



RC Softball Assoc. – Committee

Mtg.

February 13, 2008

6:00 PM – Whiting Hagg and Hagg

Attendees: Tim Callahan, Jena McNabb, Maria Allen, Todd, Rick Boeve & Angie Boeve

Complex Update

- New shelter has been staked out by Hunsakers
- Tim painted the sidewalks that need to be replaced (flat work 6000 SF \$24,000 and replacing 400 running feet by 4ft high for retaining walls)

Registration Update

- 6 turned in, 9 have been returned as undeliverable

City Issues

- Met with Doug Lowe – will be applying for more grants, turned in supporting info for sprinkler reimbursements
- Upcoming Grant application – only 7 of 13 organizations can apply at this point due to outstanding grants
- Sports Complex Grants – Once the sprinklers are complete then we have completed all of our grant work and would like to pursue two more grants. All voted to move forward with the application process. Jena will be completing the applications to build concrete retaining walls and install new concrete sidewalks where needed. Each grant is for approximately \$24,999.00 and we will have two years to complete the projects.

State Meeting

- See attachment (notes Jena submitted from the State Meeting)
- Co-ed Season – Since the Co-ed State Tournament will be in Rapid City in 2009; the discussion of wooden bats has been tabled. The Co-ed Season will start earlier this year to allow teams more playing time before the State Co-ed Tournament

Easter Egg Hunt

- March 23, 2008 The following businesses have been contacted for advertising / donations: KNBN, West River Electric, Culvers (Scoopy will be there), Just Chillin', Taco Johns, Storybook Island. We will meet at 6PM on 3/12/08 to stuff the eggs.

Tournaments – postponed – Mike was not present

Open Discussion

Tisdale – tourney umps our responsibility

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Boeve
Board Secretary &
Committee Member

January 25th and 26th, 2008

State Softball Meetings in Pierre SD.

Friday – Tim Callahan and I arrived Friday afternoon and met up with Keith and Stacy Morell and Bill Maher. As we visited, other Area Commissioners trickled in and joined us. Later in the evening Cindy Johnson, the Women's State Commissioner approached me. She asked if Rapid City was interested in hosting any more Women's State Tournaments. She stated that she had gotten the feeling that maybe Rapid City didn't want the Tournament. Tim and I both stated that we would love to host a Women's State Tournament. At that point Cindy explained to me the process, which needed to happen in order for RCSA to bid the 2009 State Tournament. Tim and I visited about what we could offer in our bid and then approached Keith Morell, our Women's Area Commissioner, about our thoughts. Keith was excited and was willing to work with us on our bid. He stated that Huron brings in a bid for \$1000.00 and a minimum of 10 comp rooms. We knew that RC could not offer 10 comp rooms but thought that we could offer 2, which the association would have to pay for (at this point, since we have not had the opportunity to meet with any of the area Motels). Tim and I talked later that night with Cindy Johnson and told her what we were thinking. \$15.00 per team, 2 comp rooms and the Friday night meal. Cindy stated that she thought that \$10.00 per team was enough but that everything else sounded good to her. We knew that there were 2 State tournaments up for bid so it was decided that we would bid the one that Huron didn't bid for. At this time we did not know of anyone else putting in a bid for the other tournament. Each Area Commissioner votes for where they would like the tournament to be held. Each Commissioner's vote is worth as much as the amount of teams that they have in their area. Rapid City had 56 teams in 2007 so Keith's vote is worth 56 votes. Men's State doesn't vote for the Rapid City site so we have never had to worry about the voting issue. As far as COED bidding went no one really knew how Thez (State Coed Commissioner) voted and she was not around later Friday night for me to ask. Later that night Tim and I had the opportunity to polish up our bids. We decided to offer \$15.00 per team, 2 comp rooms and Friday nights meal to Men's, Women's and Coed State Tournaments. Even though Cindy thought that \$10.00 per team was fair we wanted to keep everyone on the same playing field and the \$15.00 per team worked out to about what we pay Men's State every year.

