

RYFSA Board Meeting Minutes 9/23/07

Present: Ernie Frie, Steve Nelson, Jerry Boland, Mark Laffrenzen, Mike Macken, Bob Rosenblad, Maureen Kelly, Steve Lewison, Nicole Vadnais, Mark Kuisle, Don Jochum, Kay Tracy

Absent: Jill Boldt, Mark Amundson, Becky Macken, Michelle Laughlin, Pat Schmitt.

1. May 6th 2007 board meeting minutes reviewed – no changes.
2. Treasurer's Report _ Mark Laffrenzen
 - a. \$50,000.00 paid for New Complex and the board will have to pay \$25,000.00 per year for the new fields.
 - b. Board ok'd \$35,000.00 transfer from checking account to Ameriprise for better return.
 - c. RYFSA is non-profit- tax form 9090 due 5/15 each year.
 - d. NSF Checks, Mark has tried to submit check \$305.00 that has been a problem. He will try again and if still NSF board to contact parent regarding payment vs hardship.
3. Media Report-Registration
 - a. Best Leagues is out of business.
 - b. Cogran Sports does the registration for RYSA, Ernie will call them to find out if is feasible for RYFSA.
 - c. Steve Nelson will review the RYHA registration although cannot accept credit cards.
4. Clinics:
 - a. River Falls was more expensive in 2007 than previously. Maureen suggested a 1 day clinic instead of 2 in January or February.
 - b. RCTC- \$25/hour and can host 40-50 girls. Mark Kuisle will check on arranging Sunday nights 6pm for pitching clinic.
 - c. Pitching Coach Kim Jones is interested in helping RYFSA.

5. Equipment- Steve Lewison

- a. U10-catchers gear is too big for the girls. The Board approved \$500.00 for Steve to purchase new equipment with out additional approval.
- b. Helmet Masks were not approved at Nationals because of worn off safety codes. It will be necessary to make sure teams going to Nationals have the proper helmets.
- c. Missing Equipment: Some equipment is missing as some coaches did not turn this in. Steve is working on.

6. Umpires- Nicole Vadnais

- a. Board thanks Nicole for her work on scheduling Umpires.
- b. There are not enough Umpires. Any recruitment suggestions would be appreciated.
- c. Pay rate is average and will stay the same as in 2007.

7. New Field Complex-Mike Macken

- a. 3 infields are done, the 5th field is on hold.
- b. Fields were supposed to be seeding by 8/15/07 but that did not happen. They will have to fall and spring seed now.

8. Fundraising/Advertising

- a. Steve will invite Bobbi Allen an experienced fundraiser to the next meeting

9. Feedback and Ideas; Steve will respond to the Eckerman Letter. Ideas Include:

- a. 3/1/07 registration date, 3/15/07 teams formed and have the coaches meeting the following week.
- b. Specific Start Date for all teams and possible field assignment.
- c. Uniforms – New-particularly for U14 teams and have players turn them in at the end of the season. Bob Roesnblad paid \$48.00 per person for shorts, shirt and

visor. Money was not taken from the RYFSA account for these.

- d. U10 will need more help w/team selection
- e. It was suggested that there are not enough girls for try-outs.
- f. It was determined that written guidelines are needed so coordinators know how to handle complaints and questions. Don Jochum will start that process.

7. Open Board Positions:

- a. See Jerry Boland's Report.
- b. Mark Laffrenzen, Maureen Kelly, Michelle Laughlin are leaving the board.
- c. Open positions: Treasurer, U14 Coordinator, U8 Coordinator, T Coordinator.
- d. Nominations- Mark Heindel and Robin Hanson.

8. Next Meeting October 14th Sunday Night 6:00 pm- Best Western Soldiers Field.