



RYFSA Board Meeting Minutes
Coldwell Banker Building
Mar 21, 2008 12:00pm

Meeting was called to order by President Nelson at 12:03 p.m.

Present: Mike Macken, Pat Schmitt, Dennis Karp, Becky Macken, Michelle Hickey, Steve Lewison, Steve Nelson, Don Jochum, Jerry Boland, Mark Kuisle, Kay Tracy, Bob Rosenblad

Quorum was established.

Minutes from Feb 10, 2008 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Michele H. reported assets of \$131,172.07. Report was reviewed and approved unanimously.

1. Registration Update: Becky & Steve N. reported 429 registrations to date (43 not paid). We will have 25 teams for the 12u-18U divisions. 8U & 10U is still open. We anticipate ~14 teams for those divisions. In summary, registrations went smoothly for the most part, although we did have some software problems where information was dumped. They have made a list of improvements for the site to implement for next year.
2. T-Ball Update: March 21 is the last day for this event. It was very successful. Next year, we are going to plan to have it at the UCR Field House because of the cold. Tentative dates are ~Feb 13-March 20. Perhaps move to Monday nights? Becky and Mark K. will discuss.
3. Equipment: In lieu of the price of the new uniforms, it was agreed that we will collect and use them again for 2009, and perhaps beyond. The price is double what we have paid previously. This will help with the budget. Steve L. will buy 15 uniforms/teams. Bob R. will revise the sponsorship commitment to include two (2) years. Steve L. also presented a great opportunity from Dick's Sporting Goods and our potential to have them sponsor the RYFSA. Team packs, merchandise coupons, etc. We will prepare a portfolio for them and Steve L. will keep us informed about the developments with DSG.
4. Tournaments: One outside entry so far. Will keep the board informed. There was a brief discussion on what the RYFSA pays for regarding tournaments.
5. Umpire Coordinator: Mark K. contacted Jon Springer and he and Becky met with Jon ~ 3 weeks ago. He is very willing to help us as RYFSA umpire coordinator (donating his service) and we are very pleased! We will get Jon the schedule as soon as it becomes available to us. He expressed his interest and concern about keeping young umpires involved.
6. Fields: Mike reported that we will have these fields: John Adams (2), Century (3), Mayo (2), JM (1), Soldiers Field (2), Ben Franklin (2), and Holy Spirit (1). Another option is Oronoco and the potential to have the *infields only* at the new complex for the 10U & 8 U. Fence bids came in at \$76K.

7. Team Assignments are 98% completed.

- 2-18U teams
- 4-16U teams
- 8-14U teams
- 11-12U teams

8. Field Maintenance: Dennis Karp (Work Force) can provide field maintenance for us ~2 days/week.

9. Fundraising/Advertising: Sponsorships are at an all time low, and ironically we have the largest need now, with the increase in teams. Bob has been aggressively pursuing sponsors, and is asking that everyone try to secure one or more sponsors. Please contact Bob with questions or concerns. The fundraising committee did not meet in March. They will meet as soon as time permits. Becky is completing a grant application from the Minnesota Twins, and will also pursue grants from the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. Kay offered that we should put our registration info in the *winter* edition of community education-good idea. Becky will check into it for 2009.

10. Coaching assignments: Jerry B. is a few coaches short. He will continue to pursue interested individuals. Please contact him if you have any leads.

11. Teams/Fees to Southern Minny by 4/1. A reminder that the new website for the SM for scores/standing/schedules is www.quickcores.com/austinmn

12. Mandatory Coaching Clinic: March 24, 6-8 p.m. UCR Field House, Court C. Mike and Steve L. will lead, with Mark K. offering sportsmanship and parenting/control advice. Please feel free to contribute!

[Next Meeting will be Friday, May 16th @ NOON -Coldwell Banker Building, 2510 Superior Dr NW](#)

Meeting was adjourned by President Nelson at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Macken

RYFSA Secretary