

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

May RSF minutes were reviewed. Powers moved to approve, Tesch seconded and all articles passed unanimously.

June to date financials and statement of activities was presented and discussed. Of note Rochester Sports donation #1 (10K) as well as the second portion of the Mayo Grant match (15K) are expected in July. Powers moved approve, Behnken seconded and all articles passed unanimously.

Behrens presented an update and pictorials of the Rochester Outdoor Sports complex. Grading is underway for the site and beginning to take shape.

Behrens shared discussion with former RCTC president Don Supalla and discussion around the inability for the college to fund the dome in future state was discussed. Board acknowledged that there would need to be city/private infusion due to financial state of MNSCU and prioritizing academics.

Behrens shared an update from the Rochester Honkers as to their commitment to remain in the city in long term, acknowledging the inability to no longer use Mayo field due to aging infrastructure. The goal is to connect with the Honkers post their July connection with the city as well as reach out to league president Dick Radatz.

Behrens shared an update regarding Mayo field and the cities desire to disposition it in 2027. The board will explore the historical lease of the field and the fact that it was gifted to the city by the Mayo brothers and what historical implications that has. Behrens will investigate this from the Mayo side of the agreement as well.

An update was discussed between the Rochester Curling Club and the city of Rochester to place their Curling Facility at Gamehaven park. An agreement has been preliminarily reached and the RCC is in the planning and fundraising stages. RSF will continue to partner with them on this front.

The board discussed the Paramark/Dunn initiative at the RPU site to bring a multimodal entertainment complex to the city. Behrens will reach out to Paramark leadership.

The board discussed and recognized there was no response from city council or the Mayor as to the letter of support sent in regard to sports and entertainment expansion in the city.

The board begin discussion of leveraging funds for a feasibility study in the city to offer insight into what the city of Rochester needs and can support. Further discussion to occur.

The board discussed and will advance a plan to further and more strongly involve the Rochester area chamber of commerce as well as the visitors bureau to strengthen their stake in expanding sports and entertainment options in the city.

New business consisted of supporting the above initiatives and with no further discussion or action the meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted-Marshall Behrens- Director