

**Recreational Sports Board Meeting**  
**October 20, 2004**  
**154 Education Building at 3:30PM**

**Faculty Members Present**

William Bosu, Claudia Card, Stephen Quintana, Mike Sussman (chair)

**Academic Staff Present**

Sandra Guthrie, Don Schutt, Barb Smith, John Staley

**Student Members Present**

Laura Raymonds, Troy Vosseller

**Ex Officio Present**

Cheryl Bailey, Dale Carruthers, Mike Subkoviak

**Rec Sports Staff Present**

Lori Devine, Jeff Dvorak, John Horn, Jeremiah Karl, Julie Karl, Lisa Learish, John Paine, Pam Peacock, Mike Warren, Karen Aune (recorder)

- I. Call to order 3:33 p.m. by Mike Sussman, chair.
- II. Introductions of board members and Rec Sports staff.
- III. Minutes from April 2004 meeting approved.
- IV. Old business
  - A. Hired Brailesford & Dunlavey consulting firm in February 2004 to evaluate all four facilities. Final report shared with Dean Read who wants a report detailing deficiencies in each facility including photos, plus an assessment of what direction we should go and how to get there by the end of the semester.
  - B. In 2003, Rec Sports had a mandatory 10 yr. review by 3 outside Rec Sports directors in which ideas were brought forth for what we should consider for the future. The result of the review was to hire consultants for an unbiased evaluation. B&D are experts on campus life, housing & recreational sports programs.
- V. New business
  - A. Director's Report
    1. General agreement from board that Wednesdays work best for meetings.

## 2. Highlights for 03-04

- a. Guest policy change at SERF where previously guests were not allowed. 582 guest passes sold last year at SERF.
- b. For the first time ever, there were more female users than male at the SERF last year. Very significant! This is due to the large cardio center addition and more equipment available. Also the increase in fitness classes has helped contribute to the high numbers.
- c. Group fitness passes now sold this semester. A wide variety of classes are taught with a variety of equipment, e.g. Bosu. We weren't sure how this new charge would be taken, but we have met the budgeted revenue 3 weeks ago (\$17,000) and have not received any complaints.
- d. Payment by charge cards accepted, Visa or Mastercard. Mike Sussman hopes to see web based charge system.
- e. Spouse passes now allow patrons to use all 4 facilities. This seems to be working well. Numbers are down at the Nat, but up at the SERF (87), perhaps too early to tell the results. Out of 87 passes sold, 69 were student spouses.

## 3. Tours of Facilities

- a. All board members are invited to tour the facilities to see first hand what the deficiencies and problems are that are outlined in the consultants' report.
- b. Next meeting on 11/17 will be a tour of the facilities, board members shall meet at the SERF at 3:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided.

## 4. New IM Programs

- a. Mike Warren started in July, a new staff member in a new position, and he has started some interesting and popular programming.
- b. New offerings include a dodgeball, Turkey Trot, 3 point & free throw contest, home run derby, wallyball, spring volleyball at the Nat, NCAA bracket pick'em, and a variety of tournaments including 3 on 3 basketball, badminton, table

tennis, racquetball, all-campus Texas Hold'em series, and 4 on 4 sand volleyball.

- c. The all-campus Texas hold 'em series is a free poker event where the winner gets to play against Phil Helmuth. Phil normally charges \$25,000 to play with students, but since he is an UW alumni he donated his time. There will be no gambling, the event is supervised by student staff, no side games allowed. Info provided on Gamblers Anon. as well.
- d. Kickball will be added in the future pending space constraints.

5. Swimming lessons

- a. Offered this fall at Nat and SERF. Lessons are 45 minutes each for 10 weeks with 6 participants per class. 84 spots open, 2 did not fill. 27 on waiting list.
- b. Hope to expand next fall to one more evening. Beginning classes offered at SERF, advanced classes at SERF and Nat.

B. Discussion of Director's Report

- 1. Cardio room is still extremely crowded. The standard for square \ footage of cardio space needed is one sq. ft. per potential user. That means we need 50,000 and we have 22,000 with the new addition (all facilities combined). Plenty of opportunity to expand in this area.
- 2. Classes in the residence halls? Talked to housing 2 years ago, they were not able to provide funding for equipment. Academic units provide space? Possibly, but again, limited by logistics – equipment, sound system, etc.
- 3. Cooperative programs - work with UHS, have their nutrition folks on our site to provide info since we see lots of eating disorders in our facilities and need to involve UHS. UHS plans at University Square are being scaled back, so it's a good time to work with them.
- 4. East corridor project/campus plan/University Square - next month they will meet and we will be involved.

5. Barb commented that the Texas Hold 'em creates a forum that encourages gambling, where pools could be formed amongst small groups of student staff. Make sure every base is covered to avoid any ramifications. Don suggested offering a user agreement when the form is submitted online. Cheryl suggested working with Athletics' compliance guy, Steve.

VI. Other business

- A. Troy – for the All Campus Party last year, Rec Sports provided sand volleyball. ASM will do more advertising this year and have more autonomy within the divisions, i.e. have Rec Sports handle registration and other aspects. That is fine, but we need to know in advance what is expected in order to assist.
- B. Establish Subcommittees
  1. Due to the incorporation of the Shell into General Programs, the Shell subcommittee could be absorbed into the GP subcommittee.
  2. What is the purpose to have subcommittees besides budget concerns? If budget is the purpose, then 2 committees makes most sense. If intent is to look from a facilities perspective, exclusive of the budget, then there may be a need for separate groups.
  3. Unanimous decision to wait until after the tour on 11/17 to decide how many subcommittees we need.
- C. Dale is open for questions/drop-ins at SERF in room 273, also phone, email, etc.
- D. Positive feedback from OHRD on Rec Sports.
- E. Thanks, Lori, for the fitness program for SoE! Greatly appreciated.
- F. Andy Winterstein works with UHS and sports medicine. Perhaps he can come in to talk about this at a future meeting.

VII. Adjournment at 4:31 P.M.