

February/March Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Terry. Other board members present: Joe Powers, Chad Behnken, and Becca Tesch. Doug Holtan and Kelly Nowicki were present via phone. Director Marshall Behrens was present. Board member Pat Sexton was on approved absence.

January RSF minutes, February financials and statement of activities were reviewed. Powers moved to approve, Tesch seconded and all articles passed unanimously.

A banquet wrap-up was presented by Behrens along with a BOB Brown Memorial Auction summary where \$12,439 was the net profit for the banquet. Special thanks and appreciation were recognized to Bob Brown for auction items and donation, Team 25 and Shjon Podein for sponsorship, and Ed Hruska for his work to secure items for the auction. Behrens outlined the future of the banquet from feedback of Rochester Sports. The board agreed to invite Rochester Sports Director Matt Esau and banquet Chairwoman Kristine Ihrke to the April or May meeting to discuss.

The open board seat was discussed as well as feedback from an email survey presented by Behrens and it decided unanimously that Foundation advisory member Steve Strickland would be offered the vacant seat. Strickland brings a wide array of contacts in the sports community as well as networking abilities. President Terry will connect with Strickland and follow up with director Behrens on results of the conversation.

Behrens outlined an initiative to contact the remaining advisory board members, gauge interest in continuing on the board as well as gather their input on any thoughts as to future direction of the advisory committee and feedback. Post that the advisory board will be invited to attend a later meeting, likely in June or July of this year.

Strategic goals for 2026 were identified:

- Continued support of the Rochester Sports Complex
- Support of a curling facility creation with the Rochester Curling Club
- Support of the city initiative to expand the RCTC fieldhouse and dome as a community asset.
- Exploration of the Olmstead County Commissioners vision for the fairgrounds/Graham complex.

Behrens outlined connections in February and March with Rochester Chamber leadership, Mayo Clinic in relation to expected news on the foundation grant, and discussion with county and city leadership. New business consisted of supporting the above initiatives and with no further discussion or action the

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted-Marshall Behrens- Director