

Rochester Sports Foundation Meeting Minutes (5-20-21)

The meeting was called to order by President Terry at 12:06 PM. Board members: Kreg Kauffman, Joe Powers, Carole Shulman with Doug Holtan and Chris Terry present via phone. Staff member Ed Hruska also present..

The May 20th, 2021 minutes were reviewed with Shulman noting a typo to correct. *Powers moved, Shulman seconded and it passed.* The SOA was reviewed by Hruska, *Kauffman moved, Powers seconded and it passed.* The time line was discussed as Hruska noted the suggestion by Rick Penz of the Advisory Committee to find out which local sports groups are with us in our plans. He suggested we add that to the time line and Shulman spoke out in favor of this action too. Potential site visits were discussed. Powers asked for dates and was going to look into some travel arrangements for mid to late July.

Hruska discussed the new "Director's Report" and why it is being added to the packet. He reviewed it and the board felt it was a valuable addition to communicating updates all items being worked on. All current items were discussed. Terry was going to reach out to Smith-Schafer to discuss fees/in-kind.

Terry joined the meeting in person at 12:20 PM.

The group discussed the recent Advisory Committee meeting. Hruska commented that he felt the input was exactly what we wanted from them. The board shared various observations regarding their input. All agreed it was a very good meeting.

Terry gave an update on the recent Signet Development Group (Kevin) visit to town that he hosted. They do private financing for public projects. He stated they are very interested in Rochester. Potential projects were discussed as well as possible funding options.

The option of putting together an arena committee was discussed. Shjon Podein is leading the charge on this now and is happy to serve on the committee. Powers, Holtan, Terry and Shulman asked to be on it too. Patrick Sexton has also asked be on it. Some discussion on main items of focus for this group were discussed. Kauffman stated he could be on it too but liked the idea of a separate committee. Kauffman also noted Rochester Sports was expecting facilities they can use as well as upkeep to the current facilities. He said he would put together a wish list from RS to assist us on being on the same page moving forward. Shulman mentioned the addition of the youth organization input will also help with this – which the group agreed.

The Grant Program was discussed. There is a funding source identified but it may have some qualifiers on it. Annual limits were supported. Kauffman reminded the group the Grant Program was handed over the RSF to manage and keep it going so he is concerned about any restrictions. He said it was not exactly his understanding of what RS wanted to happen. Powers stated there are some restrictions within their by-laws of the other group before those funds could be considered for the usage by the Grant Program, Joe will look into that. Kauffman stated the Grant Program was to be funded by the proceeds from the Sports Banquet Auction (which there was no Banquet in 2020 or 2021). These dollars would be in a separate fund for the Grant Program and not used for other needs.

Midwest facilities were discussed as data was shared on the Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Holtan left the meeting at 1:00 PM

Shulman moved – Powers seconded and the meeting concluded at 1:10 PM.

Next meeting date: June 24th, 2021