Youth Activities Board Meeting
Room 224
February 12, 2013
5:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. **Roll Call**
Members Present: John White; Tom Rutecki; Joyce Vick; Mariana Moreno-Goodwin; Jeff Sloss; Sean Boily; Colton Womack; Linda Johnson; Robert Kuhn
Staff Present: Myiia Whistler; Dave Pusich; Amanda Wilkins

II. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved

III. **Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2012; January 15, 2013**
Ms. Vick motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Approved

IV. **Contingency Grants – $6060.00 available**

NAME	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED
Ciera Kelly	**$769.96**	**$300 – general travel expenses**
Dakota Isaak	**$769.96**	**$300 – general travel expenses**
Mia Ruffin	**$400.00**	**$300 – general travel expenses**

Ms. Whistler introduced Dave Pusich, the new Recreation Manager. He will be shadowing Ms. Whistler for the FY14 cycle as part of his new position.
Ms. Moreno-Goodwin asked if GSC tells its members about the contingency grants. Ms. Kelly said they found out last year through a coach.
Ms. Moreno-Goodwin asked if they were the only kids who qualified. Ms. Isaak said there were others who qualified.
Mr. Rutecki said that the meet the girls applied for is a faster qualifying

time. Mr. Rutecki said GSC has not done a good enough job letting swimmers know about the contingency grant. He said he would like the club to get the word out more. Ms. Moreno-Goodwin asked if there were more meets. Mr. Rutecki said at least 2 more before summer. Ms. Kelly said the club used to apply for the kids; Ms. Isaak said the coach removed themselves from the process in order to allow the parents to be responsible for applying. Mr. Kuhn asked how they qualified. Ms. Isaak said at time trials and meets.

Ms. Moreno-Goodwin asked, historically, who comes in the spring. Mr. White said skiers, swimmers, and the science fair. Mr. Sloss asked if there was precedent to awarding individuals who have already received a contingency grant. Mr. White said they have not turned people down, but they have been given lesser amounts. Ms. Vick asked if there would be any soccer or music kids coming through.

Mr. Rutecki motioned to fund airfare for the applicants. Mr. White asked to amend it to $300 across the board as Mia Ruffin's airfare would be different. Mr. Sloss said amended the motion to cover general travel expenses.

Motion with amendment carried.

V. Informational Items

A. Seats

Ms. Moreno-Goodwin would like to recommend another seat for the board; she recommends Tlingit-Haida Central Council. She said this is an opportunity for the board to have a reciprocal relationship with T&H. She said research shows kids who are involved in extracurricular activities are less likely to drop out; she said having a T&H member would be able to report to their board what the YAB does, and they can report to YAB what the T&H board does for youth.

Mr. White said he has concerns with having T&H; he said the original designation was the board is not a social services board, but an activities board. Ms. Moreno-Goodwin said part of T&H is they have a social services area, but they also support youth activities. Ms. Moreno-Goodwin said that many of the applications that come through list T&H as a partner. She said that it is important to extend that invitation to T&H. Mr. White said T&H has access to the board, they have never applied for a public seat. Ms. Moreno-Goodwin said an invitation is a good thing.

Ms. Moreno-Goodwin said the word needs to get out about the grants and contingency grants.

Mr. White said he does not see bringing in another board member or losing a seat would add anything to the board. Ms. Moreno-Goodwin said there are grants coming into Juneau to support arts and culture, the Walter Soboloff cultural center will be created. She said the board may be stagnant. She said the board has had numerous new organizations apply for the grant because the board was able to think outside the box, otherwise it would have been the same organizations receiving the money.

Mr. Rutecki asked about an ex-officio membership; it would give T&H a voice at the table and it could still be a reciprocal relationship. Mr. White does not want to lose a seat from the public or a dedicated seat. He said they board could have further discussion on this issue.
Mr. Kuhn said the discussion last time was what was JSA's role on the board. Mr. White said he would advocate for JSA's seat. Ms. Moreno-Goodwin said she would just as quickly advocate for T&H. She said having a voice at the table educates everyone involved.
Ms. Whistler said if the board came up with a proposal, it would go before the HRC, then the COW, then public comment. Mr. Rutecki asked if the board should create an ad-hoc committee to come up with an initial proposal to bring before the board.
Ms. Moreno-Goodwin asked if it was something to wait until after the grant cycle. Mr. White said it would work best if after April.

B. High School Sports Funding
Ms. Whistler explained that the schools receive $200,000 from the Assembly as part of the YAB resolution. Mr. Rutecki said it was done in part to help relieve business from being hit up for donations. Middle schools received $50,000; it will go down to $30,000 this year. Mr. Rutecki said that no money goes to the elementary schools. The first priority for the high schools is the two coaches; other coaches are paid for by booster clubs. Next is travel; teams receive an almost even split for one trip. The rest of the trips are paid for by themselves. Ms. Moreno-Goodwin asked if the extra money ($300,000) the assembly assigned is only for sports. Mr. Rutecki said no; lots of different activities receive a portion of the money. Mr. White said that years ago the money would come from the board to the school board. The school board refused to report on what was accounted. The Assembly removed the board from that and now the school district has to report to the Assembly. Ms. Moreno-Goodwin said that there are activities at the elementary level; she asked if they should approach the Assembly regarding that issue. Mr. White said it would not be addressed by the Assembly. Mr. Rutecki said the school district is trying to incorporate the money allocated by the Assembly. Ms. Whistler asked if the $180,000 being cut from the school district is part of the $200,000 in the YAB resolution. Mr. Rutecki said no. Mr. White said that it may come full circle; the school district will not have enough money to fund travel. Mr. Rutecki said that the extra $300,000 from the assembly was the reason YAB was able to stop funding school activities.

VI. Liaison Reports

A. PRAC – Tom Rutecki
The board met and discussed the Auke Lake Management plan; there was public testimony meeting and a meeting for PRAC to discuss the plan. PRAC submitted two proposals: the staff proposal and the PRAC

proposal. The staff proposal is limited by monetary constraints and limited motorized craft to 10 hp. The PRAC recommendation asked for education and enforcement and allowed motorized use.

B. JAHC – Sean Boily

Working with Perseverance Theatre to develop a common theatre facility. They are also working on their fundraising event of the year: the Wearable Arts event.

Mr. Boily said he spoke with his board regarding programs for youth that Ms. Moreno-Goodwin had asked about. The JAHC sponsors or is involved in several programs, including but not limited to: Geneva Woods afterschool arts program, concerts, partnering with school district for art, Wearable Arts, Poetry Out Loud, food festivals, Community Day on Campus, and student events or internships that occur at the JAHC itself. Ms. Vick asked if Mr. Boily reports to the board on what YAB does. Mr. Boily said there is a disconnect as board members are not associated with other boards to broadcast the grants.

Ms. Moreno-Goodwin said that something that has come up in regards to the submitted grants is that there is a lot of cut and paste. Mr. White said that some do that and the board catches a few every year. Ms. Whistler said that the new questions that the board proposed for the FY14 cycle should help eliminate that issue as the groups could not just cut and paste.

C. JSA – Robert Kuhn

The board is gearing up to get the league ready for play. Mr. Kuhn said he went to board to discuss the role of the JSA seat. The JSA board would not object to losing the seat. Mr.Kuhn said he would apply as a public seat as he likes serving on the board and would like to continue to do so.

VII. Board Comments

Mr. Rutecki passed out invitations to the AGB 40th anniversary celebration on February 23rd. He encouraged the board to attend.

VIII. Next Meeting – March 12, 2013 at 5pm, City Hall conference room 224

IX. Adjournment 6:11