



**HILTON SANTA FE BUFFALO THUNDER
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SANTA FE, NM**

Saturday, March 9, 2019 – Business Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by David Dean at 12:29 p.m., with introductions from all attendees. The following were present:

Aztec Boys & Girls Club: Jack Birchfield (Board Member), Freddy Proctor (Board Member), Mike Patch (CEO)

Boys & Girls Club of Carlsbad: David Beaty (Board Member), Kelli Barta (CEO)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central NM: Christopher Cameron (Board Member), Benjamin Wolz (Board Member), Christian Naea (Chief Program Officer)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Farmington: Shawn Benally (Board Member), Maria Tarajano-Rodman (CEO)

Boys & Girls Club of Gallup: Mona Frazier (Board Member)

Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces: David Dean (Board Member), Valerie Pickett (Board Member), Ashley Echavarria (CEO)

Boys & Girls Club of Otero County: Jimmy Deer (Board Member), James McClung (Board Member), Mary Matherly (Board Member), Janette Strecker (Board Member), Candace Helmick (Chief Operations Officer), Jessica Garcia (Chief Programs Officer)

Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Blanca: Barry Foster (Board Member), Jim Matteucci (Board Member), Brenda Kauboski (Board Member), Tim Coughlin (CEO)

Cannon AFB Youth Program: Desiree Sena (Teen Director)

Mescalero Apache Boys & Girls Club: Wendolyn Murphy (CEO)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Fe/Del Norte: Roman Abeyta (CEO), Sarah Gettler (Assistant Executive Director)

Boys & Girls Clubs of America: Mark Branch, Maurice Bostick, Kip Koso, Clifford Grimes, Johnny DiBartolo

Approval of Past Meeting Materials: The following materials from past meetings where there was not a quorum present were presented for approval:

- March 2017 Minutes
- March 2017 Financials
- October 2017 Minutes
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- March 2018 Minutes
- March 2018 Financials
- Policies for the NM YOY Fund

- November 2018 Financials

A motion was made by Shawn Benally to pass the above material. A second was made by David Dean. All were in favor, and all materials passed.

Approval of Minutes from the Fall 2018 Meeting: These minutes were mistakenly not included, so no vote took place. Minutes from this meeting need to be approved at the Fall 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Financials were presented by Ashley Echavarria. The Area Council account currently has a balance of \$5,364.87. This does not include revenue and expenses from the current meeting and YOY event. Ashley also noted, that \$200 from all Club Area Council dues for 2018 need to be moved to the restricted YOY fund. A motion to accept the financials as presented was made by Jim Matteucci, and seconded by Mary Matherly. Financials passed.

Youth of the Year Scholarship Fund: Mark branch provided documentation surrounding the Area Council Fund that has been held at the Carlsbad Community Foundation. The original funds donated in the amount of \$8,475 were requested to be held at the Carlsbad Community Foundation to support the NM Area Council, not necessarily for Youth of the Year, but at the time, members of the Area Council chose to have the funds support the Youth of the Year Program. Because those funds were given to the Carlsbad Community Foundation, they must remain there.

Due to leadership changes, there are no official signed agreements on file about the fund, and over time the fund has dropped to \$9,629, which is below the \$10,000 minimum requirement to draw interest from it.

Given the unique situation that there is no accurate and signed documentation on file about this account, the Carlsbad Community Foundation has offered to donate the \$371 to bring this account up to the \$10,000 minimum requirement, so that we may begin drawing interest from the account each year.

A discussion was held on how the Area Council should utilize the interest generated each year, with options of either depositing that interest into the general Area Council account or into restricted use for YOY Scholarships.

A motion was made by Jimmy Deer to allow the Carlsbad Community Foundation to bring the account up to \$10,000, and to have any interest generated by the account deposited into the general NM Area Council Account each year. The motion was seconded by Jim Matteucci. The motion passed with 1 apposed and all others in favor.

Youth of the Year Fund being held by Central NM: A second discussion was held regarding the Youth of the Year Funds that are being held by BGCs of Central NM. Ben Wolz asked for clarification on these funds. The group reminded everyone that the funds (\$12,495.86) were donated by the NM Realtors Association to be used for YOY Scholarships, and we voted to house the funds at BGCCNM in a prior meeting along with policies about these funds. Those policies were part of what was approved earlier in the meeting. It was also noted that YOY state winners and Military YOY state winners from 2017 and 2018 were owed \$1,000 each out of that fund.