Saturday – We met with Gary Harrington (Men's State Commissioner) to visit with him about the Men's State Contract. We decided to go ahead and also offer him the \$15.00 per team, 2 comp rooms and Friday night meal. He felt that this was fair and thanked us for the new contract. At 1 pm Tim went into the Men's meeting and I went into the Women's meeting. Cindy introduced me to the Area Commissioners and they to me. They all spoke about their season and any concerns that they had. Couple of notes that I made were that there is no need for Travel Permits anymore, there are scholarships for our High School Students (which I will make copies of), they voted to NOT have stealing in Women's Softball in the State of SD, even though Nationals voted it in and the color of the ball will remain white. Finally came the time for the bids for the 2 State Tournaments. Huron bid for the 1st one and no one else put in a bid. The second weekend came up for bid and I was excited to bid for the 1st time. However, Mitchell spoke up and stated that they wanted to bid for the 2nd weekend!! They bid \$1000.00 and I believe 15 comp rooms. I stuck with our original \$15.00 per team, 2 comp rooms and Friday night meal. I knew that they usually only have about 50 teams so I stated that we would give minimum of \$1000.00 so that we could be on the same playing level as Mitchell. I knew that I couldn't offer that many rooms but I took my chance. It came down to the vote and each Area Commissioned voted. Rapid City won the vote by 1 vote!!! We left the meeting and went for lunch to wait for the Coed meeting. On our way there we overheard Mitchell say that they were sticking around to bid for the Coed 2009 and 2010 Tournament. At this point we knew that we needed to again be on the same playing field in regards to our bid more so now because we had NO idea on how Thez was going to vote. We already knew that Huron was going to bid it and would come in at \$1000.00 and 10 comp rooms. We knew that we would have to up our cash value because we couldn't offer the rooms. We ate lunch then headed down to the meeting. Cindy Johnson, Keith and Stacey Morell, Gary Harrington, Marv Tisdale and Ken Bush joined us at the meeting to support our bid. Thez opened the meeting. She stated that there is some testing being done on the Coed Men's ball. She stated that all over the state they were having issues with the ball. She will let us know what they find out. It was nice to know that we were not the only Assoc. that was having issues with the ball. Next she came to the bids for the 2009 and 2010 Coed State Tournament. Mitchell opened the bids with their \$1000.00, 10 comp rooms and meals. Rapid City stated that we would offer \$1750.00, 2 comp rooms and Friday night meal. We knew that we needed to offer more cash since we couldn't offer the rooms. Huron came in with \$1000.00 and 10 comp rooms. I spoke up and told Thez that Rapid City would do whatever it took to get a Coed State Tournament in Rapid City. I stated that I didn't know the last time that a Tournament was held at our complex or on the western side of the state. We had a huge influx of teams last year and we would like to offer a local State Tournament for them. She looked right at me and stated that the last time she brought the State Tournament to RC she lost a ton of teams so never came back. She also stated that only 2 Rapid City Coed Teams

signed up this year. She normally has 80-90 teams in the Tournament. She looked at her numbers and then stated that she felt that since she was the only Commissioner that she should take it to a meeting vote. Only a couple voted for Mitchell, 1 for Huron and the rest were for Rapid City. She stated that the Tournament would be held in Rapid City for 2009. I asked about 2010. She stated that she could not guarantee 2010 because she wanted to see the turnout for 2009. If the teams drop below 80 then she will take it back to East River. We stated that we would do our best to have at least 20 teams from our Association and Northern Hills. After the meeting we spoke with some of the Commissioners and got some ideas from them. One thing we talked about was changing our divisions to B and C to go along with Coed State Sanctions so that by next year our teams would feel comfortable playing the tournaments. I think we may go B1, B2, C1 and C2 but we will talk to our Committee about this. Also, our Assoc. had talked about going to wooden bats for the men. We will not do that now since they will be able to use regular bats in State. We also talked about an incentive for our teams to play State. We will take all of this to the next Committee meeting. Wow! What a great weekend!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jena McNabb
Board Vice-President