

**RYFSA Board Agenda and Minutes
Board Meeting Minutes, Sunday, October 02, 2010
6:00 pm @ Best Western Soldiers Field**



Mission Statement:

"Through individualized instruction and appropriate competition in fastpitch softball, the RYFSA provides Rochester area youth with the opportunity to improve their individual fastpitch skills, team-building skills, and their appreciation for the sport. Team building skills include: good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, commitment, respect, cooperation, good work ethic, leadership, self-esteem and a positive attitude."

This meeting was to casually discuss options and ideas for RYFSA membership and our play in Southern Minny. There was no action items planned.

Present: Chad Morken, Dennis Karp, Pat Schmitt, Larry Nierman, Don Jochum, Mark Hindal, Dana Hlebichuk, Steve Nelson, Becky Macken, Steve Lewison, Mike Macken Excused: Mark Kuisle, Craig Aldrich

Guests: Tim & Kim Miellier, Matt Kechely, Gary Prantner, Matt Peters, Dan Campbell, Chad Wandler, Dan Karau, Gary Westerland

12U program discussion: Handout presented by Guest Dan Karau regarding 50% of 12U teams didn't win over 5 games. He was also concerned about travel and playing in league where Rochester teams are not competitive. The RYFSA acknowledges that we should have had some Blooming teams in 12U. With that regard, ideas were present by Larry N. & Pat S. We entertained a possibility of providing an accelerated or select opportunity to one team at 12U & 14U. Items to consider: 1) tryouts 2) fee structure 3) set tournament schedule 4) metro league 5) paid coaches. Fallout from the select teams may be put on teams within their schools. We need to abide by ASA rules in this endeavor. We will attempt to finalize this at our November meeting. Larry, Mike M. and Chad M. should get a game plan on what a select team(s) could cost.

Tim & Kim Miellier voice their disappointment with lack of response of this board regarding email requests that were made on behalf of their daughter. They requested a Dazzle league, but ended up in Blooming. Becky M. will follow up with Mark K. to see where we failed in communication with them.

Steve N. presented 2009 RYFSA tax return and account info. The tax return is a large document. If you want a copy, let Becky know, and she will send it out to you under separate cover.

Becky checked with Denny Stotz (P & R) regarding our committed dollars to the complex. July 11, 2011 we will pay **\$25,000** and the last payment due July 1, 2012 will be **\$23,066**. The project was built for \$379,066 which was \$25,934 less than the original estimate of \$405,000. RYFSA final year contribution was originally estimated to be \$49,000 and this was reduced by \$25,934 to reflect this. We remind the RYFSA Board that this satisfied our commitment to Phase 1 of this project.

Southern Minny League Issues: Formulate a list of concerns for spring meeting and request the meeting be held a month earlier. Please let Becky know what should be on this list. She will add:

- 1) Chin strap (lack of) issue on players
- 2) Clarification of the courtesy runner in the rules
- 3) Rochester has 2 umpires at 16U (league suggestion) while other communities do not

We could sell chin straps at the concession stand. Becky will see if she can get some donated by Schutt while attending the ASA Council Meeting in November or we may buy to sell.

Chad suggested a Southern Minny Umpire Coordinator that would facilitate training etc. Becky will ask Val Pitzen (SM Director) about her thoughts on this.

Dana H. spoke of the dugout proposal that was approved by RCTC. Thank you, Dana for your work on this project. Mike suggested he talk to P & R about footings before bids entertained. Attached are his drawings of the dugouts.

Dana also presented a calendar/work flow to help Age Group Coordinators and this board plan/run more smoothly. Examples are attached. If you wish, you can use example and modify for your "RYFSA Procedure Manual" that we need to complete. Our goal is to get this done by the end of the year. Send this to Becky when you are done. Dana has some great suggestions and foresight.

Dennis K., Don J. and Becky met prior to this meeting to get options on the RYFSA's desire to move away from fundraising coupons. They will decide and present to the board what their decision is. If you have any objections, concerns or ideas, please let them know.

Deadlines for league registration were discussed. We will firm this up after November meeting as registration fee structure; fundraising and such could change.

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 14, 2010, Best Western Soldiers Field, 6p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Macken

RYFSA Secretary

From Dana H:

12u Calendar;

- January 3-February 21; Winter Camp
- February 1; Registration Open, post on web site: Practice schedule
- February 14; Pitcher/Catcher tryout?
- February 28; RYFSA Open House at Dome (same time as pitcher/catcher)
- March 1; Registration Closed, contact 2010 coaches for player review.
- March 25; Coaches, Practice fields, Concessions stand assignments, and Teams determined
- March 25; Contact coaches, begin background check
- April 4; Coaches Meeting, distribute equipment, rosters
- April 5; First Practice
- May 3, 10, 17, 24; Rochester only league start; Tuesday's only
- May 21-22; Med City Tournament
- August 1; Fall League Registration Open
- August 25; Fall League Registration Closed
- September 11; Fall League Begins
- October 16; Fall League Ends

12u Goals;

- Establish Blooming and Dazzling teams
- Keep pitchers and catchers with high school; distribute pitchers and catchers evenly between teams.
- Keep teams together from last year.

Move-ups;

- Minimize number of players moving into, and out of 12u.
- Recommendations by (2) coaches of move-up division.
- Possible reviews could take place during Winter Camp.

Coaches Info;

- Tournament fees; \$600, does not include state tournament fees.
- Display Banner
- Southern Minnie Rules;
 - Inclement Weather
 - Rescheduling Games
 - Contact Umpires
 - Past Balls
 - Run Rule

Winter League; \$75 per player, max. 100 players

- Shirts \$12 ea
- Dome fee \$_____

Fall League; \$30 per player, max. 10 players per team

- Shirts \$11.55 ea
- Umpires \$30/game..\$1.50 per player
- Field Maintenance \$0, Park and Rec
- ASA Membership \$10/team..\$1 per player
- Equipment Usage \$5
- Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- To RYFSA; \$10.95

Macken, Rebecca L.

Subject: FW: RYFSA Financial Commitment & Dugouts





