

Rochester Sports Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes (9-28-23)

The meeting was called to order by Chris Terry at 12:03 PM. Board members: Becca Tesch, Chad Behnken, Carole Shulman and Joe Powers were present. Doug Holtan and Patrick Sexton were absent. Staff member Ed Hruska was also in attendance.

The August meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. Powers moved to approve, Shulman seconded and they passed. Hruska reviewed the State of Activities (SOA) with some discussion. He noted a concern of the cash flow and that some funds may have to get transferred from the Investment if additional funds are not obtained. There was some discussion on the payroll costs. Powers suggested there were options that cost less. Terry added he knew group so he will follow up. Powers moved, Tesch seconded and it was approved.

Hruska reviewed the various items on the September Directors Report with the group. Items that were discussed included the possible future funding sources of RSF, year-end/ Annual meeting dates, location and agenda, RYFSA complex additions, web sites activity and RCTC facilities management. Powers suggested we should approach RCTC and get the two facilities out of different management – its not what they do. He suggested a proposal to Dr. Boyd to manage both facilities with a private management company.

The group did the annual Grant Program reviews. The group reviewed an application for spectator fencing at RCTC Bubble for \$3113 (50% of costs). It was also discussed to donate \$1500 to the Vote Yes committee to assist in getting people out to vote in support of the new Rochester Sports and Recreation Complex. Powers moved to donate to Rochester Fast Pitch Softball Association the \$3113 as requested, Behnken seconded – it passed unanimously. Powers also motioned to donate \$1500 to Vote Yes, Behnken seconded and it passed unanimously.

The details of the Annual meeting were discussed and agreed to it being held at the Hubbell House on December 7th. Hruska reminded the group that the 2024 Officers will need to be done during the October meeting. All Board and Advisory members will be invited.

The Sports Banquet auction was discussed. It was agreed that everyone (Board and Advisory members) will be asked to provide at least one auction item of \$100 or more to help the effort.

The group discussed the RSRC project and upcoming sales tax extension vote. Powers updated the group on a recent meeting he had with City leadership on this. He shared the draft plan can be restructured to meet other sports association needs. Shulman shared that it will cost you nothing if you vote “Yes” but cost you plenty if you vote “No.” Powers stated the flood revenues needed will go to the citizens utility bill if the vote fails.

Terry updated the group on the multi-use arena effort. They are holding meetings on a regular basis.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 PM

Next meeting date: October 26th, 2023 at Noon
Annual Meeting: December 7th, 2023 (4:00 PM)
January 11th, 2024 (noon)