

RYSA General Membership Meeting: July 13, 2023

Attendees: Representatives from CA, EL, GBYSL, NNSL, PW, RA, RC, RN, SF, Brad - NNSB, SYFL, VP, WS | Absent: HSL, NNBC, NNSR, RM, RR, SB (excused), SO, SRBR, Soccer Shots | Guest seeking membership: Reno Soccer League | City of Reno Representatives in Attendance: Nathan Ullyot, City of Reno Executive Director Parks and Recreation; Matt Brezina, City of Reno Parks Manager

RYSA Executive Board: Brad Betker, Randy Ritter, Frank Avilla, Jenni Wilson and RYSA Admin, Stacey Perez | Absent: Vicki LaRovere, Ian Anderson

Call to Order 6:09 PM

This is a general membership meeting and request submission for Fall fields. The field decision meeting will be held next week, July 20, 2023.

- **Motion made by Chris Stack (SYFL) to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Pedro Gutierrez (EL), approved unanimously.**
- We remain at 160% of capacity. RYSA executive board is communicating with and attending City of Reno Parks department and Parks and Rec commission meetings to keep new field forefront in Park & Rec planning.
- All leagues must have representation present for the field resolution meeting
- All fees must be paid prior to permits being issued
- Spring rosters are due if you haven't submitted. Reminder that actual enrollment numbers will affect field allocation.
- Special Use Permit fees come back to the permitted league
- Impact Fees are applied to the specific fields that are permitted by leagues designated as impact sports regardless of type of field (flat v. diamond).

Financial Report:

Vicky LaRovere was absent from meeting. Brad Betker gave the following financial updates:

- RYSA approved \$16,827.97 in projects for members through funds request in May.
- RYSA now takes Zelle payments for fees. Contact Vicki if you need instructions (be sure to include specifics in the memo section – league, etc.). Remember to send invoice breakdowns via email.
- Late fees cannot be waived. RYSA does not need to remind leagues fees are due, please pay fees on time.

City of Reno Parks Update:

Nathan Ullyot - Executive Director Parks and Recreation

- There has not been any new funding to the City of Reno for Parks and Recreation and costs to maintain parks have increased.
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan: City council has approved changes.

There will be a community input survey coming out and RYSA membership is encouraged to promote the importance of participating in this survey within their leagues so that youth sports voices are heard.

- Acknowledges that space and conditions of youth sports fields are not what anyone wants them to be but asking for our partnership and to look for improvement over perfection.

Matt Brezina, City of Reno Parks Manager (brezinam@reno.gov)

- Flat field @ Mayors – designated to open Fall 2024
- No weather closures anticipated
- Fall permits will issued from August 1 – October 31st (weather dependent)
- Please try to rotate fields if you are able. Field rest is key to maintenance.
- Please get to know your field supervisor (Jason or Dave). All communications on field needs (safety issues, mowing, trash, bathroom, etc.) need to start with them. If you are unaware of your field’s designated supervisor, please email Matt to find out.
- Please try to designate a field contact person to run all communications on behalf of your league through to the Parks department. It helps the Parks department when there are not duplicate requests from multiple people as well as building a relationship with your parks supervisor.
- If you need keys to a permitted field, please contact your supervisor.
- Remember to shut off lights when leaving the fields for the evening
- Mowing – there were issues with the contractor that were sorted out. There is a mowing schedule and Matt will get that out to the membership. There will be a RFP for the mowing contract coming up.
- Nine park bathrooms are cleaned through J&K Janitorial a contract with RYSA. City of Reno does the rest of the locations. City of Reno supervisor knows who is responsible to clean the bathrooms.

New Business:

- New league requesting to join RYSA. Reno Soccer League, non-profit youth soccer league. Projecting 52 teams (approximately 700 players enrollment). Hoping to bring a first of its kind experience to youth soccer players in Reno. Did not come with field request at this time.
 - Lengthy discussion amongst membership related to new membership and field allocation – Pedro Gutierrez (EL) brought up the general membership vote for a moratorium on new members. It was found in the June 17, 2021 meeting minutes to “...review new leagues for inclusion in RYSA on a case by case basis dependent on the field situation at the time with the establishment of a waiting list when outside of the established league meeting dates.”
 - **Dave DeValk (RA) motioned to add Reno Soccer League to the waiting list with no field allocation for Fall 2023. Seconded by Clarise Foster (VP), passed unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned 7:59 PM