



General Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2022  
Khaos Brewcade Plainfield, 12:00pm

**Call to Order** – 12:15pm

**Introductions** – No introductions given.

**President's Report** – Thank you to the Board for all of their work over the past year. They put in a lot of time and effort to make this year a success. Thank you to all of our chairs and co-chairs for a great year. I want to thank our sponsors as well as our guests today, IPRF who sponsored our March Leadership Workshop. They will be speaking later in the meeting.

**President Elect Report** – Happy May! I want to let everyone know the election results. Congratulations to Rachel Bauer from Mokena Park District on the position of President Elect. The budget passed so we will move our budget to July 1. I did send out our past budget to the Board and committee chairs, so we will begin reviewing and updating that to get it ready by July 1. That is due to Jason by June 3. Thank you all for coming. Hope everyone has a good summer!

**Past President Report** – I just want to thank everyone for the last three years. Thank you for all of your help during the pandemic. You guys were awesome! I look forward to working with the Board going forward.

**Secretary's Report** – The April meeting minutes have been posted to the website.

Motion to approve the April General meeting minutes: Erin Cortilet, Tinley Park Park District,  
Second: Sarah Hamilton, Lockport Township Park District  
Motion carries

**Treasurer's Report:** Jason absent/report submitted – Our main account we have a balance as of April 1 of \$15,623.04. Our ending balance is \$15,715.86. These are the newest accounts. We have the Wilson Family Scholarship Fund account that currently has \$1,000 in there. We will keep it at \$1,000. We opened up a CD as well and our ending balance is \$10,775.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Athletics (Keith Blomberg)** – We met back in April with 6 in attendance. We had a presentation from Mojo Sports. They have a mobile based app for volunteer coaches. It is free to use. Any questions on the app, shoot me an email. We will meet May 16 and discuss summer programming, leagues, uniform vendors, and give-a-ways.
- **Awards (Rachel Bauer & Kristine Wahlgren)** – Kathy Brewer was not able to make it to the awards ceremony last month, but she is retiring August 5 so I want to say thank you Kathy and congratulations on your retirement. Thank you to the rest of the Awards committee, Annie and Kristine, for their part in the awards ceremony.

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- **Day Camp/Teens (Meghan Fenlon)** – Absent/no report
- **Diversity (Keith Wallace & Nikki Gotsch)** – Our next meeting is next Thursday on Zoom from 3:00-4:00pm and it is going to be going over Pride month, Juneteenth, and our service project.
- **Early Childhood (Karen Cooper, Scott Gray, Kelly Matson)** – We are having an Early Childhood conference in August, so please look for that for your staff. We will not meet in May.
- **Facilities (Chris Finn & Rachel Bauer)** – We will be meeting on May 25 via Zoom. The topics will be vendor lists and maintenance for indoor/outdoor facilities.
- **Legislative (Hollice Clark & Greg Lewis)** – We met in May and had a nice end of the season party for us at Lincolnway Special Rec. We toured their facility and Leigh Creek Park. Our next meeting is June 6 via Zoom.
- **Membership/Publicity (Jason Braglia & Beth Nagel)** – We are going to have a membership drive in July and we are still working on the details.
- **Professional Development (Olga Viano & Beth Nagel)** – We have all the meeting locations set for next year so we will send out a save the date. Make sure you become a member to receive that information. We will also be doing 2 more leadership workshops next year, so we are working on that.
- **School Age (Rebecca Perkaus)** – Sarah Hamilton: We met in April and it was our last meeting of the year. We discussed topics for next year and when we want to meet. If you need more information on that, please reach out to Rebecca.
- **Social (Nikki Gotsch & Erin Cortilet)**- Erin Cortilet: I was never officially the chair, but assumed the role after the last two chairs left, so I am passing the hat to Nikki and Lauren who will be planning the September opening social. I would like to thank Nikki for planning today's social. Thank you to Khaos Brewcade for hosting our social. We have twelve baskets of booze, so we will be doing a drawing for that as a door prize. Split the pot tickets available.
- **Special Events (Eric Sloyan)** – We met yesterday and went over our summer events and **our special event vendors that each district shares with each other. We will not meet over the summer but will meet beginning in September.** Also, Laurie from Pleasant Dale Park District will be my new co-chair for Special Events.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing (Amy Maher & Jason Braglia)** – We met in April and we have a piece created for the July event to target membership. I am finishing up the sponsorship packet for the upcoming year.
- **Student (Delaney Harty)** – We met a couple of weeks ago to discuss our plan for the upcoming year. We are talking about reaching out to more Universities to drum up some interest from more students. Marie Piotrowski from Lemont will be co-chairing the committee with me.



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**Old Business**

- Strategic Plan Update – Tom Hartwig: I hope to have the stuff out this week or next so we can get the survey out.

**New Business**

- Declaration of Surplus – Kevin Miller: South Suburban is in possession of a bat tester that was purchased in 2010/2011. It is no longer needed for South Suburban so we are declaring it as surplus. We will be accepting email bids. Emails can be sent to Jason Braglia at the New Lenox Park District. If you want it for your district, send him a dollar amount. If no one submits a bid, we will get rid of the bat tester. The deadline is May 27.

**Split the Pot** - winners announced.

**Announcements**

- Kevin Miller invited John Wilson and Mike Kies from IPRF to speak.
- **Induction of New SSPRPA Board:**  
Kevin Miller: The 2022-23 South Suburban Board will be as follows: staying on as Secretary will be Stacy Proper and staying on as Treasurer will be Jason Braglia. Coming onto the Board as President Elect is Rachel Bauer. Moving into the President role is Olga Viano. I will be moving into the Past President role. Coming off the Board will be Beth Nagel. I want to say a special thank you to Beth. She has been a major advocate for South Suburban throughout her career and especially these past three years. She has helped the Board accomplish a lot these past three years.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting: Cate Coyle, Oak Lawn Park District, Second: Sarah Hamilton, Lockport Township Park District

Meeting adjourned: 12:45pm