

The Old Orchard Beach Ballpark Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2018  
Old Orchard Beach High School Library

Attendees: Chair John Gallo via skype, Commissioners Kris Fish, Victor Gould Jr, Robin Dayton, Jerome Plante, Melissa Clark, Ballpark Operations Manager (BOM) Guy Fontaine, Field Manager Jim Doran and Town Manager Larry Mead. Commission Rings was excused.

Call to order: Chairman Gallo opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Acceptance of previous meeting's minutes: these minutes were distributed before the meeting so all had a chance to review prior to tonight. After discussion the minutes were approved as amended.
2. Ballpark Operations Manager's (BOM'S) Report:
  - a. BOM Fontaine presented December's statement of revenues, expenditures and the fund balance. Financial contracts are starting to come in now. The Ballpark is still operating in the red but is \$1000 ahead of last year at this time.
  - b. Contract statuses: Several field requests have been approved and two more contracts were accepted and payments made.
  - c. Pending business: There is nothing pending Commission action at this time.
3. Field Manager's Report: Jim Doran reports there is nothing new at this time. The mound and home plate tarp covers will be ordered by spring.
4. Surge:
  - a. No General Manager's report is available as he was unable to attend the meeting. However, Commissioner Dayton was in touch with him regarding attending events in town. He requested a list of events the Surge could attend or participate in.
  - b. Review of Contract Status: The signed contract and payment due from the Surge by January 31, 2018 has not been received. The BOM is also waiting for their schedule so he can release dates to other parties. Town Manager Mead had emailed the Surge on January 21, 2018 requesting the schedule by the end of the month. They did not respond. The discussion was then tabled while Town Manager Mead attempted to contact Surge owner, Eddie Gonzalez, on the phone. Town Manager Mead was able to reach Mr. Gonzalez who promised a schedule tonight. He also said he would probably send the signed contract and payment by the end of the week.

5. The review of the approved norms was tabled until next month. A workshop will be set up.
6. Review and update of the Action Item List: Items 5, 6, 7 and 8 are completed. Item 1 is 95% completed and will be done in the next few days. Item 2 was tabled. A rough draft was presented for suggestions for Item 3. Item 4 (Memorial Day Parade Float) is in process. The Action Items Log will be updated to reflect these changes.
7. Request from Pat McDonald to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rumble in The Ballpark Wrestling Event: This is a high school wrestling tournament scheduled for July 21, 2018. The tournament will be held in the evening. Commissioner Dayton does not like the word "rumble" used. She just wants it called a wrestling event. Mr. McDonald explained that all the participants liked the word rumble and the word wrestling does appear in all their advertising. Commissioner Dayton also has issue with this event not paying extra for the lights. BOM Fontaine explained they are paying double what a baseball team would pay to use the field and The Ballpark will make money in our concessions stand which will more than cover the cost of the lights. The Commission also thanked Mr. McDonald for returning to The Ballpark with his event. Commissioner Plante made a motion with Chairman Gallo seconding to approve this event. All were in favor.
8. Request from Max Salevsky, owner of the GNCBL, to call The Ballpark their home field and promote it as such. This is a college baseball league that played several games at The Ballpark last season. There were four teams in the league last season with plans to have six teams of 18 players each this year. The league provides local (ME, NH and MA) D2 and D3 level baseball players a place to play. These kids loved The Ballpark last year and it provides a place for them to play and not have to travel far from home. Commissioner Dayton wants to make sure the teams and players embrace The Ballpark's history and field and the time and effort that went into The Ballpark. Commissioner Dayton made a motion with Commissioner Gould seconding to approve this request. All were in favor.
9. New business:
  - a. Concerts in the Park: Town Manager Mead has suggested having eight concerts this season, four downtown and four at The Ballpark. This will provide both venues with concerts. BOM Fontaine will get together with Jason Webber to solidify the dates and locations.
  - b. Commissioner Dayton is requesting help from the local PD to keep cars from destroying the back area of the parking lot. It seems most damage is in the spring when the ground is wet. We may be able to put in some poles to keep cars off the grass.

- c. Commissioner Gallo thanked Town Manager Mead for attending our meeting. The Commission will be completing the workshop started in December.
  - d. The Commission will be adding Good and Welfare to our meeting agendas each month to provide a place for public comment relevant to The Ballpark.
10. The next meeting will be a workshop scheduled for March 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Old Orchard Beach High School Library. Commissioner Gallo would like a workshop and a regular meeting scheduled each month. He will provide a list of items we need to work on. The regular Commission meeting will be held on March 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Clark  
Secretary