

Rochester Sports Foundation Board Meeting

Minutes (7-22-25)

The meeting was called to order by Chris Terry at 12:08 PM. Board members Terry, Joe Powers, Pat Sexton, Carole Shulman and staff Ed Hruska were present with Becca Tesch and Doug Holtan joining via phone. Kelly Nowicki and Chad Behnken were absent.

The June meeting minutes were reviewed. With no comments or corrections Powers moved, Shulman seconded and they were passed unanimously. Hruska reviewed the June SOA to date. There were no questions – Powers moved, Sexton seconded and it passed unanimously.

The group reviewed the recent notes from the City Council meeting on the Rochester Sports and Recreation Complex. Hruska shared his impression of the meeting and the group further discussed the various items of focus by the Council. There was a suggestion to request the expenses to date to help us understand the funding shortage.

The next item discussed was the email from Dr Boyd of RCTC regarding their decision to no longer erect the sports bubble due to costs. Questions were brought up whether the City will allow this to happen as the City funded it? Hruska was asked to reach out to Gary Neuman to better understand the options moving forward.

Hruska recommended a summit-type meeting with Rochester Sports and RSF to determine how we can best work together in the future. The group supported this and will try to get something scheduled before year-end.

The Grant Program was discussed...no requests have been submitted to date. There was discussion on the growing need for quality umpires for baseball, softball and all other sports. Hruska suggested we consider some type of feeder/development program for training umpires/referees with the grant funds rather than giving it away. The group suggested we meet with Rochester Sports (Marshall & Matt) to further discuss this idea. Shulman asked if there are enough people who actually want to work and do this? Hruska noted that this is a valid concern but if it is happening nationwide we will be ahead of the game if we act now.

Chris updated the group on the progress for the succession plan to replace Ed by year-end the press release has done a nice word of getting the word out. Applications are to be submitted to Carole by August 24th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM .

Next meeting date: Tuesday, August 25th at RGCC