

Extraordinary Events Committee Meeting  
Held Wednesday, June 10, 2009  
Jack Reidy Conference Room

Meeting began at 5:12 pm

Those in Attendance: Jared Amoss- Osprey, Nola Hunter-Osprey (came to take minutes)  
Matt Ellis-Facility Manager  
Joe Easton-Play Ball Missoula  
Dale McCormick-Riverfront Neighborhood Council  
Ellie Hill and Gwen Hoppe excused- out of town

Matt began the meeting by going over rosters for Neighborhood Councils.

Joe suggested that perhaps the committee might want to change the by-laws to do things electronically. Perhaps that would work better. Matt noted that we are not trying to influence peoples vote, but committee attendance and process is important. Matt stated that he appreciated Gwen & Dale's attendance and perspective at the meetings. Jared interjected that we carefully consider what is brought to the facility. We turn down events that are not good for the future of the stadium.

Dale suggested that perhaps if the information comes out beforehand and everyone is informed and can make a decision based on the information they receive then maybe the committee can do it electronically, but if the committee feels that not enough information is provided or would like to discuss things further, then a meeting could be held if it so warrants.

Matt stated that if email was used perhaps three votes could be given for consideration. A yes, no, or we need a meeting. The by-laws don't really state process for what a quorum is or who is the chair?

Dale asked if we had a written set of by-laws. If so, he would like a set sent to him. Don't need to overwork things.

Joe stated that if people want a meeting then we should have one.  
"The meeting today was for clarification", Matt said.

The MMA event was on the agenda next for discussion.

Dale had polled his neighborhood for the MMA event, and had some concerns after doing the poll. One of his neighbors said he was ok with it as long as they followed the rules.

Other MMA events that have been held have been issue free. They are in the news pages all the time. They were featured on Yahoo sports as the cover story.

It was stalled for 3 months to check things out. Staff was sent to attend the event to see how rowdy it was and what the format is.

Police have been asked to patrol the event.

They will not be using the video screen. Music will be played as the players enter the ring. It is being looked at as a sporting event.

Jared noted that it is not a big time production. The crowds have not been a problem at the other events where they were. MMA wanted to do hard alcohol sales and we told them no.

Extraordinary events okayed the event. After it was approved, negotiations were started. They run a professional event. They have been great to work with and have agreed to the terms.

Dale mentioned that he appreciated the effort, but thought some people would not understand the culture, and others would be ok if it was done professionally. Would be surprised if someone in the community doesn't object. Will be interesting to see reactions. We will see how it goes.

Joe said, "It appeals to my base nature."

Jared stated that they do watch out for the fighters, and seem to have their well being in mind. The Adams Center was not an option for the MMA this summer, due to the lack of air conditioning at the facility. UFC is like the NFL. UFC is the professional major leagues of the MMA.

Matt then turned the meeting over to Jared to introduce the proposed concert event which is slated for July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The concert that is proposed is a Christian rock band. Approximate attendance would be 1500-2000. The information was sent out via email for people to look at the band. Joe and Dale gave their approval for the event. The others will be polled by email.

The other event up for consideration is a Charity Softball event. It has been proposed, but not sure if it will happen. Jared will keep everyone informed if it comes to be.

Joe left the meeting at 5:34 pm.

Dale asked if it was possible to perhaps do a blue grass event. Used to be a blue grass festival in town. Thought it might be a good fit. Matt stated that we're not actively going after concerts. The promoters come to us. We try to go after the youth events. We turn down proposed events like "Quiet Riot." We are a renter, not a promoter. The number one priority is baseball games during the summer. Pre-game concerts are on the agenda for this summer.

Dale noted that it will help if the neighborhood gets built up around there. “Is the parking lot going to be built?” Matt agreed the sooner the better. The boat ramp is causing some major issues which are trying to be worked out.

Dale volunteered himself and Gwen to try to get someone from the Westside for the committee.

Matt asked if there had been any issues with the legion tournament. Dale hadn't heard of any.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.