

Rochester Sports Foundation Minutes (3-6-20)
January 30th meeting was canceled with no meeting scheduled for February due to numerous travels by staff/board. This meeting was added to March to make up for the canceled January 30th meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Terry at 3:07 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. Hruska explained the Dec 2019 minutes were not approved at the January meeting due to a lack of quorum. There was some discussion on how the group wanted financials presented. Hruska shared the question came up from RS asking if there was a formal contract done by both groups regarding the payroll support. It appears there was not. Kauffman felt he was under the impression the auction proceeds would fund the grant program. Hruska went over the revenues and expenses to date. *Kauffman moved and Shulman seconded to approve the minutes, it passed. Shulman moved, Holtan seconded to approve the financials as we reported, and that passed.*

Hruska reviewed the expense report approval process where Terry approves and Shulman signs the check. This should give us dual authority on anything paid to Hruska. The group supported this.

Under old business Hruska gave them an update that the Mayo Community Contribution application was submitted Jan 29th. We should hear back on this in May. The group also reviewed the 2020 timeline and discussed the idea of the two site visits (Quad City & Wisc. Dells) and the group sees a benefit in doing so. Terry stated he will reach out to TBK to get information we can apply and get a time set for a visit. Terry updated the group on the IBM site. Hruska mentioned a grant he was pursuing for dollars to be used to fund hospitality for meetings with the area sports groups. Holtan mentioned the Cities is seeing a saturation of domes and some are hurting. He suggested we learn from their challenges and understand how and why it happened.

For new business Hruska updated them on the web site content pages. The group went over all the pages. He shared the launch date is still set for June. The group agreed to have MLT come to the March 26th meeting. As the group discussed the donation page the idea of offering the Grant Program at the same time as web site. Shulman asked if it will be easy for us to update the web info and Hruska shared they had told him it would be. There was further discussion on the grant program. Ideas regarding matching dollars and an annual cap on the amount were discussed. Kauffman stated he would work on this and put some ideas together for us to discuss at the next meeting – which the group agreed to.

The group also reviewed the Park Dept system donor information. Kauffman stated we need to distinguish ourselves from the P&R program. The group felt P&R focused more on recreational donations for park, trails, pavilions, trees and such where we have a focus on facilities and facility improvements. We also focus on attracting private investment. However, we will need to be sure to identify that throughout the entire process. We want to have a strong and supportive relationship with P&R department. Kauffman suggested we put together some data for the group to review as far as donation levels and notoriety

The group was asked to sign on to support Olmsted County Graham Park bonding request. After some discussion it was agreed to ask them to come to a future meeting and present to us so the group can understand the project better.

Chris gave an update on the efforts of the Signet Group. The group also supported the effort for Hockey Day in Minnesota.

Adjourned at 4:20 PM

Next meeting date: March 26th