

MCRF Membership Meeting Minutes January 11, 2017

Present: *MCRF Members:* Deb Van Engelenhoven (Oskaloosa Herald); Ken Campbell & TJ Brom (Oskaloosa Disc Golf); Dave Rodgers (Mahaska Co Little League); Dave Sedivec (Mahaska County Conservation) and Kim Sytsma, City of Leighton; Eric Christensen (YMCA); Doug Yates (USSSA)

MCRF Executive Board: William (Bill) Almond (re-election candidate), Doug DeKock, Carl Drost, Tom Flarety, Jake McGee (re-election candidate), Scottie Moore, Jennifer Peterson, Russ Reiter, Todd Roach (re-election candidate), Heidi Scholes, Willie Van Weelden and Sherry Vavra.

MCRF staff: Chad Rietveld and Kate Van Gilst

Carl Drost in John's absence, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Self-introductions given by board members present.

Willie Van Weelden made a motion and Scottie seconded for the approval of the January 18, 2017 membership meeting minutes. Passed, unanimous.

Sherry V gave the treasurer's report for 2017 from Progress Report, sharing income/expenses for MCRF. The past three calendar years were included in the report for comparison. She noted donations given and thanked those present for donating time to their programs. Bob M asked why Hotel Motel tax decreased last year. MCRF reported that development took place in previous years causing construction workers to rent hotel rooms for long-term stays. Carl noted that donations to MCRF vary depending on projects that are being developed. Jake made a motion and Todd seconded to approve the treasurer's report, motion passed unanimous.

Carl announced the candidates for the MCRF Board election, which included Bill Almond, Jake McGee, and Todd Roach as candidates for re-election. Bio sheets and ballots for candidates were given to all present. Candidates each gave a brief history. Carl reminded those present to vote one ballot sheet per club or board member present and that a write-in could be made on the ballot. A secret ballot election was held. Election Results: There were no write-ins. All three candidates were re-elected to fill terms expiring December 31, 2021.

Member organizations present updated their programs. **Kim Sytsma** for the City of Leighton stated that she enjoys coming to the MCRF membership meetings and gets caught up on things that have been happening. **Deb Van Engelenhoven** for the Oskaloosa Herald stated that she does enjoy coming to the MCRF meetings and hearing reports from everyone and she is always happy to work with MCRF. **Doug Yates** for USSSA stated that he has held several tournaments at the complex the last few years but there was no date available this year other than Mothers Day so they will not host. He has donated the proceeds from the last two years to OHS Baseball, the first donation was \$5,000 and last year it was \$9,000. He told board members that he continues to hear how fantastic our facility is when they play here. He said everyone appreciated the facility and that a big help for his tournaments was board member Doug DeKock. Carl added that Chad's hard work helps to make the fields look good. **Dave Rodgers** shared for Mahaska County Little League stating that he is trying to get a state tournament for Little League to host at the Lacey Complex. He worked on this last year but it went somewhere else. He has a goal to get the tournament played in Oskaloosa this summer. **TJ Brom and Ken Campbell** spoke for Oskaloosa Disc Golf, Brom sharing that the program brought 108 players to a spring tournament and was expanded to a two-day event. They expect growth this year with around 140 anticipated players. For a smaller tournament in 2017 they expected around 30 players and ended up with 72. 92 were in attendance at the doubles tournament. They completed revamping the Edmundson Park course and

installed a beginner's 9-hole course in University Park in 2017. They will be open at these two venues in the spring. They will also host a chili cook-off with all proceeds going to Big Brothers/Big Sisters and can goods at entrance to the food cupboard. They still have their eye on Caldwell Park for a new sight in the future **Dave Sedivek** for MCCB reported that we should expect the walls to start going up for the Learning Center over the next few weeks. The connection to the MCRF Trail was completed to the Learning Center and Parking Lot. This Trail section will make the Learning Center accessible for all trail users; trams, bikes walkers, etc. The building should be open by the summer and displays shown at opening. **Eric Christensen** spoke for the YMCA stating that the YMCA hosts youth football program at the Lacey Complex. They are hoping to expand the program next year through 5th grade. He also thanked MCRF for allowing the storage of trees for YMCA's Christmas tree program. He realizes the building might not be available next year but wanted to thank the board for the years of allowing the storage. He stated then that the YMCA is moving forward with the new facility. The school board kicked the project development off at last night's board meeting, with passing the funding approval from the school district. He added that the YMCA would like to bring a 3X3 basketball program back and they may call on board member Jake McGee to discuss his work with past programs.

At the completion of reports, Carl asked for other any other items for consideration. Yates gave information as Council member that the City approved 1.6 million budget to pave roads from Orchard to the 5-plex [Kentfield Drive] and from green to the main stadium entrance in the coming year. Sytsma stated that she had come in from Kirby and noted the need for signage. Sherry will follow up. Carl added that we would like for the county to pave from Kirby to the MCRF baseball entrance from that direction.

With no other items for consideration, Carl adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Sherry Vavra,
MCRF secretary 1-11-18