

Minutes for Norwich Baseball Stadium Authority
Meeting minutes
Wednesday August 14, 2019 (6:00 p.m.)
Dodd Stadium, Norwich

1. Call to Order by Chairperson, Mike Jewell **MJ** (6:00 p.m.)

NBSA Members Present: Michael Jewell, **MJ**; Bob Demars, **BD**; Gary Schnip, **GS**; Robert Reed **RR**; Sean Ryan, **SR**; Matthew Fortin, **MF**; Fred Phelps, **FP**

Members Excused/Absent: Gary Carignan; **GC**, Tom Cummings; **TC**

Also Present: CT Tigers Representatives – Dave Schermerhorn; **DS**; C.J. Knudsen: **CK**

2. Review of July 10, 2019 NBSA meeting minutes: Motion made by **BD** seconded by **MF** passed (7-0) to accept meeting minutes as presented.
3. Public Comment: Several representatives from the area Muslim community spoke concerning the Connecticut Tigers owner, E. Miles Prentice being board chair of a Washington organization called Center for Security Policy that they believe to be anti-Muslim. Speakers included Tark Aouadi, ESQ, Executive Director of the Council on American Islamic Relations Connecticut (statement attached), Norwich business owner Swaranjit Singh Khalsa and Halim Jones of North Stonington. All expressed concerns and want to start a dialogue with the ownership and management of the Tigers organization. Also speaking were Norwich residents Adam Wydra and Nancy Terraciano who were upset about the air conditioning not working in a number of the skyboxes when they rented them earlier in the season. Both said this has been a problem not just this season, but for a number of seasons prior to this year.
4. Chairman's Report: **MJ** called for a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion made by **GS**. Seconded by **MF**. Motion passed 7-0.
5. Operations Committee: **GS** reported that there has been no action from the city regarding the additional netting that will be required by Major League Baseball. The City has been in contact with contractors to look at the HVAC units have not been functioning.
6. Old Business: None
7. New Business: None
8. Adjournment: Motion made by **FP** seconded by **MF** to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously (7-0) at 6:18 p.m. Next meeting: September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at City Hall in Room 319.

Submitted by Bob Reed