



KIMBERLY RECREATION ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 26, 2018
KIMBERLY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
7:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of KRA shall be to promote social and recreational activities for its membership, and to participate in such community activities of a patriotic or civic nature as the Board of Directors shall determine.

The meeting was promptly called to order by President Dave Vander Velden at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken by the Secretary Roy Downham:

Dave Vander Velden, Roy Downham, Norb Karner, Dan Ebben, Tom Schaefer, Tim Wettstein, Dan Wettstein, Steve Zillges, Gary Swick, Mitchell Bolwerk, Dan Bolwerk, Justin Columbo, Dave Le Blanc, Al Schaefer and Holly Femal were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Secretary Downham reviewed the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Rose Vander Velden to approve the minutes, this motion was seconded by Gerrit Janssen; the vote was unanimous.

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Norb Karner. During the Q&A, a question from the crowd was asked on the reason on why the Winter Social was cancelled this year. The answer was that after very low turnout in 2016, the KRA decided to redirect the funds used for this event directly to the Senior program. Holly Femal then provided additional background information on the Seniors program to close out the response. After a motion by Gary Swick and a second by Gerry Leitermann the Financial Statement was approved by unanimous vote.

President Vander Velden recapped the last year:

- We held the 7th annual Ice Fishing Jamboree which was highly successful both in turnout and in committed sponsor support from Scheels, The Reel Shot and Whitetails Unlimited.
- The Grafmeier tournament was a success and this year has expanded to 12 teams. President Vander Velden made a special thank you to the efforts put forth by Director Justin Columbo to make this event a continued success.
- The NSA tournament also was a success despite poor weather on the opening night.
- It was noted that this is the 72nd anniversary of the KRA. President Vander Velden offered a free dinner for anyone in the crowd who could name the first KRA president but was saved from payout when the question went unanswered. (The first KRA president was Ray Gillis.)
- In closing, he summarized that it has been 15 years since he was first asked to join the KRA. In this time the KRA revenue has doubled and we have provided over \$40,000 in local donations and scholarships outside of the considerable time and money invested into sports facilities and field upkeep.

The agenda moved to the yearly election; Dan Ebben, Dan Bolwerk, Tim Wettstein and Dan Wettstein were nominated for re-election to the Board of Directors. There were no other nominations. Paul Rettler made a motion to approve those nominated, Rose Vander Velden seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Director Dan Ebben presented the Outstanding Person of the Year Awards (POTYA) to Paul Ebben and Nick Vander Hyden, noting the incredible amount of work these two gentlemen put forth to making the fields not only playable but in such good shape that the KRA receives compliments from out of town coaches and players on the Sunset Park field surfaces. He noted that during tournaments this work is often performed very early in the morning and runs to the wee hours of the evening and these two Persons of The Year have worked tirelessly to take on this tremendous task.

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Mitch Bolwerk made a motion to adjourn, Marjorie Janssen seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m., with distribution of door prizes and bingo immediately following...

Roy Downham, Secretary