Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Board  
March 18, 2021  
Location: ZOOM Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Hinkle, Jim Hunsaker, Dianah McGreehan, Cathie Mieldezis, Dr. Meungguk Park, Erik Oberg, Sarah VanVooren, and Elyse Weller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Appleby, Elizabeth Cheek, Eli Hoover, Don Howard, and Jeff Miller

MINUTES FROM MARCH 18TH MEETING:

Guests
Jared King, Aquatics Coordinator – gave updates about his area at the REC:

- COVID presented a few obstacles because everything is wet in Aquatics!
  - Decided to focus on exercise only activities, not recreational
  - Keeping everyone safe was the main priority
    - Guards had the opportunity to not share workspace or work within a 6ft radius of other staff during shifts
    - Stepped up cleaning routines
    - Masks are required until poolside
    - One swimmer per lane to keep distance
    - Only had two positive staff cases during the fall 2020 semester and no spreading – great news!
  - There were a few interior staff promotions
- Super Moonlight Canoe event coming up on April 27th
- We are now able to host swim meets again – tons of programming happening
- Reopening boat rentals at Becker
- New goal for this new semester: increase staff professionalism in a safe and trained environment
- Jared will finally be able to attend the Lifeguard Instructor Training Academy!

Khara Burke, Facilities/Membership Services Coordinator – gave updates about her area at the REC:

- Khara has taken on the Facilities staff since she last spoke to the board.
- Total memberships sold July 15, 2020-March 14, 2021: 1,027 ($93,000)
  - Comparing the same timeline last year – total memberships sold: 5,000 ($298,000)
- We are hopeful that attendance will continue to increase now that people are receiving vaccines.

Facility Updates
COVID Guidelines:

- Masks are still mandatory while exercising (patrons used to be able to remove masks while exercising – no longer able to remove mask while in the building).
- Becker Reopening on April 5th on Saturdays – 10 people per hour allowed
- Staff return from remote work on May 3rd
West Gym – Updates:
- Batting Nets: April install – no actual date has been given yet

Central Fitness Studio – At purchasing. Mural concept will be attached to the email.

Cycle Studio: Renovation – Convert old racquetball court into a cycle studio by opening up entryway, adding tv’s, and bikes. Please see the concept picture attached to the email.

Climbing Master Plan – Working with Andrew Savignac (Graduate Assistant that plans to work on this project as his thesis for graduate school) to convert a squash court into a climbing room. Pictures of climbing room attached to email.

Arena Tennis Courts: Spring 2021 – Construction is scheduled to begin in May! Instead of replacing the fences (extremely expensive), we plan to put windscreens on the fences to give it a facelift. Graphics will be attached to the email.

The courts configuration is below:
- Court 1: 4 pickle ball courts and nets
- Court 2: 4 pickle ball courts and nets
- Court 3: 2 Futsal/Hockey
- Court 4: Tennis
- Court 5: Tennis
- Court 6: Volleyball

*Courts can be transformed into a large space for outdoor events

State Minimum Wage
Minimum Wage Increase Schedule – Current minimum wage for student employees is $10/hour. With the implementation schedule listed, Corné said RSS is continuing with efficiencies in place. An increase in membership prices is not being considered at this time, but it is an option, if needed.
- January 1, 2020 - $9.25
- July 1, 2020 - $10.00
- January 1, 2021 - $11.00
- January 1, 2022 - $12.00
- January 1, 2023 - $13.00
- January 1, 2024 - $14.00
- January 1, 2025 - $15.00

Purchases
8x10 Cook Portable Shed, Soccer and Hockey nets, Court cleaning equipment, and windscreens for tennis courts.

NIRSA
We had 15 in attendance from SIUC.
**Equipment Purchases**
In May 2021, we plan to purchase:
- Step mills ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDYh12RbCVc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDYh12RbCVc))
- Echo Bike/Assault Bike ([https://www.roguefitness.com/rogue-echo-bike?icid=slider](https://www.roguefitness.com/rogue-echo-bike?icid=slider))

**Staffing**
- Sally Wright plans to retire in September. We plan to do a national Civil Service (Program Director position) search for her position. We hope to bring someone new in by August and they can train with Sally until she retires.
- We have two other employees that are also thinking about retiring.

**Events**
- Intramural: You can find our intramural sports event schedule here: [https://rec.siu.edu/programs/intramuralsports/](https://rec.siu.edu/programs/intramuralsports/)
- Spring 2021 Programming –
  - Try Scuba: 10 students signed up
  - Saluki Pickleball Tournaments (August 6-8th)
  - Super Moonlight Canoe at Becker (April 27th)
- Waiting for approval for the following events:
  - RECyourBody
  - King Tut Strut in summer at campus lake
  - TON – September – full Olympic triathlon

**Partnerships**
**Athletics:**
- Swimming, Soccer, Softball, Baseball Practices, Golf, Track & Field, Football – all using our facility
- Swim Meets scheduled in the Spring
- MVC Swimming Championships scheduled April 13-16, 2021
- Track and Field: has now moved outside and gym is now cleared

**TON:**
- Partner: Film Festival [https://www.mountainfilm.org/tour/films](https://www.mountainfilm.org/tour/films)
  - Fall 2021

**Foundation – Discussed the following with Sara Daly:**
- Tennis Court Renovation
- Climbing Cave
- Naming Rights

**Constituency Feedback**
- No feedback was given.

**2020 MEETING DATES:**
- Thursday, September 17
- Thursday, October 22
• Thursday, November 19

2021 MEETING DATES:
• Thursday, February 18
• Thursday, March 18
• Thursday, April 15
AM Boulder2:
Central Fitness Studio Graphics:

Squash Court 1:
Squash Court 2:

Squash Court 3:
Windscreen ideas: