

On Monday July 29, members from the sub-committee for the long range planning committee met to discuss objective criteria for future recommendations to the board of directors. We had established a statement on vision and a list of criteria to be considered (both are available for your review).

After an interesting discussion, we found ourselves in a quandary. Virtually everything we discussed came back to data gathering and tracking. As we talked, it became apparent, moving forward centered on one overriding theme. "We simply must move into an era where technology drives our decision making process."

In light of that, we are asking the long range planning committee to recommend the following to the RCSC board:

"The board shall direct the management team to secure a minimum of three bids from technology companies. Their request for proposal (RFP) shall include an assessment of upgrades to every aspect of technological improvements currently available."

Rather than relying on non-experts, we believe by contracting out we will know better what we can do in the following areas and the related costs. We would like the RFP to include recommendations on but not limited to:

1. Enhanced parking lot and amenity/facility security.
2. Provide off the shelf hardware and software that can be easily upgraded over the anticipated 15 year life of these products.
3. Find programs that will integrate data collected between clubs and the RCSC that will provide utilization numbers for all venues. Reports generated by the data collection should be available to all RCSC members, committees, board and management. Club membership would be maintained by each club.
4. Access to club spaces.
5. Wi-Fi capabilities that exceed current needs that can be incrementally implemented.
6. We anticipate that the Rec. card would be the vehicle to provide access utilization numbers and have the ability to provide access and count depending on the event and membership. This would be controlled by an automated program for scheduled activities. We would also anticipate a means for counting non-members to open venues such as craft fairs.

Because of the urgent need for this system we anticipate that all requests be returned by the end of 2019. The long range planning committee also wishes to help with the review of the RFP's so as to assure that the data collection will meet their needs.