

Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority
Board Meeting
December 19, 2019

Members Present:

Cory Salmela
Erik Viken
Antoinette Pearson
Aaron Stolp
Dave Cizmas
Dave Kohlhaas
Gage Hartman

Staff Present:

Brandy Ream, Executive Director
Gretchen Ransom, Director of People Ops and Risk
Marty Francisco, HR Manager/Recorder

Other:

Jim Shoberg, City Liaison
Jim Filby-Williams, Dir of Public Admin - City
Scott Neustel, Ski Hut
Brooks Johnson, StarTribune

REGRETS:

Dan O'Neill

PHONED IN:

Jane Gilbert-Howard

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Erik Viken at 5:04 pm.

II. **Review of Sep 2019 Minutes**

- On a motion by Cory Salmela seconded by Aaron Stolp the minutes of Sep 2019 were unanimously approved.

III. Review of Finances - current monthly revenue/Financials for end of June through September 2019.

- Financial reports will be reviewed at the January 2020 meeting

IV. Review of Committee meetings

- None

V. Executive Director/General Manager Report

- No report until January 2020 meeting

VI. Old Business – None.

VII. New Business:

Nomination of Aaron Stolp as the next Chair, starting in July 2020.

- On a motion by Dave Cizmas seconded by Dave Kohlhaas to nominate/elect Aaron Stolp as the next Chair of the Board of Directors was unanimously approved.

City Council meeting follow up

- Discussion was made highlighting the large volume of negative feedback from both the general public and news and media outlets.

- Board members confirmed support for Spirit Mountain from City Counselors as well as from community leaders; highlighting the economic impact Spirit Mountain has to the City as a whole.
- The Executive Director reviewed year-to-date statistics
 - Season pass sales are at the highest level since 2014
 - Ticket sales are up from last year
 - \$1.5 million was put back into Spirit
- Jim Filby-Williams stated that, with regard to City Counselors and the Mayor, Spirit Mountain remains a core piece of the City's economic state; and that the Mayor is looking at strategic options to increase support for Spirit Mountain and will communicate with Spirit Mountain by early January 2020. The City's focus for Spirit Mountain is looking beyond stop-gap measures for cash flow shortages to a more long-term sustaining solution.

VIII. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Next meeting: January 16, 2020



Aaron Stolp