

REVISED RYFSA Board Meeting  
Minutes from 2/18/07

**Present:** Jerry Boland, Steve Lewison, Mike Macken, Steve Nelson, Maureen Kelly, Becky Macken, Michelle Laughlin, Pat Schmidt, Nicole Vadnais, Kay Tracy, Ernie Frie, Mark Amundson, Mark Laffrenzen, Mark Kuisle, Jill Boldt

**Absent:** Chris Ketch, Shanda Voeltz, Bob Rosenblad

- 1. Minutes:** The revised minutes from 1/3/07 were reviewed. No changes were made.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Mark Laffrenzen reviewed the treasurer's report. Mark recorded an approximate \$16,000 increase with the American Express Account, and reported that the RYFSA financial portfolio looks solid.  
**Action: Mark L. requested the detail from the registration of the Riverfalls Softball Clinic. Becky Macken will provide the detail to Mark L.**
- 3. Fundraising:** Becky Macken reported that she has been receiving the sponsorship checks and that she plans to add each of the sponsors to the website.  
**Action: The board asked Mark L. to compile a list of the current sponsors for review at the March meeting.**  
**Action: Becky Macken agreed to meet with Bob Rosenblad to review and follow up with sponsors from last year.**

Steve Nelson discussed fundraising for the Softball Complex. The board discussed the need to finalize a budget and to hire a professional philanthropist for the project planning and implementation.

**Action: Becky Macken will get permission from the MN Sports Federation to use their complex plan/budget.**

**Action: Mike Macken will work with the City of Rochester Park & Rec to obtain a list items that will need to be budgeted.**

**Action: Mark Kuisle will research the MN Twins matching fund program and report back to the board.**

**Action: Steve Nelson offered to research professional philanthropists and report back to the board.**

- 4. Softball Clinic Feedback:** Overall feedback from the clinic was positive. A special thank you to Maureen Kelly for hosting the Riverfalls team. Riverfalls is interested in coming back to do the clinic again next year.

Becky mentioned that Jean Musgjerd is interested in hosting a clinic mid May. They are still working out the details.

5. **Media:** Registration will be held at Holy Spirit from 6-8pm on February 26, 2007 and March 6, 2007. Becky, Steve, Kay and Mark volunteered to oversee the registration on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Action: Becky Macken will send out reminder for volunteers for the March 6<sup>th</sup> registration.**

6. **Southern Minny League Meeting:** Steve Nelson attended and reviewed his notes.

- Best Leagues will no longer be available after November 29, 2007.

**Action: Becky suggested League Line-up as an alternative to the board and will inform Val in Austin of the option.**

- This year the league will allow double rostering for U12 and U14 during regular season league games. This is still not permitted for the State Tournament Teams.
- In the U12 league, time limits were clarified. No inning can start after one hour.
- State Tournament Complaints must be registered with MSF.
- U12 League champion check will be mailed to Rochester teams. Coaches and Coordinators share the responsibility of making sure scores are updated.

All Umpires must be registered. Umpire Clinic dates are as follows:

- Rochester 3/22
- Faribault 4/3
- Winona 4/11
- Austin 4/12, 6/5

**Action: Becky will post these dates to the RYFSA website.**

7. **Pitching & Catching Clinics:** Mark Kuisle reported that the clinics will be held at Century High school on Sunday nights. A five dollar fee will be charged to cover rental of the facility.

**Action: Mark will provide dates for the clinic to Becky or Steve for the website.**

8. **Coaches Clinic:** The board decided to offer a coaching clinic at RCTC for the RYFSA coaches. The board discussed the importance of equipping coaches with the necessary tools to be successful and hopes this will provide a solid foundation for our coaches. Jerry asked that any suggestions for the clinic be sent directly to him.

**Action: Jerry Boland will contact clinician Brian Yennie for his services.**

**Mark Kuisle volunteered to check the availability of RCTC for APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Jill Boldt and Nicole Vadnais offered to help with the handout material which will be given to the coaches.**

9. **Equipment Needs:** Steve Lewison gave an update on the equipment. The board granted permission to dispose of old equipment. Becky Macken suggested that the board use her Easton contact to purchase equipment bags.

**Action: Becky will call Easton contact and get pricing for 36 equipment bags.**

**10. Umpire Update:** Scott Anderson is the new MN UIC. Once the umpire clinics are finished, Nicole will have a better idea of the umpire resource pool.

**11. Age Group Coordinators:** The numbers are not finalized for registration however approximately 90 – U10s and 140 – U12 to U18s have already been registered as of 2/18/07. The board noted that \$290 is the max/family for registration (plus fundraising cards).

The board discussed the process for team formation. The primary concerns were that the board stay informed and be included in the process. The deadline for team formation is April 1.

**Action: Ernie Frie will send out and email requesting volunteers and set up a date and a location for team formation.**

The board also decided to target Gage Elementary for additional flyers as numbers for this school are down for registration. On March 8<sup>th</sup> the board agreed to look at targeting kids not signed up yet from last year with an email.

The board requested clarification regarding the Hardship Law. The board requires a formal request and has scholarship dollars available.

**12. Other Business:**

Dates for the State Tournaments are posted on the website.

**Action: The board unanimously voted Don Jochum in as the new 10U Coordinator.**

**13. Next Meeting Date:**

- **March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Best Western, Soldiers Field (Fundraising/Fields Discussion)**
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Best Western, Soldiers Field (Team Formation Discussion)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Boldt