

Spokane Hotel Motel Association

June 18, 2019

Northern Quest Resort Casino

In attendance:

Chris Anderson  
Liz Beck  
Melissa Boland  
Carol Carter  
Phil Champlin  
Julie Cohen  
Jamie Crawford  
Stephanie Curran  
Dean Feldmeier  
Ruth Fitzgerald  
Ashley Blake

Toni Hansen  
Mallory Jones  
BethAnne King  
Lisa Leinberger  
Elizabeth Mills  
Meredith Rainville  
Trina Riley  
Jody Sander  
Rebecca Selby  
Kenny Smith  
Tom Stebbins

Will Strandy  
Duane Sunwold  
Travis Tramp  
Ruby Whitt  
Meg Winchester  
Dan Zimmerer  
Christina Messer  
Jaz Singh  
Staci Clary  
Kelsey Bitz

President Julie Cohen called the meeting to order and Ashley Blake provided the in depth update from the Spokane Sports Commission. She detailed recent travel and bid efforts that will impact the next several years in our market. These do include events to be held in the new SportsPlex.

Following that update, welcome and introductions were made. We had two new allied members in attendance: Staci Clary with Hold On Now and Christina Messer and Jaz Singh with SealxPro.

Meg Winchester and Ruth Fitzgerald provided the update from Visit Spokane. They provided a handout that outlined the current sales activities (attached).

Travis Tramp and Stephanie Curran provided an update from the PFD. Travis shared that the PFD Board is doing great work to bring the SportsPlex to fruition. Stephanie Curran added that this has been a challenging project but with the collaborative approach, the financing is happening and there are a few details to work out before they begin construction.

Elizabeth Mills provided the update from Greater Spokane Inc. She noted their upcoming Golf Tournament as well as their office remodel that will take place over the Summer months.

Phil Champlin provided an update from the HUB Sports Center. They are well into the Summer Camp season already in addition to hosting the Summer Slam Basketball and All Star Girls Basketball Tournament. He also let us know of a new event happening in August: The Liberty Lake Throwdown. The HUB is collaborating with the Friends of Pavilion Park in Liberty Lake to create a Cornhole Tournament on August 24<sup>th</sup>. There are opportunities to participate as a team or as a sponsor. Additional details will be provided via email.

Tom Stebbins encouraged everyone to come out and experience CRAVE, July 11-13 at Centerplace in the Spokane Valley.

There was discussion regarding the article in the Spokesman about the City Council deferring action on their cost-sharing agreement with Hoopfest. This may impact the "ask" made last month by Matt Santangelo to our group. We will share additional information as this unfolds.

There was also discussion relative to rumblings from City Council to change the LTAC code. Kate Burke has introduced language that would increase the number of people on the committee. We are working with Visit Spokane, Randall Danskin, and the Washington Hospitality Association to ensure this does not garner support.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.