



The TEAM READY Foundation

'Going The Extra Mile...'

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September 15, 2007 discussion began in the top of the 7th inning of the Brewers vs Reds game.

Board members present: Brian Sackmann, Todd Sackmann, Aaron Stachovak & Josh Stevens.

Guest members present: Rick Amelse, Jason Anderson & Justin Anderson.

Activities & Financing:

Following much intertwining conversations of the philosophies that we would like to guide future event guidelines, the following agreements were reached:

- General – summary of the activities focus would be keep the beneficiaries local (Note: “local” is not a specific geographically territory, but a ‘ground roots’ level organization that any of our members are actively involved with, instead of sending sponsorship to a national level group). The recipients should be a group that current Team Ready members are already actively involved with, and who will be involved in the activity. If Team Ready volunteers are expected to participate, the Foundation should be able to provide some financial assistance – see reasons and examples under “Sponsorship Fund” (reimbursement to be further discussed at next quarterly board meeting).
- Community Support – Any group wishing to receive physical or financial assistance from Team Ready needs to have the application co-sponsored by a Team Ready member who supports the cause and will be the point of contact for the approval process. The co-sponsor is expected to understand the purpose of our organization and assure the proposal and follow-through lives up to the standards of Team Ready. Previously existing activity guidelines are still to be maintained (see application).
- Softball Tourney – As relationships with community donors has been well established, the beneficiaries of future events should be more local in nature, multiple in distribution, and involved with the event. Next year’s event budget should include volunteer/member recognitions, and then have the proceeds split between a local charity that meets the guidelines in the first two summaries, and the Team Ready charitable sponsorship fund.
- Sponsorship Fund – this would become an annual budget line that the officers would be able to use to support ad hoc causes that meet the above guidelines. Examples could be a youth sports program needing some new equipment, helping with event entry fees for something multiple members are participating in, picking up the lunch/dinner tab of volunteers at a service project, helping with costs of the volunteer CITs at camp, buying construction materials to be donated to a local charity project, etc. This is to encourage more volunteer participation so that helping is not cost prohibitive, and to continuing growing the number of local beneficiaries.

Mission Statement: To provide physical and financial assistance to local charitable organizations, while providing fun and rewarding experiences for our members and friends.

- Winter Banquet – following idea sharing on location and time of year, the consensus was to remain at a private home and a few weeks after the Christmas holiday for the immediate future. Team Ready would continue, and possibly increase, financial support of this social & recognition event (Jason Anderson family has offered to host this year).
- Habitat for Humanity – the group would like to continue this tradition, with this being an example of an opportunity for volunteer recognition by picking up the cost of lunch. (Justin Anderson has offered to coordinate this year the Central Wisconsin chapter).
- Brewers Game – further development of a proposal is needed to determine if the event can be utilized as both a social event and recognition event (ex – participation in official service projects could result in free or reduced ticket costs) – to be further discussed at next board meeting.

Fellowship:

The majority of the items in the proposed resolution were not related to the topics during the discussion at this meeting. And an insufficient number of board members were present for voting upon the resolution, so it will be circulated electronically all the board members for their electronic approval of the resolution.

- Members would like make sure their fellowship contributions are going towards applicants that are in truly in financial need and would not otherwise return to camp staff, rather than just as recognition for doing a good job as a senior staff member (as other programs exist for that opportunity).
- Investment program for principle fund is not immediately needed at this time due to low volume, but this should be set aside in a separate account for the time being. Prior to the point this amount would reach \$5000, an investment plan should to be in place.
- It was recommended that alternate fundraising plans be considered for growing the principle fund. The website and bulk mailings have appeared to reach their maximum capacity, so suggestions include an independent activity targeted towards camp alumni that would be likely contributors (like a golf outing, in lieu of the softball tournament), making more individual and per contacts, or complete a grant application. Coordinators and donors to this program would be eligible for similar recognition programs as the other activities; but like those activities, it shall strive to be self-sustaining with any other funding support from the general foundation needing to be approved by the officers.

September 15, 2007 discussion concluded during the victorious Brewers' post-game coverage.

PS – Did you hear...Justin caught an 8½ pound king salmon?