

Rochester Sports Foundation Meeting Minutes (10-27-22)

The meeting was called to order by Doug Holtan at 12:01 PM on Oct 27th, 2022. Board members: Holtan, Becca Tesch, Gary Neumann and Chad Behnken were present. Chris Terry, Carole Shulman and Joe Powers were absent. Staff member Ed Hruska was present.

The group reviewed the September minutes. There were no corrections or comments. Neumann moved, Tesch seconded and they were approved. Hruska reviewed the SOA and noted that we are at 83.1% of revenue projections and 61.8% of expenses. Tesch moved, Behnken seconded and all voted approval.

The items on the Directors Report were reviewed. He summarized the meeting with the Hospitality First meeting. Tesch (who was in attendance) said she felt it went very well. Hruska also updated the group on the City's plan to do an RFP for the sales tax RCRC. Ben Boldt will be heavily involved in this so Hruska will keep in touch with him on this. Hruska also shared info on the 4S Summit and his presentation – stating he felt it went very well. Tesch added she heard from someone in attendance and they felt it was very interesting.

Hruska updated the group on the Mayo grant – as it is almost done and only waiting on the final version of the 990 from Smith Schafer before submitting it. Discussion moved to a suggestion from Rochester Sports for a formal request of funds to their Board. Tesch stated they would like a request stating what funds are needed and what they would go towards. Hruska added he had discussed this with Esau also. He will put something together and get it to Matt. He also added that Cyle Erie/ISG is working with the data collected from past arena studies to put together fresh and accurate numbers for the arena project. Tesch added she came from a meeting where the addition of the 6th St Bridge and development of that area seems to be positive moving forward.

The group reviewed the proposed election of officers and annual budget for 2023. Hruska commented the organizational structure is rock solid so there are not a lot of decisions to be made. Holtan noted the slate of officers and the 2023 budget – which will be formally reviewed and voted on at the Dec Annual Meeting.

The group reviewed the new web site proposal from Image Bridge Design and the timeline and scope of work Behnken added that Tracy Tapp will do a great job. Neumann moved, Tesch seconded and the group unanimously supported moving forward and asked Hruska to close out things with MLT and proceed with Image Bridge as soon as possible.

Hruska updated them on the Sports Banquet auction. Titan has agreed to be the title sponsor on the auction. He encouraged everyone to get creative in assisting in rounding up items. The group brainstormed ideas for auction items and will share leads with Ed.

Details of the Annual Meeting were discussed It was agreed upon that we would hold it in a private room at the Hubbell House on Dec 1st. Hruska will get out

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 PM

Next meeting date: December 1st (Annual Meeting), 2022