

RYFSA Board Meeting
Minutes from 9/10/06

Present: Ernie Frie, Steve Nelson, Jill Boldt, Mark Laffrenzen, Nicole Vadnais, Jerry Boland, Chad Schiefert, Steve Lewison, Mark Kuisle, Maureen Kelly, Mark Amundson, Michelle Laughlin.

Absent: Mark Kelly, Bob Rosenblad, Steve Kazeck, Mike Macken, Becky Graf, Kay Tracy, Chris Ketch, Becky Macken, Pat Schmidt, Shannda Voeltz, Sly Daniels.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes from May 17th were reviewed. No changes were made.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mark Laffrenzen gave the treasurer's report as of September 10th and also gave a report of the Income and Expenses from 01/01/06 to 08/31/06. The board approved the reports.
Action: Becky Macken will meet with Ed Hruska from RASC to reconcile the finances from the Star of the North tournament.
Action: Mark Laffrenzen will review the names for the disbursements to see that they are the correct names.
3. **Media Report:** Chad Schiefert noted that clinics for November and December will be added to the website. Changes to the registration process were also discussed for 2007. Some of the suggestions were to add another night of online registration and accept only credit card payments after the registration due date. Chad mentioned that he hopes to have the registration site up by the first of the year.
4. **Coaches/Volunteers:** Jerry Boland reviewed some suggestions made by the coaches from the past season. Some of the suggestions were to increase the number of positions taught to each player in the 12U age division, increase the number of pitching clinics, and wait to send in registration moneys until teams qualify. The board also discussed the need to send flyers to high school softball teams to gain interest in summer league.
5. **Equipment/Uniforms:** Nicole Vadnais gave a report on the uniforms and equipment. 12U had complaints for better uniforms; the board discussed the ability for parents to upgrade uniform. There was not a general understanding that this was a possibility for the past season, it was discussed that this should be communicated to the parents for next year.
The equipment was moved into the new shed. A special thanks to Nicole Vadnais and Steve Lewison, the shed is a great improvement.
Action: Steve Nelson will call Steve Howarth with Alpha Gear Cleaning to get a quote for cleaning the helmets and the catching gear.
6. **Age Group Coordinators:** Special thanks to all of the coordinators.

7. **Complex Update:** Park and Rec was unable to break ground on the new complex, it has been deferred to spring of '07.
 8. **Umpires:** It was discussed that RYFSA is losing money on umpire fees. It was suggested for '07 to use only one umpire for league games for the U14's and U16's. Also, the enforcement of the one hour time limit for 12U was mentioned. Action: Clarify the one hour time limit rule with the Southern Minny Governing Body.
 9. **Nomination Committee:** For next year the only position to fill is the U16/U18 Coordinator position. At the next meeting the board will vote to approve members at their 2nd year to renew their terms.
- 10. Other Business:**
- A motion was passed to increase the fundraising amount from \$200 per sponsor to \$250 per sponsor.
 - Mark Laffrenzen noted that **RYFSA is officially a non-profit organization!!** Way to go Mark!
- 11. Next Meeting Date:**
October 1st 2006, 7pm @ Ramada Inn

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Boldt