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Greetings

I hope that your Thanksgiving was as nice as mine.

I am sending the notes to the meeting that we had at SRR in hopes of getting this off of the back burner. We need to consider moving forward with this or backing off. I did not send the notes earlier due to the fact that there were non-board members on the call on the 21st. While that notes are rather short, much of the meeting was going around the grounds and then talking about the possibility that the facility would present.

There were many things that would be needed to be fixed and Todd talked about his willingness to put in about 1.5 million dollars into the property to get it going. There were plenty of dorm and meeting space.

The facility would accommodate about 150 people including the staff.

The neighbors have zoned it so that the property is not usable for our purposes, but Todd believes that since we are not bringing in a program to rehab troubled youth that the neighbors will come around and support his efforts. In addition to having us come, he is considering having Camp Comfort at SRR. He believes that he could have SRR ready to go for the 2011 conference. In the discussion about the location those members from 5440 believed that it was actually easier to get to SRR than to get to Ponderosa.

I believe that all of you have received photos of the facility, but the pictures do not do justice to the feeling that SRR provides. I want. Everyone at the meeting loved the idea of using the facility.

While several ideas were bantered about, the fact remains that leaving the Y is not a good idea. That would mean that RYLA would have to drop back by at least 120 kids. That leaves YRYLA as the best use of SRR.

Dave Amen has talked to us about the feasibility of expansion and his numbers tell us there are more people interested in getting YRYLA than RYLA slots. I am proposing that those on the board that have been involved with YRYLA are the ones that need to have a conversation as to how to proceed. I know that it is difficult to have people from 5440 To come to a meeting at SRR, but if it is to be a realistic decision, then everyone should have visited the site (my opinion). If that is not possible then we need to have another conference call to have that conversation. I would like to have movement on this issue By Dec. 25th.

If you feel that you have a stake in this please respond to me right away with times that you are available and if you could come to SRR.

I believe that this is a unique opportunity and we need to come to some sort of decision. We need to know all of the details so that everyone knows what we are really talking about.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RYLA BOARD MEETING NOTES - 9-19-2009

This meeting is at Singing River Ranch (SRR) with the intent of determining the viability of using this facility by Rocky Mountain RYLA. Those in attendance walked the grounds and examined the buildings. The facility was in the hands of someone else that had the vision of having a camp for delinquent youth. The community was upset and zoned it so that Singing River Ranch could not be used for camps using the argument that it would put too much traffic on the road to SRR.

The grounds while needing some work to produce an open field for large group activities, are more than ample. There is room for a ropes course to be constructed as well and there are plenty of opportunities in the surrounding area for hikes. It provides an atmosphere that is conducive to growth due to the lack of distractions.

The buildings while sound require some maintenance and work to be usable. There is room for large group meetings and plenty of rooms for small group meetings that are private. The biggest work to make the facility viable would be the kitchen and dining hall. The work to bring this part of the facility up to code and usable would be extensive.

It is noted that we spend about \$105,000 on the combined RYLA and YRYLA programs at Estes Park and Ponderosa. We presently have \$45,000 in the bank and the buffer is decreasing due to credits to clubs that are they are requesting to be returned. As noted in the last report, we are outspending our income. It was recommended that \$50 be given to JCs to spend on team identity stuff.

In order for YRYLA to cover their actual costs it was recommended to raise the cost for slots in YRYLA (RYLA has for years provided enough for YRYLA expenses). Kelly moved that we raise the cost of YRYLA to the clubs by \$50 and was seconded by Lloyd. The motion passed.

The importance of the program chair to the conferences is vital. We need to find the best program chairs possible. In the past we have rotated the chairs between the two districts and those in attendance did not feel that it

was important to keep changing the district that the chair comes from each year. We noted that it is important to keep feelers out for who would be future chairs.

Note: JC application period is from Nov. 10th to Dec. 12th.

Note: The training for the SC (Rotarians) will start on the first day rather than on the second day. Leslie is setting up a list of to do things for the JCs and SCs, going through the schedule with new SCs, getting the SCs to have know the vocabulary so that they are all on the same page, and roles so they know what they are applying for.

At this point Bill Manning brought up the fact that there is a ropes course in Genesee that is owned by the Denver Parks and Recreation Department and suggested that we have program there with JCs and SCs involved for teambuilding in the spring or early summer. There was a great response and Bill will check on the details.

It was suggested that our strength is in that we breakdown the barriers that they enter with and then enable them to become the best leader possible.

Letter of Intent

Singin' River Ranch (SRR) property is a venue intended to provide housing, board and facilities in a summer camp or conference atmosphere capable of housing up to a maximum of 200 people – inclusive of conferees/campers, counselors and staff.

Rocky Mountain RYLA, Inc (RMRYLA) is a 501c3 corporation, which has been running "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards" conferences for over 20 years at the YMCA of the Rockies camp in Estes Park, CO and the Ponderosa conference facility in Larkspur, CO.

SRR and RMRYLA have undertaken preliminary discussions on exploring the possibility of SRR hosting RMRYLA conferences.

Toward that objective, SRR understands the necessary steps to prepare SRR to operate a Jefferson County approved conference facility:

- Obtain the zoning, fire, water, sewer, building, operating and other permits required to own and operate this facility.
- Construction of facility upgrades to operate a conference facility comparable to like-kind facilities in Colorado.
- Staff an operational team suitable for large conferences.

RMRYLA will use its best efforts to enter into an agreement mutually acceptable to the parties to use the facilities for RMRYLA conferences for a certain period of time provided SRR meets space and service requirements at a reasonable fee to be determined by good faith negotiations between the parties.

The undersigned has the authority to enter into this Letter of Intent on behalf of RMRYLA executed this ___ day of _____, ____.

President, Rocky Mountain RYLA, Inc.