



RYFSA Board Meeting
Best Western Soldiers Field
Feb 10, 2008 7:30pm

Meeting was called to order by President Nelson at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Kay Tracy, Bob Rosenblad, Steve Nelson, Mark Kuisle, Mark Amundson, Nicole Vadnais, Steve Lewison, Mark Hindal, Michele Hickey, Mike Macken, Jerry Boland, Don Yochum, Becky Macken

Excused: Dennis Karp

Quorum established.

Minutes for January 20, 2008 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Registration: ~140 girls have registered. Registration ends March 14. Per coordinators request, 10u & 8 U registrations will remain open until May 16, 2008. New registration website seems to be working fine. We want to have registration 1) earlier next year, 2) have option to check for fall ball.
2. Southern Minny GFP League Meeting – Tues, Feb 12 7:00pm Austin
 - a. Steal home on passed ball, what else?
 - b. National tournament info for Steve
 - c. U10 playing in upper U12
3. T-Ball: Starts Feb 15. We have 45 girls. Mike & Becky will get the ball rolling and hope that all board members can volunteer and pitch in. See website for details.
4. Equipment: Steve gave a brief update on inventory and is ready to go for the 2008 season.
5. Tournaments: Becky has sanctioned the 2 tournaments and has done email blasts for advertisement.
6. Umpires: Nicole has taken a new job and will be leaving Rochester. Thank you Nicole for your years of hard work and dedication! We wish you great things in the futures.
 - a. Need to identify replacement coordinator i.e. Kermit Bitz, Ron Giles, John Springer, Char Robinet, MJ Wagenson, need action!! Those of you

who said you would contact these people, please do so and get back to Steve Nelson.

- b. Some helpful info on payment: \$27.50/game or \$65/night for 18U & 16U and \$55 for 14U & 12U. Schedule 4-6 games Monday-Thursday
 - c. Start a development program for youth umpires (provide uniforms or such) to first year umpires only. More to follow.
7. New Field Complex Update: There was a brief discussion on the fence dimensions that P & R will get bids on. Mike will follow-up. We would like to use the complex for a year end 10U & 8U tournament.
 8. Field Maintenance: Dennis reported through Don that the work crew could do Tuesdays & Thursdays.
 9. Fundraising/Advertising: The fundraising committee met and Michelle gave a brief summary of what was discussed. They will meet again on March 7 @ NOON at Rochester Title. Briefly, they spoke of organizing a portfolio to present to potential sponsors. This would include history, photos & stats. There would be naming rights per dollar i.e. complex, field, fences, scoreboards etc. Mark K. will get some information regarding scoreboard sponsorships that have been used by high schools.
 10. Team Sponsorships: Bob will be mailing out shortly and keep up updated.
 11. Scholarship Policy: Mark K. presented a document for comment and ideas. He will modify and with suggestions from the board and advise.
 12. Coaching Clinic: March 24, 6-8 p.m. UCR Fieldhouse, Court "C". We will offer drills, coaching ideas, pitching and hitting instruction. This is posted on the website, and after coaches are selected, Jerry will let the coaches know.
 13. Age Group Coordinator Updates: Nothing to report.
 14. Team formation consideration.
 - a. Discuss need for evaluations due to increasing numbers? Are there 2nd year girls that need to be playing 1st year, and visa-versa? For example, a new (never-played before) player, age eligible for 2nd year. There was a consensus that if necessary, discussions would happen within people of same SCHOOL. Coach's evaluations that were turned in after last year would be valuable too. Time constraints are a problem.
 - b. Early coaches/tournament registrations valuable to organization.
 15. Next meeting: Friday, March 21, Noon @ Coldwell Banker at Your Service Office, 2510 Superior Dr. NW

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Macken

RYFSA Secretary