

## **Rochester Sports Foundation Board Meeting Minutes (8-24-23)**

The meeting was called to order by Chris Terry at 12:02 PM. Terry was calling in via phone. Board members: Becca Tesch, Chad Behnken, Carole Shulman, Joe Powers and Patrick Sexton were present. Doug Holtan was absent. Staff member Ed Hruska was also in attendance.

The June meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. Tesch moved to approve, Sexton seconded and they passed. Hruska reviewed the State of Activities (SOA) and noted we may have to address the cash flow before year end. There were no questions. Behnken moved, Shulman seconded and it was approved.

Hruska reviewed the various items on the August Directors Report with the group. Items that were discussed included the RYFSA complex additions, funding for RFA, RCTC facilities management, web site activities and increase of followers. He shared some new roles of board and committee members within the community.

The group discussed the RSRC effort and our level of involvement. Everyone agreed we should do all we can to get the project approved. Hruska updated the group on the actions of the Vote Yes committee. Joe said that we need to work with the associations. The group agreed we needed to consider more diamonds into this facility. Pat asked if we have the support of the hotels and Becca stated absolutely – they are all supportive of this project. The board all agreed that they support privatizing the operations of the facility once it is built. ETS has inquired to Ed about being involved in the facility.

Terry updated the group on the multi-use arena effort. The new ownership team of the Honkers is in the midst of some redevelopment plans. Terry stated they will have something done by this fall. We will put our study on hold for now. The Board voted to pause the raising of the funds for the feasibility study at this time. Chris will call Jim at SFC to share this.

Hruska updated the group on the Jan 16th 2024 Sports Banquet and auction. Spud Webb will be the guest speaker – who should be a great draw. Hruska asked for everyone to raise an auction item or two.

The grant program deadline was discussed. Terry asked Hruska to put a notice out on social media to draw some requests for the September grant review process.

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

Next meeting date: September 28th, 2023 at Noon