

# **Rochester Sports Foundation Board Meeting Minutes (1-11-24)**

The meeting was called to order by Chris Terry at 12:05 PM. Board members: Becca Tesch, Chad Behnken, Carole Shulman, Pat Sexton and Joe Powers were present. Doug Holtan was present via phone. Ben Boldt was an invited guest. Staff member Ed Hruska was also in attendance.

The Annual meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. Behnken moved to approve, Tesch seconded and they passed. Hruska reviewed the 2023 Year End State of Activities (SOA), the 2023 ONB Bank Statement and the Bremmer Bank 2023 Investment Account Statement. He followed that with the January 2024 SOA. The group felt the reports were clear and looked good. Tesch moved, Behnken seconded and they were all approved in one motion unanimously.

Hruska inquired to subject matter for the February 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting – which will also include the Advisory members. It was felt an update on the progress of the Rochester Sports and Recreation Center (RSRC) with Ben and Scot attending. Terry suggested to also share an update on the Banquet and help educate on the RSF Grant Program. Hruska agreed to make those the focal items of the Feb agenda.

Terry reviewed a draft funding agreement that was discussed between leadership of RSF and Rochester Sports (RS). Annually they have contributed something to RSF and with the need to stabilize future funding – it was preferred RSF looks at a three-year agreement versus inquire about City funding. The agreement states \$25K annually in two set date payments. Powers recommended we increase the third year to \$30K. The group agreed and supported moving it forward to RS for their consideration. Sexton moved to approve the \$25K in 2024, 2025 and \$30K in 2026. Powers seconded and it passed unanimously.

Hruska updated the group on the upcoming Sports Banquet and auction. He stated we were good to go – it should be a fun night for all the attendees.

Ben Boldt updated the group on the progress of RSRC to date. There were questions regarding the process for private input. Powers stated he feels strongly there should be a community group, such as a sports authority, to help oversee decisions. There was much discussion on this subject. It was left that we will have some discussion with City Administration to get their feedback on the idea.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM

**Next meeting date: February 29th, 2024 at Noon**