

MCRF Membership Meeting Minutes, January 19th, 2022

Present: *MCRF Members:* TJ Brom & Chris Roorda, Oskaloosa Disc Golf; Kevin DeRonde, MHP; Matt Larson, YMCA; Dave Sedivec, Mahaska Co Conservation; and Virginia Walker, McNeill Stone Mansion.

MCRF Exec Board: Kimberly Aalbers, Bill Almond, Ben Boeke, Joe Crookham, Carl Drost, Bob Morris-zoom, Jennifer Peterson, John Pothoven, Todd Roach, Jeff Rogers, Nik Rule-zoom, Heidi Scholes-zoom, Chuck Webb, and Sherry Vavra. *MCRF staff:* MaKenzie Burk, Chad Rietveld, Morgan McClendon-zoom.

John Pothoven called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Self-introductions given by board & membership.

John asked for approval of January 8th membership meeting minutes (*no membership meeting in 2021 due to Covid*). Joe made a motion, Carl seconded, for approval. Motion carried.

John shared the annual Progress Report (handout given), including the treasurer's report. Joe noted that the fees generated from usage are about 1% of the budget and reminded the committee to be mindful of keeping fees affordable. Having no other questions or comments, Carl made a motion, Joe seconded, to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

John announced Bill Almond, Ben Boeke and Todd Roach as MCRF Board candidates for re-election. Bio sheets and ballots were given, and a secret ballot election was held. MaKenzie counted votes. There were no write-ins. The three candidates were elected to fill terms expiring December 31, 2025.

John asked for any comments from Sherry for membership. Sherry thanked those present for attending & for all they do. **TJ Brom, Chris Roorda** spoke for Oskaloosa Disc Golf. The city purchased new baskets for disc golf at Edmundson Park. A new 18-hole competition course was completed at Caldwell, with 15 volunteers giving 302 hours + MCCB staff. Old baskets were moved there. Chris thanked MCCB for that project completion. In March they hosted a successful tournament and party with 118 players. The August tournament had 44 players and their Oct Tournament had the largest number of players in 17 years with 266 players coming into Oskaloosa to play. Their two leagues, 10-12 players, played 8 wk. seasons. Tournaments will be repeated this year and a new tournament will be added. Chris shared that they hope for a course at Lacey Complex, Carl replied for them to see him around April and look at Lacey property. **Dave Sedivec** reported for MCCB, stating that the disc golf course came together starting with their meeting at the MCRF annual meeting a few years back and now the community has a new course! Dave shared that he will retire at the end of this year and plans to finish a few projects first. He added that he has enjoyed working together in the community, from working the parade to police dogs presenting at children's events, & youth events open to the community; his message is work together. **Matt Larson** spoke for YMCA. They had 134 kids participate in youth sports at Lacey, including youth soccer, football, and t-ball. They are exploring a future wiffle ball league. The Y is still being built, and when completed, members will benefit from the use of all YMCA equipment. He stated that he looks forward to continuing with youth & parent interactions. Last year Healthy Kids' Day was held at the stadium, and another is planned for 2022 on the 2nd Sat in May. Rotary will partner for a Bike Community Safety outreach. A new track League competed at the stadium track, and he would like to add track clubs for youth. **Virginia Walker** spoke for Stone Mansion, stating tram tours and tournaments are great activities for her guests. She would like to see a map of the disc golf courses, and she appreciates MCRF's restaurant guides and maps for her guests. She thanked MCRF for their community presence. **Kevin DeRonde** spoke for MHP and thanked the board members for serving on the board and what it gives to the community. Youth for Christ hosts their kickoff at Lacey and MHP hosts "Run in the Sun" for hospice at the stadium annually. He added that his staff love the disc golf and MHP appreciates the complex for their families.

John shared with membership that the board appreciates what they do. Joe said that Musco is installing mini pitch courts around the country, including one at Oskaloosa Urban Park downtown. He added that this may be a good fit for the YMCA youth. Ben Boeke added that we have a need for these recreation activities in Oskaloosa. Joe also shared a bit of history about the start of Lacey Complex to membership.

With no other items for consideration, John adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Sherry Vavra, MCRF

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