

Meeting called to order by President Nelson at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Steve Nelson, Chad Morken, Kay Tracy, Becky Macken, Mark Hindal, Craig Aldrich, Jerry Boland, Mark Kuisle, Larry Nierman, Dennis, Karp, Dan Yochum, Pat Schmidt, Mike Macken, Jodi Armstrong, Steve Lewison

Chad Morken, umpire coordinator was introduced.

The RYFSA is seeking an individual step take Michelle Hickey's place as Treasurer who resigned December 31. Interested people contact Steve Nelson.

Minutes from December 8 was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report tabled.

Southern Minny meeting notes:

- Game nights will remain the same.
- 10U traveling league is a go. More details will follow as league is established.
- Even number of games requested for each league.
- League tournament for 12's & 14's.
- 16's & 18's league/state qualifier to be held in Austin during the week. June 29-30, July 1
- Skip 1st week of June for 16's & 18's because of graduation.
- Umpire no-show clarification: games turn into scrimmage.
- 14U to be 7 inning/65 minutes.

Umpire update:

- Chad reported 14 new umpires have been recruited. He will have an umpire training clinic for all new and current umpires.
- Mark Kuisle will work with Chad to get these new umpires JV & 9 grade games.
- We will be using Arbiter. Steve Nelson will purchase immediately.
- Fees for umpires will be as last year - \$30/game. Fees for first year umpires will be determined at a later date.
- Chad will put together a complete proposal and get it to the board this week.

Complex Update (RSC):

- Complex should be ready to for season. We want to make sure all teams get the opportunity to play on at the new complex.
- Need to get going on fund raising. This group will meet **Friday, March 6, 2009 - Noon at Brother's Bar & Grill** for lunch. Boland, Macken's, Nelson, Jim Bier, Bob Oakland, Kevin Meyer, Chad Morken

- Scoreboards are tabled
- Kay spoke of using a hotdog vendor. She will continue explore options for concessions at the new complex (RSC).

Dennis spoke of a coupon offer from Play it Again Sports that they would like to put in the player packets - Dick's Sporting Goods too. The board agreed to do this.

Clinics - We will be putting on our own clinic next year. Jodi said she would help. T-Ball was successful, and Becky get in Community Education Book for Fall, and Mark will get UCR Field house reserved.

Tournaments: 12U & 10U May 17 & 18. State Tournaments: 16A & B – July 11-12 & National Qualifiers June 13-14 noted on website.

Team Formation: Registration ends March 13. Initial Coordinators will get lists first weekends. There was talk of having tryouts within each school. Can the process be improved upon? There was a lengthy discussion about this hot topic. Timeline: **March 13**- registration done. **March 22**- teams formed, **March 25** – coaches clinic: Location to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Next Meeting, Sunday March 22, 2009. 6:30 p.m., Best Western Soldiers Field.

Respectfully Submitted,

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