

## **MCRF Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **April 10th, 2019**

**Present:** *MCRF Members:* TJ Brom & Chris Roorda (Oskaloosa Disc Golf); Brandon Blommers (Oskaloosa Little League); Ryan Parker (Oskaloosa High School); and Chuck Bogaard, City of Leighton; Don Mitchell (Oskaloosa Christian School); Doug Yates (USSSA)

*MCRF Executive Board:* William (Bill) Almond, Joe Crookham, Carl Drost, Scottie Moore, Bob Morris (re-election candidate), Steve Parker, Jennifer Peterson, John Pothoven, Todd Roach, Heidi Scholes, Paula Wright, and Sherry Vavra.

*MCRF staff:* Chad Rietveld and MaKenzie McCarty

John Pothoven called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Self-introductions given by board members present. Carl introduced Paula, a new board member attending for the first time.

Carl made a motion and Bill seconded for the approval of the January 18, 2017 membership meeting minutes. Passed, unanimous.

Sherry shared the 2018 Progress Report, handout given. She noted activities, donations, volunteers, hotel-motel tax, and activity data showing usage at the complex. Carl added that the Oskaloosa Rotary Club will make a generous donation and pave the driveway to the Rotary Club Gazebo (highway 92) on the Recreation Trail. John gave the treasurer's report, income/expenses for MCRF, from the same Progress Report. Scottie made a motion and Carl seconded to approve the treasurer's report, motion passed unanimous.

Sherry announced the candidates for the MCRF Board election, which included Nik Rule as a new candidate and Bob Morris as a candidate for re-election. Bio sheets and ballots for candidates were given to all present. Bob shared information about his story serving and why he wanted to run again. Sherry shared a little about Nik in his absence stating that he was absent for sports reason as the William Penn athletic director. A secret ballot election was held. MaKenzie with Board members Heidi and Bill counted votes; election Results: There were no write-ins. Both candidates were elected to fill terms expiring December 31, 2022.

Member organizations present updated their programs. **Don Mitchell** for the Oskaloosa Christian School stated he was the new principal there and he wanted to attend because the school hosts track meets at the stadium and use the complex so he was interested in hearing about the programs. **Chuck Bogaard** for the City of Leighton stated that he is a ball park maintenance engineer in Leighton and they've held 30 games there. He emphasized that Leighton is 'on the go'. He spoke on things that have been happening, stating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is great and again emphasized his town is 'on the go' adding, "especially for a town of 200 people." **Ryan Park** for OHS and the Stadium stated that High School girls will plays softball tournaments at the 5-plex and for this season track has begun, OHS, middle school and elementary will host a track meet at the stadium. Soccer practice has begun on the soccer fields. Ryan added that it is always good to work with Chad, Sherry and MCRF staff to make sure all is well. John congratulated Ryan on his High School Boys Basketball team making state this year, the room applauded. **Doug Yates** spoke for his high school spring scrimmages that he's held this season against PEAK, a travel team from the west side of the state, stating that he is playing the scrimmages to get his team ready for the coming high school season. He thanked Chad for the work he does stating that it's a great facility he continues to hear coaches that play here brag about the facility. He stated also that he is grateful for the facility. **Brandon Blommers** for Oskaloosa Little League stated that they plan to kick off

games on Friday, if the weather allows. All is going well for the start of the season. **TJ Brom and Chris Roorda** spoke for Oskaloosa Disc Golf, Brom stating that the weather had been challenging this year but they hosted a tournament that brought 108 players in the spring, they are 95% done with their project at Edmundson Park, and they hosted two fundraisers making it possible to give \$500 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters and 200 lbs of food to the food cupboard. Roorda added that the March tournament became the April tournament but it was still a good turnout in tournaments and fundraisers. The club had also hosted clinics for school and will add more schools in the future. They still hope for a course at Caldwell Park in the future.

At the completion of reports, Carl asked Joe to share about the Solar System being constructed at the complex. Joe shared that the solar system sun dome that can now be seen even from the highway is the first part of solar system that will have 3 dimensions: size, distance and time. Nine planets will surround the Sun Dome. There will be a sign at the site which will say "ENJOY, PROTECT THE PLANET EARTH, IT'S THE ONLY RIDE WE'VE GOT. He further shared regarding the solar system that planets will also align from the Sun Dome through the parking lot median, to the cornfield on the other side of the soccer fields. Joe stated that the finished product will be (a) an attraction and (b) a learning experience. In the future there could be a contest with the area schools challenging youth to find the "best new idea." Joe stated that he hoped the solar system, completed, will help to understand how we fit into the universe.

John then told members present that MCRF is here to work with them and he thanked Joe, Carl and The MCRF staff.

With no other items for consideration, John adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Sherry Vavra,  
MCRF secretary 4-15-19