

RYFSA Board Meeting
Minutes from 01/16/06

Present: Ernie Frie, Steve Nelson, Jill Boldt, Mark Laffrenzen, Mark Kelly, Bob Rosenblad, Steve Kazek, Nicole Vadnois, Jerry Boland, Mike Macken, Chad Schiefert, Kay Tracy, Chris, Ketch, Mark Kuisle, Becky Macken, Pat Schmidt, Shanda Voeltz, Sly Daniels, Maureen Kelley, Michelle Laughlin, Steve Nelson
Absent: Becky Graf, Steve Lewison, Mark Amundson

- I. **Introduction of New Board Members:** All board members introduced themselves for the benefit of the new members.
- II. **By Laws & Constitution:** Ernie Frie reviewed the current by-laws and the suggested changes. The Board will review the suggested changes and act on these items at the next meeting.
- III. **Review of Job Descriptions:** Ernie Frie also reviewed the job descriptions for each position on the board.
- IV. **Treasurer's report:** Mark Laffrenzen reviewed the Wells Fargo and American Express accounts. (See Handout)
- V. **Fundraising:** Mike Macken reviewed the fundraising card idea with the new members on the board. The cards would cost \$20.00 each and each player would sell 2.
The fundraising ideas were summarized as follows:
 - a. sell the cards for \$20.00, 2 per player
 - b. eliminate paying for the coaches children
 - c. All players sell 2 cards regardless of # in family

Discussion was held on the administration of these cards. It was concluded that the players would pay for and receive the cards during registration.

Maureen Kelley led discussion on team sponsorship. She suggested that each board member try to secure sponsorship for 1 or 2 teams. This would help find sponsorship for the 35 teams in the program.

A new P.O. Box was set up to receive registrations, sponsorships and other RYFSA items. The new number is P.O. Box 6792, Rochester, MN 55903. The tournament director and secretary will keep the keys to this P.O. Box.

- VI. **Softball Clinic Update:** 76 athletes are registered for the clinics in January and February. UW River Falls softball will provide the instructional program for the clinic. All clinic information will be posted on the website.

- VII. **Tournaments:** Becky Macken reported on the two tournaments that RYFSA will host this summer. These tournaments are the “Mother, May I” on May 13-14 and the Star of the North on June 24-25. See handout for details. RYFSA will coordinate admission and concessions for each tournament. RYFSA will recruit volunteers for these needs. The Sports Commission will aid RYFSA will volunteer recruitment.
- VIII. **Media Update:** Registration begins February 27th @ RCTC. Registration deadline will be March 15th. On-line registration will be available. Chad and Steve will setup the on-line registration.
- IX. **Pitching/Catching Clinics:** Mark Kuisle reported that pitching/catching clinics will be organized for the 10 & 12 age groups. A nominal clinic fee may be charged to offset the facility rental charges.
- X. **Other Business:** The Board wants to emphasize the expectations for the parents’ behavior and attitude this season. This will be an emphasis on education and refining skills.

Flyers will be sent to all elementary schools to inform all about registration. **ACTION:** Tournament flyers will be mailed out to recruit teams for the tournaments hosted by RYFSA.

Steve discussed the needs for insurance. He will give a presentation on options for Board Insurance and Team/Player Insurance at the next board meeting.

Nicole presented the need for new equipment to be purchased. **ACTION:** The board authorized the purchase of 2 “See Ball” pitching machines for \$180 each.

- XI. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 22 @ 7:00 pm – Ramada Hotel & Conference Center

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Boldt