

RSSA Board Meeting -- Wednesday October 18, 2017

At Caribou Coffee conference room in Little Canada. Attending: Board Members - John Remington, Terry Mens, Norm Setnicker, Jerry Anderson & Bob Harvey plus Summer 2017 League Directors - A Bill Geisbauer, B Phil Caligiuri, C Jim Duncan, D Bob Hoffman and 2018 Winter Directors Darrell Adkins & absent Tom Eggenberger

Commissioner John Remington conducted the meeting and reminded all Members/Directors that RSSA business discussion will be informal with decisions based on "consensus" and when necessary a formal vote of the 5 Elected Officers with the Chairman breaking tie votes. (Roberts Rules)

***Summer Leagues Player Survey** - due to technical formatting the survey results were not available but will analyzed and reviewed at a future meeting. Objective is to get feedback from players in all leagues to help improve the overall participation, equity, operation.& leadership of RSSA. John & Terry will follow up with Greg Kiosk who designed the online survey including ability to summarize results electronically.

***City of Roseville Park & Rec** - Bob & Terry reported on their meeting with Lake Johnson (Park & Rec Program Supv) and Jim Taylor (Parks Facilities Super) note - a full summary of meeting was documented by Bob in prior email for detail review: 1) Asst. Comiss. Terry will notify Lake J. if any game times are anticipated to extend past 1:00PM to potentially alter field prep times 2) We will remind all our players to conduct themselves in respectful manner including no abusive language 3) Players are not allowed to drive on the cart paths surrounding the fields 4) Game rain out notification process will remain the same 5) Thur. BBQ lunches will continue with a caution on extended time of alcohol beverages - encourage all participants to leave the park by 2:00PM on game days Note of Clarification - RSSA policy will continue to not purchase or sell beer nor accept any potential liability for the same.

Future issues for discussion with City P&R: 1) Request rain out days be credited to RSSA on rental field invoice (\$4850) for summer 2017 @ \$16.00 per field 2) Request exemption for driving on paths for select player spouse/guest with handicaps 3) Request VFW field be used for D League next summer (replace B-Dale field) 4) Pursue potential of playing games on Wed. if games rained out on prior Tues. 5) Confirm with city that they will power wash and clean Vic pavilion for special events 5) Discuss potential RSSA investment project with City to express our appreciation for long term relationship & player benefit - Norm S. to spearhead. Overall, we enjoy a healthy long term relationship with the City of Roseville and appreciate their work to prep the many fields.

***City of Little Canada Park & Rec** - Bill G. reported successful A League renting 2 fields - summer 2017 with plans to continue next summer. Final invoice

will be submitted to Jerry A. for payment of 52 games @ \$20.00 - City of LC contact is Brice Sheria. A league also plays at the Village for select games.

Bill wants to continue participating in spring tryouts (early April) to identify potential A players. Plans 4 teams with avg 17 players = 68 players 2018.

***End of Season Free Lunch/Beverages** - Board recognized the generosity of Barb Metz sponsoring a lunch for all B-C-D players in honor of Dewey. We served over 200 lunches with max turnout. Barb contributed \$450 with RSSA contributing the balance of expenses. Send official thank you to Barb and also Linda Scherek for volunteer help.

***RSSA Banquet** - the annual player banquet was discussed at length and evaluated. This year we experienced a continual decline in attendance plus a net loss of over \$500 to RSSA. (Last year 147 served - this year 131 with estimated 150 paid) Players pay \$25.00 per person to encourage attendance with actual cost of \$33.00 - note Banquet details outlined in Bob's email to Jimmy's who now have new owners.

Option 1) Continue annual Banquet with RSSA paying for League Directors and Team Managers as a Thank You and to encourage attendance (Board)

Option 2) Replace banquet with end of season Celebration Picnic free for players & guests - held in the park pavilion following the last season games

Note - Bob & Terry check out Central Park Pavilion Norm - check out Vandais Heights Park Further discussion at next meetings.

***Winter League 2018** - Terry has organized the player pool for winter league equating to 12 teams with 13 players = 156 B-C-D players in one league. Terry will validate the commitment of players with some electing to only play in 1st or 2nd half. Note -serious evaluation was given to potentially creating 2 leagues in the future with the primary advantage of added player safety and more equitable competition. A task force will allocate players to each team by position & ability with the goal of equitable team balance (vs.zero draft) and then Team Managers will be assigned. All games will be played at the Vandais Heights Dome - A League Tues & Thur with 4 teams - B/C/D League Mon-Wed-Fri with 12 teams & 4 games per day starting at 8:45 AM.

***Player Directory** - in the future, individual player registration forms will be used as the "official player detail info" for the master data base. RSSA will print the player directory early in season with team photos - meaning a more efficient process and better utilization of the Directory.

***RSSA Website** - Board recognized the evolution and value of our central Website exclusively designed & maintained by Greg Kioski. In order to develop

a technical back up to Greg and help support the work load - we will pursue possible candidates including Bruce Wager, Ron Tanner, Darrell A. etc.

***Treasurer Report** - Jerry handed out the current status of the RSSA bank account as of Sept 30,2017, plus an income/expense report with comparison to LY & Budget. The bank is reconciled and all moneys accounted for to enter 2017/2018 year.

***Board Meetings** - we agreed to pre-schedule our future Board meetings on a quarterly fiscal basis in Oct, Jan, April & July. Actual dates will be established based on members availability if possible (some snow birds & vacation schedules) We also want to encourage & include the League Directors.

Summary - above meeting was lengthy, substantial and productive - hopefully, I have I captured all the key points - please forward any revisions, omissions or corrections. I am personally glad we are only officially meeting every 3 months as the Secretary - respectfully submitted ~ **Bob Harvey**