

Recreational Sports Board Meeting
April 27, 2005
Room 154 Education Building at 3:30 p.m.

Faculty Members Present

Claudia Card, Ivan Soll, Mike Sussman (chair)

Academic Staff Present

Sandy Guthrie, Don Schutt, Barb Smith, John Staley, Tom Tabone

Student Members Present

Ben Fiechtner, Matt Rink, Troy Vosseller

Ex Officio Present

Dale Carruthers, Terry Gawlik

Guests

Brian Shore, Jose Gonzalez

Rec Sports Staff Present

Lori Devine, Jeff Dvorak, Matt Horst, John Paine, Pam Peacock, Mike Warren, Karen Aune (recorder)

- I. Call to Order at 3:32 p.m. by Mike Sussman, chair.
- II. The February, 2005 minutes will be revised to remove all personal comments and future minutes will follow a similar format. It was requested that the minutes be signed as well, Mike Sussman has agreed to do that. The February minutes will be submitted electronically for board approval.
- III. Old Business
 - A. A CNN article forwarded to Rec Sports by Barb Smith was passed around. It discusses how campuses are trying to woo students with first rate recreation facilities and how these services are now being promoted along with academics.
 - B. Plasma TV Options (Dale Carruthers)
 1. University Network is the company that initially approached us about their service. The company projects higher revenue than is reported by campuses who have their service, e.g. Ohio State and U of IL.
 2. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of this service.
 3. No motion taken at this time. The topic may be revisited in the future.

IV. New Business

- A. Sand Volleyball Facilities, Nat Near West Outdoor Fields Update, Nat East Field Utility Project/Field Restoration (John Paine)
1. Affected areas - east playfields and sand volleyball courts. The utility corridor project will begin May 2 and will encompass all of Observatory Dr. going east. FP&M requested that we provide Cole Beach and the east playfield which includes the sand volleyball courts to be used as a staging and fill site for the project. The project will take 2 years, ending fall 2007. Field restoration will take one year following completion of the project. Upon completion of the project, the east fields will be raised 18" – 24", which should eliminate issues with flooding, which has been a seasonal problem over the years creating ponds and nonplayable fields.
 2. The CoGen project, which has a staging and fill site west of the Nat, is running concurrently with the new project and will overlap for about one year. When the near west field is restored late spring/early summer 2005, it will include an irrigation system, 8" of topsoil and lighting, with the support and commitment of the Associate Vice Chancellor for FP&M. Seeding is scheduled to take place by August 15, and then the field's new grass will require one year to establish itself. It is the intent to resume scheduling use of the field Fall 2006.
 3. All activities are being moved to the far west field area for Summer 2005 and throughout the duration of both projects, including the required restoration phases. This will also include the installation of two temporary sand volleyball courts to be located adjacent to the far west field and south of Eagle Heights.
 4. SERF sand volleyball courts will be in place until early spring 2006. They will then be removed due to a Housing initiative to build a new dorm to replace Ogg Hall.
 5. Summer Intramural sand volleyball has not been scheduled at this time as campus has not yet installed the two courts in the far west fields.
 6. Discussion of the project and loss of sand courts.

B. Men's Lacrosse Club Coach Issue (Matt Horst)

1. An individual representing himself as coach of the Men's Lacrosse Club was soliciting info from students, staff and alumni for funding, contacted board members, and posting such information on a web site.
2. A letter was sent to this individual informing him to disassociate self from this activity, including removing the website. Haven't heard from him since. Correct info has been sent out to alumni to clarify the issue.
3. Rec Sports has the right to refuse a coach's activities associated with a club.

C. Virginia Henry Horne Awards (Matt Horst) - Two clubs received grants this year: Women's Waterpolo and Women's Volleyball Clubs. The teams were awarded money to purchase equipment.

D. Program Statistics (Dale)

1. Statistics are for fall 2004 only, new programs in italics.
2. Intramurals were very busy. Dodgeball had the largest participation nationwide! A very good year considering the challenges faced due to the west fields being unavailable, modifying programs and moving folks around.
2. Swimming lessons – 83 participants total, received great evaluations from them. Kudos to Pam Peacock for developing and running this program.
3. Fitness – this is the first year that the fee was implemented. Participation numbers didn't drop as much as anticipated. Fitness is a very large and successful program, generating revenue to assist moving forward and expanding.
4. Personal Fitness Training – over 1700 involved, can't keep up with the demand.
5. Participation stats in facilities derived from card reader info. Continued 6% increase, which has been steady for the last 3

years. Noted increase of female participants, especially in cardio & fitness, but also in weight rooms.

6. Guest students paying membership fee is new this year – they pay the same as fac/staff. 1800 recorded uses.
7. Discussion about the participation statistics.

E. Update on Facility Planning (Dale Carruthers)

1. Talk about facilities, long term value and space. Looking at Nat and SERF. Expansion on the east side of the Nat is most feasible, including lots of natural light and opening towards the lake, providing more exercise area. Also, Athletics has expressed an interest in expanding the Nat pool to a 50 meter competitive facility.
2. Planning for facility renovation/expansion is in the discussion phase. Although speculation and ideas regarding the SERF, Nat, and Shell abound, it is important to note that no specific plan has been implemented.

V. Other Business

A. Wisconsin Wellness Weekend – May 6 & 7

1. Collaboration with other campus departments and local businesses. Reaching out to community as well, especially on Saturday, May 7. Many Rec Sports events are being offered.
2. Hope to expand upon this in the next year to create a year round event with a broader focus.

VI. Adjournment – motion – 4:43 p.m.