gretchen Gilmore that there will be wage increases and the new budget will have much less variability due to new fixed revenue streams. Craig Thomas confirms that Tom Walsh is comfortable waiting to approve the budget at the next board meeting until additional feedback is gathered.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT – Mrs. Gretchen Gilmore, GM

Gretchen Gilmore introduces Doug Johnson, the new Assistant General Manager. Gretchen Gilmore gives a program update for the Coronado and informs the board that the news broadcast from the theatre and there was a free Friday Night Flix event held there as well. Gretchen Gilmore explains the Venue Shield plan was released for the Coronado Theatre which includes masks, sanitizer, and cashless sales. The board is informed about the upcoming continuous concrete pour for the new ice floor at the BMO Harris Bank Center. Gretchen Gilmore updates the board on further funding for renovations and the status of work and projected completion. Gretchen Gilmore informs the board that the Coronado Theatre was approved for the Shuttered Venues grant but the BMO Harris Bank Center was excluded, although she will apply for reconsideration. Gretchen Gilmore states we are waiting on guidance because most venues are requiring vaccination and she will provide updates as they become available. Mike Dunn requests attendance numbers for events at the Coronado. Bobbie Holzwarth questions how vaccination requirements may affect attendance and Gretchen Gilmore answers that promoters are still wanting to tour and are anticipating a drop in ticket sales. Michael Schirger tells the board that some performers are pulling out of shows if vaccination mandates are not in place. Bobbie Holzwarth states that the Goodman is also requiring vaccination and masking. It is determined that our venues will do whatever is necessary to get back up and running.

COUNSEL'S REPORT – Attorney Tim Rollins

None at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mr. Craig Thomas

Craig Thomas introduces the proposed management agreement with ASM Global and references the draft sent to the board members and informs the board that the Chicago Blackhawks have approved ASM as the facility manager. Craig Thomas opens the floor to questions and discussions regarding the management contract. Bobbie Holzwarth questions the ten-year term and asks why the board should agree to such a long-term agreement. Craig Thomas explains that the length of term is appropriate in regard to ASM's capital infusion and the length of the contract with the Chicago Blackhawks. Gordon Kaye states that although it is slightly longer than most agreements of this type there is already a relationship with ASM and the Chicago Blackhawks prefer ASM to be the management company in place. Harry Cann brings attention to language added to the early termination section that was meant to give an additional layer of comfort to the board relative to efforts to maximize live entertainment and drive revenue outside of AHL hockey. Bobbie Holzwarth suggests the board confirm with Chairman Thomas what the scope of the Chairman's individual authority ought to be and when the board would prefer to give approval on items. Tim Rollins discusses the advantages and disadvantages of ASM being able to enter into agreements on behalf of RAVE. Tim Rollins agrees parameters need to be set in this section of the agreement with future board resolutions. Harry Cann states that the process of the agreement went well, and he is excited about the future of the agreement. Bobbie Holzwarth thanks Chairman Thomas and others for their work on the agreement and expresses her pleasure with many aspects of the agreement. Craig Thomas highlights that the agreement memorializes the fee waiver that RAVE has operated under with ASM during the pandemic. Craig Thomas urges the board to take some time thinking about the agreement to come up with suggestions regarding how RAVE will be handling

the interplay going forward regarding entering into contracts and authority for discussion at the next board meeting.

MOTION: To approve the management agreement with RAVE and ASM Global Arena Management in the form that's been presented to the board and to authorize Craig Thomas to execute the agreement on behalf of the board made by Mike Dunn, second by Tom Walsh. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Craig Thomas, Michael Schirger, Rudy Valdez, John Phelps, Tom Walsh, Mike Dunn, and Bobbie Holzwarth.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – The Authority Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

MOTION: To adjourn made by Tom Walsh, second by Bobbie Holzwarth. Motion passes unanimously. Roll Call: Craig Thomas, Michael Schirger, Rudy Valdez, John Phelps, Tom Walsh, Mike Dunn, and Bobbie Holzwarth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Powers, Authority Board Secretary/ FOIA Officer