

Rochester Sports Foundation Minutes (3-26-20)

The meeting was held via tele-conference and called to order by Terry at 12:04 with Board members: Kreg Kauffman, Doug Holtan, Chris Terry and Carole Shulman present. Joe Powers was absent.

The group reviewed the agenda, minutes and financials. There were no questions or comments. *Shulman moved and Kauffman seconded to approve the minutes, it passed. Kauffman moved and Shulman seconded to approve the financials as were reported in the packet, and that passed.*

Terry brought up the site visits we had planned on the timeline and gave an update on the TDK Facility in Quad Cities. He spoke to some folks there and learned it was completely funded privately by one local citizen. The group discussed the cost and reasons a private investor would be motivated to do this. Terry mentioned that he inquired into any interest in the investor doing the same in Rochester – but it did not sound as if that would be an option. Hruska will work to pull together details of this for the future trip. Terry also gave an update on the IBM site.

Hruska updated the group on the web site work. The MLT presentation was postponed but he went over all the pages. Overall - the feedback from the group was very positive and liked everything they saw.

Kauffman summarized the grant program. The group agreed we should set aside an amount each year for the grants – how the dollars will get disbursed is still not determined. Many items were reviewed and Kauffman stated he will take the feedback and write something up for the group to review at the next meeting. He stated he likes the summary form and suggested we list that on the web site with the narrative form on the application. Shulman suggested we define the area we will serve with the grants – which the group agreed to. Hruska suggested we serve only Rochester based groups as we are funded solely by Rochester now. Everyone agreed we should try to help the most people. Many items were discussed and Kauffman collected these points for further discussion. Everyone agreed it would be a set amount annually. Kauffman will pull together the points, share them with Hruska first and then send them to the group before the next meeting.

The group went back to the donor levels for discussion. It was discussed that we have some limitations because we do not own land/facilities for honoring those contributing. Kauffman noted the P&R donor information was way too wordy and filled with red tape – he felt we should try to keep ours clear and simple. Hruska noted the P&R focuses on parkland and recreational options where RSF will have a clear focus on facilities/facility development only – which is the key differentiating point between the two foundations.

Hruska updated the group that Commissioner Kiscaden is now scheduled for the April 30th meeting to present details on the Graham Park development and bonding support request. Terry asked the group if they were familiar with the Graham Park Masterplan – he agreed to email it to the group following the meeting.

Hruska went over the People's Coop Community grant application. He submitted this last week and if granted will use the funds to get our local groups together.

Terry brought up the RSF/RS Agreement. Hruska stated this was brought up by the RS Audit and it was determined a formal agreement is best for all. The Agreement was reviewed and discussed – Kauffman added his concern was based on keeping the two organizations separated – Shulman moved, Kauffman seconded to approve – it passed unanimously.

The teleconference meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM

Next meeting date: April 30th