**RM RYLA Board Meeting 1-18-14**

In attendance: Jim Hoops, Junior Weed-Ziegler, Sami Slenker, Kaylyn White, Craig Essex, Heather McCallin, Bev Stewart, Norm Lyster, Bill Hertnecky, Bill Rubin, Marion Trummer, Joni Van Sickle, Dana Kiel, Sierra and Zoe from DU Pioneer Leadership Program, Elan Seideman, Curt Harris, Abbey Solnet, Jorden Carr, Dave Amen, June Boon, John Kenyon, Wayne Markel, Dave Boon

On the phone: Peggy Halderman, Rawnda Pierce, Stan DeVore, Kinleigh Jones

**Welcome from Jim Hoops**

* Thank you for your service to Rocky Mountain RYLA

**Proposal for SC recruitment – Stan Devore and Miguel Perez**

* Instead of travelling to all clubs attempting to present RYLA (which turned out to be difficult based on travel) they would like to create videos to send to clubs promoting RYLA and the role of the SC in particular.
* This also adds in to Dana Kiel’s idea of making training videos for the JCS and SCs.
* Question from Bill R. about permission from the conferees involved for photos and videos to be used. That is part of the paperwork for YRYLA at this point and will be added to RYLA paperwork.
* Mei Ratz will be the photographer at RYLA this year and has proposed a similar idea for RYLA, she should be in touch with Stan and Miguel about this.
* Jim recommends that if the board decides to go forward with this project that the Executive Committee can help determine funding and approve that amount.
* Bill R. recommends a motion to approve the project, June seconded, motion passed.
* Bill R. then moved that the Executive Committee be delegated to make the financial decision in regards to this modest proposal. Seconded by Bev, motion passed.
* Wayne recommends that there is a group that signs up to visit clubs they are in touch with and get 5 minutes to present the video. Bill R recommends going through the RYLA reps to get the presenters signed up.
* If Phil Murphy is still involved, he is DG next year in 5440 and we can ask for his assistance.
* Jim recommends pulling together a committee to put all these ideas together and work on this project.
* Curt, Bev will be involved, and Curt will solicit a few other SCs and Curt will form the committee.

**SEED Program – Dana Kiel**

* Dana has a contact at McAuliffe International School and they hope to begin there.
* Originally they will hold the program on Fridays after school for about an hour and a half.
* Each program will have an introductory activity, a reading or speaking, and a fun activity to end the session.
* They are asking for seed funding to start the program, and then the plan is for each program to become self-sustaining, or to charge a nominal fee for the program.
* Total cost this year is $350, and estimating an additional $300 for each program. They will start with one to beta test the curriculum, and then marketing the program to past RYLArians to go set up similar programs in their own schools.
* They plan to work with school officials to get recommendations of students, and they may consider wider advertising, but they are thinking 12-20 students to start the program.
	+ There is also an option to go into a single grade and do an activity during gym or another class to advertise the program.
* Bill R. is interested in knowing if RMRYLA wants to have a satellite program and all that entails, do we have oversight? How do we make sure they are operating with our values?
* Jim recommended a pilot project, maybe with board members or other who have engaged with the program and can come back to report and decide if we move forward further.
* Jim, June, Junior, Craig, Bev, and Joni will join the ad-hoc committee to help with the implementation.
* Bill R. moved to sponsor the SEED proposal from Dana, Zoe, and Sierra. 1) We form an ad-hoc committee to help implement the program. 2) We allocated $500 of RMRYLA money to the program. Joni seconded. Motion passed.

**RMRYLA Report – Jordan and Abby**

* They are working on recruiting more SCs and JCs by increasing to 24 teams.
* Mei Ratz will be the photographer.

**YRYLA 1 – Kaylyn and Kinleigh**

* The counselor team is set up, and they are looking at a buddy system for the first years and second years to get YRYLA mentality going.
* They are short of SCs this year because of young SCs from last year who are unable to return.

**YRYLA 2 – Elan and Dana**

* They are working with the program committee to make some minor changes and might include Peace Jam curriculum in what they do this year
* The counselor team is ready and plenty of alternates. There are 9 confirmed SCs and 5 in the wings.

**Treasurer – Curt**

* The numbers are end of year numbers, and we are in good shape.
* We made about $29,000 this year which will help with expansion.
* Bill H what is the appropriate operating reserve? Curt, as much as possible as we go towards expansion.
* The budget for this year shows us making another $24,000, and we’ll have cash reserves of about $100,000 and some of that is deposits for future years, but most is unencumbered.
* We are in a great position to keep the costs low for many years.
* Jim recommended sending out a call to the friends of RYLA to see if anyone else is interested in getting involved.
* Craig moved that we accept the reports. Bill H seconded. Motion passed.

**Expansion – Curt**

* The current plan is to go to 384 conferees in 36 teams next year. There can be more than that if the financial support is there.
* Dave A has had a few discussions with some of the people in the district south of us to have them participate, updates will come later.
* Bill R brought up the idea that in some clubs individuals are not able to do extra sponsorships through their club, and recommended adding in a system for individuals to pay for slots. This will be discussed offline.
* John put out an idea about RMRYLA holding 10 slots to give to less represented areas.
	+ This will be discussed in the joint governance/development committee.

