

Ballpark Commission Meeting Minutes

6/2/14 at The Ballpark Clubhouse

Attendees:

Commissioners and staff: Jerry Plante, Chair, Guy Fontaine Vice Chair, Jerome Begert, Vic Gould, Bob Rings, Rod Choroszy, Tia Wilson & Leo Menard, Jr., Concession Manager & Assistant Manager

Visitors: Bob Reily, has an interest in The Ballpark.

Agenda Items

Meeting Minutes for 5/5/14 were unanimously accepted by Commission members present.

Request for Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Event, August 23 (rain date August 24) with Discussion and Action. This request was made during a previous May subcommittee meeting with Allen Berube of the Downeast Fighting Championships (Commissioners Guy Fontaine, Vic Gould and Bob Rings were in attendance). Documents from the subcommittee meeting were distributed by e-mail and hand delivered to the Commissioners to read before this meeting. The request for the MMA event was approved by the Commissioners by 6-0.

Discussion with possible action regarding Sky Boxes (Guy Fontaine) was deleted from agenda.

Discussion with Possible Action concerning Ballpark Readiness was deleted from agenda

Discussion with Action about the Black Sheep Archery Business Plan Proposal was led by Guy Fontaine. Commissioners reviewed Paul & Susan Bock's Business Plan, Archery Range Specifications and proposed location. This request for proposal approval was tabled until several questions are answered by Paul Bock. Bob Rings will formulate the questions to be answered during a phone interview between Paul and Bob. In summary, Bocks wants to build an Olympic sized archery range approximately 10 yards wide and 100 yards long behind the ball field It would be used for lessons and league competitions 12 weekends from July 12th to October 2014. There is some confusion regarding the exact proposed location. Guy and Paul will walk it off at their earliest convenience.

Concession Managers Discussion with Action. A motion by Guy Fontaine and seconded by Bob Rings was made to hire Tina Wilson as Manager and Leo Menard, Jr., as Assistant Manager. Bob Rings passed around the draft Job Description and Performance Expectations that Bob, Tina and Leo had discussed. These two documents are subject to finalization by Bob, Tina, and Leo.

Field Manager's Report & Field Status was deleted due to Jim's attention to Raging Tide field work.

Individual Commissioner Reports

Guy Fontaine

1. **Town Public Works asphalts dusty parking lot.** The Town Public Works completed (using recycled old broken-up road way asphalt) covering most the dirt part of the parking lot and driveway from the end of Baseball Way Street's asphalt road to the front ballpark gate. It has been slightly graded so that the water from rain flows away from The Ballpark instead of into it.
2. **Skyboxes are all fixed** and ready for occupants.
3. **Safety barriers for the two dugouts are finished.**
4. Guy met with Dan Feeney, Building Code Officer, regarding our **plans to build a stairway connecting the terrace with the flat area without seats in front of the terrace.** Guy and Dan both walked the area, and the Code Officer was able to see and approve what was proposed. The plan is to also build a table on the terrace to sell beer.

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5. **Jimmy the Greek will sell beer from the left side of the Merchandise Building** as opposed to the Beer Garden tent that occupied an area about 50 feet south of the 1st base side of the stadium. **The Raging Tide will sell their merchandise from the right side the Merchandise Building.**
6. **Al Lappin, Jr. provided 15 rolls of turf** to rework the area around the pitcher's mound.
7. **George Sullivan pressure washed** the stadium's front stairway.
8. Guy has made sure that the **Pepsi Machine**, located between the two restrooms, is **well stocked** with drink products, including Gatorade.
9. The batting cage needs repairs.
10. **Guy purchased two cash registers** for the Concession Stand at \$200 apiece.

Rod Choroszy noted that he knows John Bouchard from the Rotary Club, who knows someone that would be a contact to **approach Hussey seating for replacing a portion of The Ballpark stadium seats.**

Bob Rings

1. Bob referenced his 1-1/2 page handout sent out in advance “Regarding **Allen Berube’s Request for a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Event** at The Ballpark. This paper summarized the key points of a discussion with Allen with Guy Fontaine, Bob Rings and Jerry Plante.
2. He again referenced his pre-meeting distributed document “**Report of Meeting with David Ordway, Esq, Regarding our 501c3 Initiative.**” The report summarizes the status and steps of the incorporation process, criteria for selecting a Board of Directors, and the budget for pursuing the 501c3 certification.
3. Bob redistributed the **Raging Tide players and patron’s survey results** from 2013. The new Commissioners, and Field and Concession Stand Managers had not seen the survey’s results.
4. He discussed the **proposed volunteer promotional handouts** for announcements and handouts at The Ballpark. The Collegiate Baseball Club, LLC, ownership accepted the promotion for volunteers via passing out the volunteer handouts at its ticket collection location but did not accept the proposed public announcement by the public address speaker.
5. Bob referenced and discussed his explanation (distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting) of **why we decided not to pursue the Guaranteed Rate, Chicago, Mortgage Brokers, Real Estate Agent’s Ultimate Neighborhood Give Back Challenge.** Winners would receive either one \$50,000 or \$10,000 prizes. The **reasons Rings gave** for not following through with this project are:
 - a. The Commission was advised of this contest 55 days into it with only 22 days to complete the essay, photo of what needed to be fixed, construction ready drawings, specifications, and contractor quotes. The construction ready information was “the stopper” considering the time it would take to obtain this information through municipal processes.
 - b. Guaranteed Rate Company would own and copyright all intellectual capital (i.e., 500 word essay story-line, featured photo, and 1-3 minute video and anything else required). This was not acceptable to Bob Rings since he had work too hard for a story line for pursuit of large grants and corporate contributions to give it up for about 3% of the money needed for The Ballpark’s capital improvements. The Commission agreed.

Having no Good and welfare requests, Rod Choroszy made a motion to adjourn and Jerry Plante seconded it. Vote was 6-0 in favor.