

CGP CONSORTIUM - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Hosted by: Niagara Region
Location: Zoom
Meeting Chair: Ron Tripp, CAO, Niagara Region
Recorder: Kathy Beach, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services, Niagara Region

Attendees:

Todd Harrison Niagara Region
Scott Johnstone Brock University
Geoff Holman City of Thorold
Manoj Dilwaria City of Thorold
David Oakes City of St. Catharines

Guests:

Gary Comerford Member of CGP Sponsorship Committee and Liaison to CGP Consortium
Management Committee
Jeff Dixon Meridian Centre

Regrets:

Wendy Kane Lang Partnerships

1. Adoption of Agenda – Approved

2. Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2022 – Approved

3. Business –

- a. Closed Session – Sponsorship Committee Update (G. Comerford)

Motion by: Ron Tripp and Todd Harrison to go into closed session for the Sponsorship Committee Update.

Management committee returned from Closed Session.

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- b. Grand Opening Timing (T. Harrison)

Todd noted the date for the Grand Opening is set for April 22, 2022. This is the earliest date possible for events and tours due to the completion of the deficiency work by the contractors.

4. Updates

- a. Independent Operator (IO) Transition Update (J. Dixon)

Jeff noted the following:

- Contractors are working around the clock to finish construction and fix any deficiencies to complete in time for the grand opening. It is noted that over time, additional deficiencies will arise which is normal in new venues.
- Operating equipment, tools and supplies have not yet been purchased for the venue. The cost will be approximately \$278,000. Todd indicated that Nicole Wolfe is providing a similar list of items. Both lists will be reviewed along with Jeff's proposed pre-games operating budget. Similarly, Management Committee in conjunction with Finance Committee will review and approve once completed.
- Banking -
Currently working on setting up a bank account for Canada Games Park, which will need to be set up as soon as possible for payroll and other financial items. Todd provided an overview of the required signons for the consortium partners. He indicated that the expediency of the set up will depend on prompt responses.
- Ice -
The supplier, Cimco, shared the warranty on the system is effective from the start-up date which means warranty is currently in effect.

Recommendation:

ASM Global is recommending black ice be installed in both rinks prior to allowing lacrosse to start utilizing the facilities. Installing the black ice confirms the system can maintain the surface temperatures, the slabs are flat and there are no warm spots on the floors.

Agreed to by consensus.

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- Lacrosse –

Recommendation:

Due to the importance of building the ice, deficiency work, staff hiring, training and operating equipment purchases, it is recommended a beginning of May start date for Lacrosse programming at the facility.

Agreed to by consensus.

- The IO is targeting May 1 as the start date to open to the public.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 2022