**Registrar – Dave A.**

* Dave is looking into electronic signatures, and worked with a few free trials but there is lots of email creation and issues with our system, and it is a cost of $2,700 a year.
* He is looking at changing some forms into fillable pdfs, but is rejecting e-signatures for now.
* Call for JC assistants, especially first years. Head JCs will work on this.

**Program Committee – Craig**

* Met back in November and had an overall discussion surrounding what happened in last years and several new ideas.
* There will be meetings with each conference in February and March to assist with planning.
* Craig will send invitations to those interested when the meetings are scheduled.
* Marion and June will get involved this year as Patricia is stepping back a bit.
* Bill R asked for clarification on how the program committee fits in with the conference teams and guidelines for activities changing last minute.
* Jim has encouraged all conference leadership teams to run everything through the program committee, and that is the current expectation.
* Ultimately the Chair is responsible and makes the decision.

**Development Committee - Heather**

* Bill H and Rawnda are interested in the development committee. Heather will also send out an all-call.
* Suggestion from Marion to talk to the parents at YRYLA about giving back if they like and a link on the page that is handed out to give them the opportunity.
* Peyton Manning foundation as a recommendation.
* The parent survey has no responses from parents. We will discuss how to try this again next year.

**Governance Committee – Bill R**

* Biggest update is this upcoming meeting with development.

**Abuse & Harassment – Wayne**

* Do we find a new trainer since Terry Fiskes is no longer available to do this? Wayne is connected with Kimberly Armitage to discuss how they are doing this to get some new ideas.
* Marion recommended having someone in person to do the training rather than the online version like YE uses.
* Wayne will follow up with finding someone.
* Background checks used to go through Emil, but now we are looking at an online check from intellicorp. It should be much easier than in the past.
	+ The cost is just under $10 per person, and we could bring 5440 into the same process.
* Several years ago an issue came up where a young man was 18 and not in the country legally and the Chair decided to allow him to serve anyway.
* Bill R. motioned that we use Intellicorp to do background checks and find a trainer to attend trainings for all three conferences and do a training on abuse and harassment, and finally that the details of that arrangement are agreed upon by Dave Amen, Wayne M and the Chairs. Craig seconded. Motion passed.

**RYLA Plus – Jim**

* They are in need of counselors, and we should offer them assistance with that. They only need about 2 people.
* Jim might recommend sending the list of those not selected to attend RYLA or YRYLA to Karen Loeb as options, and include the alternates.
* RYLA Plus happens before RYLA in the summer, July 6-11th.
* The Week 2 team also came up with several who would be great based on their past experiences and Peggy will send that list to Jim.
* Should we put a check box on the application to be a JC for I would like to work with RYLA Plus?
* What about at the end of RYLA advertising that they can separately apply to RYLA plus?
	+ We will look at doing both.

**Training Committee – Jim**

* There is interest in forming a training committee to be a resource for YRYLA and RYLA for their trainings and to help Elan and Dana with their videos. They would work closely with the program committee.
* Recommendation to get head JCs involved in this group.
* Marion, Bill R. Jim, Elan and Dana, John, and Curt will be involved.

**International RYLA – Jim**

* Applications were due yesterday for participants.
* RMRYLA may receive some requests for funding to assist them.
* In the past RMRYLA has given $500 to participants attending.
* Recommendation that they sit on the program committee for the year surrounding their trip.
* Talk to past attendees to see what they would have to offer coming back and what we should ask of future attendees.
* Heather will put together some ideas around how to do this and what are our expectations.
* Bill H motion to let the executive committee approve this expenditure and amounts if we should be asked, at a cap of $3,000 maximum. Craig seconded. The board was split. The motion has been pushed back until there is a more comprehensive report created by Heather.

**Next President – Jim**

* Jim has indicated he has one year left. The Executive Committee would like to recommend Dave Boon as the President Elect.
* June was wondering if she as a board member would have a conflict of interest with Dave as President Elect. Bill R clarified that would only happen in the case that either could personally benefit economically or in another way from the arrangement, and that is not an issue here.
* This is a one year term as President Elect.
* Joni motioned that Dave Boon become President Elect for the next year to become President following the conferences. Norm seconded. Motion passed.
* Bill R thank you to Jim for his service, and congratulations to Dave B.

**RYLA Summit - Jim**

* This will take place during PETS February 28th through March 2nd in the tech center.
* They are expecting 10-20 people and are looking for speakers at this point.

**Closing Details – Jim**

* The next Board meeting will be here at the Daniel’s Fund. Sat, April 19, 2014, 8:30am to noon.
* The debrief is tentatively set for August 9th for YRYLA and August 2nd for RYLA. Suggestion to do debrief and board meeting both on August 9th.
* Norm moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Marion seconded. Motion passed.
* Marion moved to adjourn, Craig seconded. Motion passed.