

Rochester Sports Foundation Board Meeting Minutes (3-30-23)

The meeting was called to order by Chris Terry at 12:04 PM. Board members: Terry, Becca Tesch, Carole Shulman and Joe Powers were present. Doug Holtan was present via phone. Gary Neumann and Chad Behnken were absent. Staff member Ed Hruska was also present.

The group reviewed the January minutes (Feb mtg was canceled). There were no corrections or comments. Shulman moved, Tesch seconded and they were approved. Hruska reviewed the SOA with the group. Shulman moved, Powers seconded and all voted approval.

Hruska reviewed the Directors Report. He and Tesch participated in the first of several RSRC meetings to assist to determine the scope of the project. Dates will be shared to our web site to help educate the community. Tesch added the group will be reviewing the gaps analysis at the next meeting. Hruska added the group seemed excited to work on the project and all seemed on the same page. Hruska updated the group on other projects.

Web site relaunch was updated - we are looking to launch tomorrow (3-31-23) so Hruska will send out a notice if it happens. He noted Shulman has been instrumental in getting things up to speed. Shulman added she feels Tracy (Imagebridge Design) and Dan have been wonderful to work with and that we are excited about the look of the site.

Terry reviewed the SWOT analysis with the group. There was much discussion about all the data with some conclusion agreed upon. It was decided Hruska would boil down the data to a summary of the responses too be reviewed at the next meeting.

There was discussion about the future field trip site visit to Sioux Falls and/or Fargo. Hruska is working on some details and will get back to the group on potential dates. He also added that Terry and he will be attending the ETA Sports Facilities Summit in KC in May. Hruska has been invited to speak on the panel during the Summit. Hruska and Terry plan to do a site visit in Des Moines on the way home.

Terry updated the group on an RFP request for the potential arena study. Hruska added they have had some contact with a few consultants already. The group supported moving forward with this step to help determine costs of the potential study.

Grant Program requests were discussed. The policy is for us to review the requests in September and announce awards at the Sports Banquet - which is what the group agreed to for all grant requests.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 PM

Next meeting date: April 27th, 2023 at Noon