Minutes

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Call To Order: 7:07 PM

Attendance: Jessica Dizazzo, Troy Gladu, Alissa Haeseler, Craig

Heuitson, Richard Loomis (7:37), Keith O'Hara, Allan Rawson, Jeffrey Rawson, Kathie Rawson, Debbie Spinelli

(7:40), Amy Williams

Absent: Sharon Kozey, Dave Lavoie, Christine Rukstela,

1) <u>New Members</u>: Richard Loomis has joined our group. He was introduced to attending members.

- 2) <u>Minutes</u>: Craig Heuitson pointed out that he would like to clarify a statement from the August minutes. He is not closely working with the Stafford Springs soccer club but is working with the Avon club. He does do tryouts for Avon, Ellington, Stafford Springs and Vernon. Motion made by Craig Heuitson to accept the minutes of the September 21st meeting, seconded by Jeff Rawson; approved by all.
- 3A) <u>Strategic Planner:</u> Keith O'Hara reported that Caleb Rick, of Legacy Giving, is willing to do a workshop at no cost to our organization. Jeff Rawson read an e-mail from Tom Reynolds, of Reynolds Consulting, stating that his fee would be between \$1,000 to \$4,000. Based on this information, it was agreed to move forward with Caleb Rick. The group would like to meet with him during the month of November.
- 3B) <u>Organizational Documents/By-laws:</u> The Legal committee, chaired by Craig Heuitson, is going to meet with Attorney Zola to guide us with the preparation of our by-laws.
- 3C) Additional Members: Troy Gladu stated that he had contacted Jim Rivers to join our group, but had not received an answer as of yet. He has also contacted Steve Burlingame. Unfortunately, Mr. Burlingame is moving out of the area. Jeff Rawson and Allan Rawson are scheduled to meet with Jack Burke on Wednesday AM- Oct 27th. Dick Loomis suggested we consider inviting Bruce and Cindy Disco to also join our group. They live in Killingly, CT- and own The Villa Maria Nursing Home in Plainfield, CT.
- 4A) <u>Naming of organization:</u> Dave Lavoie's name proposal- NOW Sports, was presented. This title is based on allowing immediate member participation, not waiting until involvement is affordable. FSN Wellness was also suggested as a possible name. A discussion followed which led us to ask Keith O'Hara to contact Caleb Rick to help us select a name, clarify our vision,

mission statement, values and objectives so we can move on to the establishment of our bylaws. We agreed on a two hour block (at Canal St in Putnam) on November 13th, based on Caleb's availability at that time. The members of the Rawson family agreed to speak with Caleb prior to the Nov 13th workshop to discuss the Family Foundation priorities/goals.

4B) <u>Election of officers:</u> A nominating committee meeting was held at Jeff Rawson's house on October 11th. Members present were Jeff Rawson, Jessica Dizazzo, Kathie Rawson and Troy Gladu. Absent: Keith O'Hara. The following officers were nominated:

3 Year Co-chair: Allan Rawson
2 Year Co-chair: Keith O'Hara
Treasurer: Alissa Haeseler
Secretary: None as of yet

The three individual listed above agreed to their positions. At the meeting, Kathie Rawson also agreed to be short term secretary until a replacement secretary is chosen.

Craig Heuitson made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Troy Gladu seconded. Approved by all.

- 4C) Meeting with YMCA representatives and tour of facility: Allan Rawson and Jeff Rawson are scheduled to meet with YMCA representatives Ron Coderre and Betty Hale, on Friday, October 29th. Mr. Coderre and Mrs. Hale agreed to look at the Star Hill facility and the Canterbury/ Brooklyn property. On the same day, Allan and Jeff Rawson will tour the new YMCA facility in Ellington. Allan Rawson asked Craig Heuitson to set up the tour of Star Hill. Craig Heuitson offered to meet everyone there.
- 4D) <u>Marianapolis:</u> Keith O'Hara and Allan Rawson met with Charles Baron, Trinity Foundation Vice-Chairman, about our organization possibly utilizing their facilities.
- 4E) Putnam Zoning Board of Appeals: Allan Rawson met with the Putnam ZBA on October 19th to discuss the new field proposal (at the Putnam/Thompson line). Allan Rawson showed them a map, told them about our organization, explained our needs and use of the field. The ZBA could not vote on the proposal because they did not have enough members present. Our request was tabled until the next ZBA meeting; which is to be held on Tuesday, November 16th.
- 4F) <u>Fitness, Sports and Nutrition Committees Reports:</u> The Sports and Nutrition committees each held meetings during the last month. The Fitness committee could not arrange a date that worked for everyone so was unable to meet. The general consensus from the three committee chairs was that a joint committee meeting should be set up so that the proposed programs could be integrated- possibly into a clinic format. It was also brought up that these committees

might want to meet with Dave Rush of Challenger Sports as part of that joint meeting. All interested members are welcome to attend.

- 4G-4J) Remaining Items: Tabled until next month (due to the time)
- 4L) <u>Next organization meeting:</u> WEDNESDAY, November 17th- 210 Chase Rd, Putnam.
- 4M) Meeting adjourned at 9:34PM.