

**SPORTS AUTHORITY OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE &
DAVIDSON COUNTY**

Minutes of the March 20, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Directors
Greer Stadium
8:30 a.m.

Board Members: Kim Adkins, Margaret Behm, Cathy Bender, J.D. Elliott, Chuck Meriwether, Ralph Perrey, Ed Temple, Rip Ryman,

Staff: Toby Compton, Monica Fawknotson, Margaret Darby (Legal)

Predators/Powers Management: Jeff Cogen, Sean Marshall, Kyle Clayton, David Kells

Titans/LP Field: Walter Overton

Sounds: Frank Ward, Brad Tammen, Brandon Yerger, Doug Scopel, Jason Frankie, Eric Rally

Visitors: Remick Moore (Metro General Services), Brasher Burbank, Rich Riebeling

Chairman J.D. Elliott called the meeting of the Sports Authority to order at 8:30 a.m., thanked the Sounds for hosting the meeting. Chairman Elliott reminded all present that the appeals process for decisions by the Authority can be found both on the agenda and on the Authority's website. After congratulating Ms. Kim Adkins for making this year's list of the Nashville Business Journal's "40 Under 40," he welcomed the Sports Authority's newest board members- Rip Ryman, Dudley West, and Christie Wilson- and stated his excitement at the reappointment of long time member Cathy Bender. He additionally thanked former board members, Steve North, Lauren Brisky, and Nancy Vincent for their dedication and service to the Authority. **Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Sports Authority unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the January 2014.**

Executive Director's Report

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Toby Compton to give the Executive Director's Report. After giving an overview of the meeting's agenda, Mr. Compton reported that staff continues to stay extremely busy with the civic events at and around LP Field and with invitations to speak to civic groups about the ballpark. He additionally reported that the department has been busy preparing to present the proposed FY15 budget, and noted that the budget report would occur later in the meeting.

Sounds Report

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Frank Ward, owner of the Sounds, to address the Authority. Mr. Ward welcomed the Sports Authority to Greer Stadium, stating his excitement about the upcoming season. After reporting that the Sounds continue to meet frequently with the Design Team, Mr. Ward recognized Sounds General Manager, Brad Tammen, to give the Sounds Report. Mr. Tammen also welcomed the Authority and reported that on April 11 the Sounds will open the 37th and final season at Greer Stadium. Mr. Tammen continued by introducing his Senior Management staff: Brandon Yerger (Assistant GM), Doug Scopel (V-P Baseball Operations), Jason Frankie (V-P Corporate Sales), Eric Rally (V-P Ticket Sales/Service). Mr. Tammen expressed the club's excitement about the ballpark and noted that they are already taking deposits for 2015 season tickets.

Sports Council/Women's Final Four Report

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Gary Alexander to give an update on the 2014 NCAA Women's Final Four. Mr. Alexander reported that after a five and a half year process, visitors/fans/coaches will begin arriving in just 14 days and that the ball will tip in 17 days. 20,000-30,000 visitors are expected and, according to the NCAA, an economic impact of \$25 million is projected. Mr. Alexander continued by reiterating the NCAA's mantra, "It's more than just three games," noting that, in addition to the games, the city either has hosted or will host a leadership program/lunch, a media program at Harpeth Hall, and radio shows. Additionally, the Bounce on Broadway, Tourney Town, 4Kay Run, and open team practices will be open to the community and free of charge.

Mr. Alexander thanked Mr. Jeff Cogen and Mr. Sean Henry (Bridgestone Arena), Mr. Charles Starks (Music City Center), and Mr. Walter Overton (LP Field) for their support and partnership, as well as Ms. Margaret Behm, Ms. Cathy Bender, and Ms. Kim Adkins for their leadership and service on the committee. Ms. Margaret Behm thanked Mr. Alexander for an outstanding job and the Sports Authority applauded his work.

LP Field Report

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Walter Overton to give the LP Field Report. Mr. Overton reported that LP Field recently hosted the annual Tom King Classic half marathon and is preparing to host the Country Music Marathon in April and the CMA Music Festival in June. He noted that both the Country Music Marathon and the CMA Music Festival are sold out. Mr. Overton continued by reporting that the Titans' unfiled reimbursement requests were recently vetted and discussed in a meeting with Toby Compton, Margaret Darby, Monica Fawknorton, and Bob Lackey. Titans representatives included: CFO Jenneen Kaufman, Walter Overton, Dempsey Henderson and Scott Rayson. Mr. Overton reported that the Titans hope to bring the list of reimbursement requests to the board next month. Finally, Mr. Overton reported that upcoming and ongoing stadium projects include water quality and the sealing and paving of parking lots.

Predators Hockey Facility

Chairman Elliott recognized Mr. Remick Moore, Metro General Services, to give an update on the hockey facility.