

## **RSSA Board Meeting held on January 20, 2018**

At Caribou Coffee in LittleCanada. Attending - John Remington, Terry Mens, Norm Setnicker, Jerry Anderson & Bob Harvey - Winter League Directors Darrell Atkins & Tom Eggenberger, C League Director Jim Duncan plus Greg Kioski - Web Specialist

**Summer League Player Survey** - John briefly reviewed the player survey response with A & D League response very poor only 30% and B & C League response very good over 80%. Overall we had a good group of team managers with minimal complaints. Also very pleased with our Winter Directors.

**Winter League** - Darrell & Tom reported they were pleased with the team managers they recruited (12 teams) - good relations and no issues thus far, should be a great season in the dome. Ramsey County very cooperative plus improved lighting. Reminder we must be out of dome by 3:00 PM game days. Note - Dome collapsed in early April due to excessive wet snow but should be operational by next fall 2018

**Summer Ball Fields** - Terry led extensive discussion on available ball fields for summer - concern with increasing number of players & teams if Roseville will have enough fields for B-C-D leagues. Estimated teams: A League 4 teams will continue to play on 2 fields in Little Canada, B League 8 teams, C League 7 teams & D League 6 teams (our goal). B-C-D will continue to play on Victoria 6 fields and Lexington 2 fields - will need 2 more fields. Note - we would like not to play on B Dale field if possible plus VFW Field is not available due to soccer  
+Terry will continue to work with Lake to identify a solution for fields - otherwise we will need to go outside Roseville, Terry will coordinate the player evaluations for the summer at the dome and will schedule the drafts for the B-C-D leagues. Start summer games estimated first week of May.

**City of Roseville Park & Rec** - Terry, Norm & Bob met with Lake Johnson to review guidelines for summer 2018 & discuss potential RSSA project contribution.

Park Policy - in case of lightning players must get off the field and wait 30 minutes max to resume play or end game - rain out games will be determined by field with managers notified in advance to contact players, if Roseville P&R calls a total rain out all games will be canceled - may be rescheduled.

Note - Terry will provide a list of our 8 rain out games last summer for field rental credit on future invoicing.

RSSA committed to end all games on Tues & Thur by 1:00 PM unless prior arrangements have been made with Lake. Also due to concern of players drinking beer after games, we agreed to vacate the pavilion area by 2:00 PM on game days.

Potential Project Contribution - a) Dug out covers for 8 fields in phases - Roseville P&R will research materials & cost - example is Concordia Academy. b) Regrade Lexington Field #1 due to bad drainage c) Clay-brick batters box on Victoria field #1&3 - help prevent major water/sloppy batters box area Note - we indicated that RSSA would prefer a project that could also be identified with our senior players association - Norm will follow up with City

**Annual Softball Banquet** - the Board reviewed the annual fall Banquet results with concerns about attendance and cost. We promoted the event to all teams and players but had a poor turnout - 125 committed & paid for but only 111 attending resulting in a \$500 loss - plus Jimmy's has increased prices with their new ownership. Note we are charging \$25 per person with actual cost at \$32 and some concerns with the limited appetizer buffet.

After extensive discussion the Board agreed to pursue a new venue - our goal is to host a more casual event to include spouses/partners or guest, dramatically increase player attendance & participation and lower the cost per person to alleviate any players personal budgetary concerns. One favorable option discussed was a picnic type BBQ to include beverages, entertainment and possible door prizes. Bob agreed to explore options for a summer party.

**RSSA Finances** - Jerry presented a summary of actual income/expenses compared to budget for fiscal years 2015-16 & 2016-17 plus a proposed budget for 2017-18. (refer to budget/expense summary handed out). The Budget was reviewed and approved as proposed - Jerry emphasized the need for an expense payment procedure to eliminate any after the fact spending surprises. Jerry also suggested a change in check signing authorization to expedite payments plus potential designation of a "reserve fund" - both will be discussed at next Board meeting.

All monthly checking account reconciliations will continue to be emailed for members ongoing review - Treasurer financial info both accurate & timely!

**RSSA Website** - Greg Kioski reviewed a detailed agenda of items for discussion with the Board to improve and enhance our website - refer to handout. A revised registration form will be used as new player information profile for the master data base plus track player dues payments etc. Greg also indicated many league/team operational info available to streamline communication for League Directors. One key concern for our ongoing website is to identify and train a back up for Greg - currently he is the only one with complete knowledge of the system - Terry will discuss at our next meeting.

Note - the Board acknowledged what a great job Greg has done developing the system (from zero) and how valuable the RSSA website has become!

**Other Items** - Winter team manager recommended that RSSA sponsor 2 pizza parties for the winter season - one held in early December (pre Christmas & before many players go south) and a second in early March. Note the post game pizza has been extremely well attended by players from all teams.

Please review and offer any necessary corrections or omissions at the Board meeting on Wed - hopefully all the content has been summarized above.

Respectfully - Bob Harvey