

RYFSA Board Meeting
11-29-2005

Present: Michelle Laughlin, Rebecca Graf; Nicole Vadnais, Jerry Boland, Mark Kelley; Steve Nelson, Mike Macken, Maureen Kelley, Chad Schiefert, Ernie Frie, Jennifer Hazelton

Approval of Minutes from 10-25-2005: Mike Macken made a motion to approve the minutes from our previous meeting. This was seconded and approved.

- I. **Treasurer's report:** Mark had no formal report as he has written just one small check in the past month. Reported the totals of what is in our checking account and in our investment account.
- II. **Fundraising:** Maureen Kelley reported that she has sent out 150 letters requesting sponsorship. She has received 10 responses thus far. She noted that the incoming Fundraising chair will need to send out reminder letters in January.

Mike Macken then reported on another fundraising opportunity. He noted that the new softball field complex that is a joint project with the Leadership of Greater Rochester, the City of Rochester, Park and Rec, and RYFSA will create a need for more aggressive fundraising on our part. Mike noted that the discount card fundraiser used by the RYBA would be a viable option. We could have the cards sell for \$40.00 and keep \$37.00 for our organization. Much discussion ensued. It was noted that we would have to limit the number of cards each family would be asked to buy. The consensus was that they would buy cards for two players even if they had more than two in the family. This would amount to 2 twenty dollar cards per player. More planning is needed to decide how we will charge the families at the time of registration.

Will discuss further and vote on this at our next meeting.

- III. **Equipment:** no report
- IV. **Umpires:** no report
- V. **Fields:** Mike Macken and Jerry presented the details of the new softball complex being planned for SE Rochester. The details are as follows:
 - a. 15 acres in total
 - b. Park and Rec would pay for the leveling and preparation of the land as well as a parking lot and walkway to the Miracle Field
 - c. Greater Leadership of Rochester will build the Miracle Field

- d. Phase I of the project would include grading, building of the Miracle Field, partial fields and fences, dirt, and backstops
- e. Phase II would include finishing the fields, irrigation and the rest of the fencing
- f. Phase III would include additional buildings
- g. Phase IV would include lights

It was noted that this is still in the planning stages and that fundraising will be key to how far we can go with this. There will be a press conference re: this project on Dec. 16th at the Govt. Center. **ACTION:** Jerry will send out more details on this.

VI. **Program/Advertising:** Chad reported that he will need to create the registration flyer soon and that we need to decide on the wording and where the fundraising fits in. More re: this later in minutes.

VII. **Pitching/defense Clinics:** Maureen reminded the Board members of the e-mails she has sent re: gym space, time and cost. She also noted that we will need some sort of liability insurance in order to use the school gyms. The dates for the clinics are as follows: Jan. 28 and 29th at Mayo and Feb. 11 and 12th at Century. These are tentative until the planning is complete. Therefore, a subcommittee was formed to tackle the following issues:

1. Insurance
2. Gym rental
3. Shirts
- 4 Registration/flyers

The subcommittee members are: CHAD, MAUREEN, BECKY G., and ERNIE

ACTION: This group will meet prior to our next board meeting and report back at that time.

VII. **Tournaments:** Jerry reported on the status of the Star of the North tournament. This is run completely by the Youth Sports Commission. We are able to take all proceeds from concessions and also will be given whatever money is left over after the bills are paid for fields, umpires, etc.

The tournament will be for 14U, 16U and 18U and will be **on June 24-26th, 2006**

We will also plan to have a 12U tournament in Rochester in May.

ACTION: Mike Macken will ask Becky to find the weekend in May that would create the least conflicts with other tournaments. Last year we had it the third weekend of May.

STATE TOURNAMENT: Ernie Frie recommended we make a bid for a state tournament here in Rochester this summer. It was decided that the 12B tournament may work out best. This would be sometime in July. More to follow.

National Tournament: Mike Macken noted that we should consider hosting a National Tournament in 2008 once our new facility is complete.

VIII. **10U coordinators:** no report

IX **12U:** no report

X **14U:** no report

XI **16U/18U:** no report

XII. **Coaches Volunteers:** Ernie presented his nominations for the new Board Members for 2006: These were discussed. Mike made a motion to approve the members as presented. This was seconded and approved. Please see attachment with new RYFSA Board for 2006.

XIII **Next Meeting** will be on 12-12-05 at 7pm at Ramada.

The items addressed will be:

1. The Softball Clinics
2. Fundraising
3. Registration
4. Treasurer's report re: new status
5. Tournaments

Meeting adjourned:

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hazelton

RYFSA BOARD 2006

President	Ernie Frie
President Elect	Steve Nelson
Secretary	Jill Boldt
Treasurer	Mark Laffrenzen
Fund Raising	Bob Rosenblad
Equipment	Nicole Vadnais
Coaches/volunteers	Jerry Boland
Fields	Mike Macken
Media	Chad Schiefert
Umpires	Becky Graf
Concessions	Steve Lewison
Pitching Coordinator	Mark Kuisle
Tournament Director	Becky Macken
U16/18	Sly Daniels
U14	Maureen Kelley
U12	Mark Amundson
U10	Michelle Laughlin Steve Nelson

Non-voting **subcommittee members**: Fundraising: Steve Kazek, Molly Williamson, and Doc Johnson; Treasurer: Mark Kelley; Concessions: Chris Ketch, Kay Tracy; Tournaments: Pat Schmitt, Shanda Arch

