

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.  
Monday, January 8, 2024  
Black Diamond Ranch Boardroom  
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Roger Obenauf, Dick Ragatz, Linda Thomas, Patrick Monea, Foster Lamm,  
Honorable Bruce Carney, Joan Plunkett

Absent: Jon Radabaugh, Lisa Honnold, Shaunda Burdette

Attendee: Jay Joines

Guest : Melissa Evans, American Outlaws Baseball

1. The Meeting was called to order at 4:01pm

2. Presentation

Ms. Evans gave each of us a "Planned Expenses" for the year 2024, and an overview of the AOL team and how it is managed. This information included the makeup of the team - 77% of the members are under the 200% poverty level, and 1/3 come from non-traditional households. There are no expenses for the parents, the Gate Fees are paid for them; most games are within a 2 hour drive of Lecanto. If an overnight stay is necessary, the AOL is a 501c3, so they receive a reduced rate at the hotel. There is no charge to be on the team, but members must try out, maintain a C+ average and the coach talks to the parents to be sure the baseball player is respectful at home. The Head Coach does not receive a salary.

She had a presentation on her computer and indicated that a donor's name can be shown during the live game coverage.

She is requesting \$5,000. for the Cooperstown Experience in Panama City, Florida.

She answered the Board Member's questions. Roger Obenauf thanked her for her presentation.

3. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting were presented.

Motion to Approve by Foster Lamm

Seconded by Honorable Bruce Carney

Motion passed

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Roger Obenauf presented the Financials; the ending balance for December 2023 was \$243,000. Roger Obenauf would like to see the ending balance be \$200,000. by the end of 2024.

Motion to Approve by Linda Thomas  
Seconded by Dick Ragatz  
Motion passed

## 5. Grant Request

The Black Diamond Foundation granted \$5,000. to the American Outlaw Baseball Team for the Cooperstown experience in Panama City, Florida. It was also added that we wanted no advertising that the Foundation supported this effort.

Motion made by Joan Plunkett  
Seconded by Patrick Monea  
Motion passed

\$5,000. to the Family Resource Center by Sharron Rosenberg  
Motion made by Joan Plunkett  
Seconded by Patrick Monea  
Motion passed

## 6. Old Business

Jim Briley Memorial - still in discussion.

Winter Fundraiser - Committee member Jon Radabaugh was not present and other committee member Mary Jane Bower has resigned from the Board. Linda Thomas discussed a possible Chili Cook-Off, Scavenger Hunt, or special "something" on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024. There was also a discussion about a Raffle Board similar to the one in the Pro Shop prior to the Pro Am. No final decision was made.

The Champions Tour Golf Outing has been cancelled for February 10; \$12,500 had already been contributed for the event. Plans are to reschedule it later this year.

## 7. New Business

Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition submitted their report, but there are still questions about several of the line items. More accounting information needs to be clarified before they are invited to make a presentation.

There is no requirement to replace former Board Member Mary Jane Bower, however Roger will be talking to a new member of Black Diamond who is a philanthropist.

Citrus County Blessings has been relocated from the Community Food Bank. Foster Lamm will investigate their status and report back to the Foundation Board. They have requested making a presentation.

Next Meeting, February 5, 2024 at 4 pm.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Linda Thomas

Seconded by Dick Ragatz

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.