Ben Wolz stated that he would prefer that BGCCNM not be responsible for holding funds for any other entities. It was also noted that we need to add "vocational" schooling to the policies for this fund, so that it is clear that that YOY winners have that as an option. That should be added to the policies and voted on again at the fall 2019 meeting.

Shawn Benally made a motion to combine the \$12,495.86 restricted YOY scholarship funds with all other Area Council funds so that the treasurer of the Area Council is responsible for administering these funds as well as general Area Council funds. David Dean seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Statewide Initiatives In Progress – Mark Branch discussed statewide initiatives in progress including an emerging leaders program, best practices, resource development and more. More info to come.

Appointment of Committee to Review By Laws – David Dean expressed the need to review the By Laws of the Area Council, and called for committee members to review them. The following agreed to serve on the committee – Jim Matteucci as Chair (Sierra Blanca), Jimmy Deer (Otero County), David Beaty (Carlsbad), Mary Matherly (Otero County). Kip Koso and Mark Branch from BGCA will offer assistance. Committee shall review and revise the by-laws as needed, and present the revisions for a vote at the Fall 2019 Area Council meeting.

Date/Location for Summer Area Council Call and Fall Meeting: Kip Koso reviewed for the group the purpose of Area Councils and what can be done through them. He explained that 3 key benefits for Area Councils to focus on are: Recognition, Networking, and Education. He stated that Area Councils are moving to meeting 4 times per year, with 2 of the 4 meetings being phone calls. BGCA is working on the technology to make this possible, so there is not a date set for the Summer phone call yet, but it will be coming soon.

The Fall Area Council meeting will be held November 2nd in Albuquerque.

NM All-Staff Conference – Ashley Echavarria discussed that a committee needs to be formed to plan the NM All-Staff Conference, which we normally hold in Albuquerque. Discussion was held on whether we should move toward cluster trainings in a couple of places in the state instead of one All-Staff Conference. Ashley called for committee members to discuss. The committee is as follows: Ashley Echavarria (Las Cruces), Candace Helmick (Otero County), Tim Coughlin (Sierra Blanca), Mike Patch (Aztec), Sarah Gettler (Santa Fe), Christian Naea (Central NM). Ben Wolz stated that Albuquerque can still host the event if needed.

Election of New Officers: David Dean presented the slate of current nominees for Area Council officers.

- Chairperson: Jim Matteucci (Sierra Blanca), David called for nominations. No other nominations presented. Mona Frazier makes a motion to elect Jim Matteucci as the Chairperson, Jimmy Deer seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Vice Chairperson: David Dean stated that we had no nominees for Vice Chairperson on the slate at this time, and calls for nominees. Jim Matteucci makes a motion to nominate Jimmy Deer (Otero County) as Vice Chairperson, Mary Matherly seconds the motion, motion passes.
- Treasurer: Mary Matherly (Otero County), David calls for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Jim Matteucci makes a motion to elect Mary Matherly as Treasurer, Jimmy Deer seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passes.
- Secretary: Tim Coughlin (Sierra Blanca), David calls for additional nominations. No additional nominations. Mary Matherly makes a motion to elect Tim Coughlin as Secretary, Brenda Kauboski seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passes.

Award Presentations: Kip Koso presented awards to Maria Tarajano-Rodman and BGC of Farmington for Program of the Year for the John Oliphant Teen Center, and to David Dean of BGC Las Cruces for Board Volunteer of the Year. David Dean was also recognized for his two years of service as the Chair of the NM Area Council.

Any other Business for Discussion: Ashley Echavarria cautioned new Area Council Leadership about logistics related to registration of Area Council. She stated that she was not in favor of BGCA handling Area Council registration, because the money was then funneled through BGCA, which meant that the Area Council did not have enough money to cover the expenses of this current meeting and YOY event. BGC of Las Cruces had to cover the expense for the event since the registration funds have not been received by BGCA. Mark Branch stated that this was an issue that needs to be rectified by the next Area Council meeting, so that Clubs are not having to pick up Area Council expenses.

Closing: Newly appointed Chairman Jim Matteucci made closing remarks. A motion was made by Brenda Kauboski to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Shawn Benally. The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.