

3/23/05 Committee Meeting

Members present: Tim Callahan, Jena McNabb, Denise Hollenbeck, Angie Boeve, Rick Boeve, John Lefler, Jr., Kris Stevens, Guy Jobgen, Amy Daly, Rick Moneheim,

Meeting was brought to order by Jena McNabb

City Meeting:

On March 22 Tim, Jena, and Angie attended a meeting with the City Advisory Board in regards to our Sports Facility Partnership Fund application. Jena explained that we are a 501c4, not a 501c3; that we are an adult, family oriented association and that we did have to purchase the equipment prior to being awarded any part of the grant, as the equipment needs to be installed by the time the season starts. Tim received a phone call from one of the Advisory Board members that wanted to view the complex and see just what the complex looked like, as she had never been out there.

Playground Equipment:

Jena spoke with Mutch Usera from Black Hills Corporation; he is only authorized to give donations up to \$500 and advised her to speak with Barb Thurstrup. Barb said to send her a letter and she would take it to the board. Jena will send this letter out. John said that Nick-N-Willy's pizza also has the peeler cards; you buy them for \$1 and sell them for \$10 each.

Jena attended the umpire's meeting last Wednesday night and an umpire named Dale Trealoar is also the director for TREA, he advised her to write them a letter requesting \$300 and he would see that a check was issued, especially since we are in their backyard. Jena wrote and mailed the letter.

Two people that removed playground equipment from the complex have donated \$200 each. The committee was presented with three checks tonight for the playground equipment: The South Dakota Gold Relief Fund donated \$510 to the playground fund, Janet Boeve donated \$100 in the name of Hits-N-Ms's softball team, Rick and Angie Boeve donated \$100 in the name of their children, Kyrstin, Zach & Shaela.

Angie expressed an interest in putting some type of "challenge" on the message board and it was agreed that the team that raised the most money would be rewarded. Prize ideas were a bat, bat bag(s), or maybe a tournament fee paid.

John will start working on ideas for the donor plaque(s)

The Playground Benefit Tournament (Texas Draw) will be May 14-15. This tournament is \$15 per player, no team required as all teams will be determined the day of the tournament. Jena was also told at the umpires meeting not to worry about umpire's fees for this, as they will be donating their time. The idea of a draft tournament needs to be approved by the USA Slow pitch Association, Bill Maher will research this and get back to us on any guidelines.

2005 Team Registration

There are 155 total teams registered at this time, 103 men's and 52 women's.

Office Hours

Again, the office opened on 3/21 and will be open Monday – Friday from 5-7 until further notice.

Other Associations Across the State:

We are comparing our fields and rates to other areas across the state. Jena has visited with Bill Maher and as he said, the Association has not had a good name in the past but is glad to see that we are moving forward. Guy will call other associations across the state and look into ideas that may help our association as well. Jena has also talked to City Councilmen Ray Hadley.

We discussed the possibility of naming the fields –not the complex – according to the city lease, as they do in baseball.

Improvement Ideas for the Complex:

If we are not allowed to water on a regular basis this year we will need to re-build the fields, maybe we can get the City to help with this.

We are currently getting bids on:

1. Asphalt to put in by field 1 and up where the garbage cans sit, as the grass will not grow in these areas
2. Warm-up Areas to help protect people that are walking by or watching other games while teams are warming up. One bid came in at \$1,000 for a section that is 40 feet long and 10 feet high
3. Build a smaller shelter between fields 7 & 8.

When waiting for our meeting with the Advisory Board on Tuesday we were talking to Mike Burhans, owner of Stanley Steamer and part of Post 320. Mike was on the RCSA board about 7 years ago. He was talking about using old fire hoses for the foul lines – we are going to look into this further.

1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt

We raised \$265 this year. The tentative date for the 2nd Annual is April 8, 2006. Ideas for next year – make sure there are better candy options for the 0 – 2 year olds – animal crackers, gummies, etc. We will pre-sell tickets, which Jena already has printed. Angie is going to start a list of tips for next year. Angie will write a letter to the editor for the Board to approve to thank all of the businesses that sponsored the hunt and she will also write thank you letters with pictures from the hunt to be sent to these people.

2006 Advertising Signs

John is going to work on some ideas of what it would cost to make 4 x 8 signs to hang on the outfield fences and then we will discuss him selling the advertising and giving a percentage to the association. He would not approach businesses that currently sponsor

teams and he would be selling them for “Star of the West” advertising, not RCSA. Jena is also going to talk to Chris Burhans about this when she calls him.

Midget Football

The question was brought up as to why Midget Football has not been asked to contribute to the playground fund raising efforts. They are a sub-leaser and currently pay \$2,500 plus one application of fertilizer per year to lease our fields.

More ideas!!

We will be going forward with the dunk tank idea, the Black Hills Workshop does not have a dunk tank, but was using the Jaycees tank, John will talk to Matt Kohnenkamp with the Jaycees to see if we could borrow it for a fund raiser.

Spring Meeting:

We will be e-mailing as many manager’s as we have e-mail addresses for and also calling those manager’s that do not have e-mail addresses to notify them of the time and date of the meeting, April 12, 2005 @ 7 PM at the West Middle School Cafateria.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Boeve,
RCSA Board Secretary
& Committee Member