

DRBA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 8:00 PM, Legion Hall

In Attendance: Brian Davis (president) Bruce Mogen (vice-president) Chad Stroschein (treasurer), Matt Larson (secretary), Jeff Holm, Fran Ruesink, Bill Goeken, Nate Henry

Absent: Dane Stone, Clarence Fjellanger, Jeff Welbig, Jim Wilber, Jody Schumaker, Craig Libis

1. Rickeman P/A system replacement
 - 1.1. Discussion of quote from Mid-States Audio for replacement P/A system. All agreed it is needed, and DRBA can fund it, but also agreed to contact Audio Connection for a second quote, then proceed with a procurement.
 - 1.2. JeffH is contacting Audio Connection with Specifications.
2. Capital Project Expenditures (long-term) planning.
 - 2.1. Chad had introduced the idea of making some long term capital expenditure plans. The following list was discussed, and loosely prioritized into the beginnings of a plan:
 - 2.2. Rickeman P/A replacement
 - 2.3. Repair/update of Rickeman batting cage
 - 2.4. Batting Cages at Volunteer
 - 2.5. Manual scoreboards, already underway, expenditure in 2018
 - 2.6. B Teener Uniforms
 - 2.7. Outfield fence on Field B (currently temporary)
 - 2.8. Rickeman concession/storage repairs
 - 2.9. Members are encouraged to suggest additions to list
 - 2.10. Note: Capital expenditures should be one-time, infrastructure type amenities, not ongoing, yearly expenses like equipment
 - 2.11. Based on budget numbers, the P/A system and Batting cages (2 or 3 based on better cost estimates) were agreed to be accomplished in 2018. JeffH will contact Clarence to get city recommendations and requirements for batting cage installations.
3. State VFW Meeting
 - 3.1. Sun. 1/21 in Madison. Brian, JeffH, and Matt volunteered to attend to represent Dell Rapids. Agenda items of note include:
 - 3.1.1. Age cut-off dates under consideration are 1/1 and 5/1. DRBA is informally supporting 5/1
 - 3.1.2. New Bat specifications for 16 and under
 - 3.1.3. Transition from pitcher inning limits to pitch counts
4. This spawned a discussion of predicted number teams at each age group. Matt is tracking numbers, and will be able to make an updated forecast after the State VFW meeting, because Min-Dak and I29 leagues generally follow State VFW age rules.