



RYFSA Board Meeting Minutes  
Best Western Soldiers Field  
November 15, 2009, 7:00 pm Board Meeting

**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."*

Meeting called to by President Mark Kuisle at 7:10pm. Quorum was established.

Present: Mark Kuisle, Pat Schmitt, Larry Nierman, Don Jochum, Craig Aldrich, Chad Morken, Mike Macken, Steve Lewison, Becky Macken, Steve Nelson

Guests: Mark Henderson, Jim Hermes

Agenda was accepted.

October 11, 2009 Minutes accepted.

Treasures Report accepted. Wells Fargo balance: \$13,888.29 – No balance reported on long-term account. Becky will check to see if MN ASA gave us a discount on umpire merchandise.

1. Update/changes in board positions: We welcome Mark Henderson to the board.

- Vice President: Don Jochum
- Coaching Coordinator: Larry Nierman
- 8U Coordinator: Pat was going to see if Jeff Fague would be interested.
- 12U Coordinator: Mark will confirm Dana Hlebiechuk
- Fundraising: Dennis Karp & Mark Henderson

2. Tournaments/Events:

- T-Ball: \$50 for 6 - 1.5hr sessions (**6-7:30p**). January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19: 6:30-8p.m. UCR Rochester – Becky will send out sign-up sheet for volunteer and Steve will send here the link for registration
- 10U & 12U Beginning Pitching Lessons: 6-week program - \$90 for 6 - 45 minutes sessions. January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19 with **Group 1: 6:00-6:45 & Group 2: 6:45-15-7:30**. Steve will send Becky y link for Registration. Becky was incorrect with the time originally given. The bold time are correct.
- Don't forget to that Jennie Finch will be here Dec 11-13: [www.rochsports.org/2009jenniefinchcamp.php](http://www.rochsports.org/2009jenniefinchcamp.php)
- We will again host "Med-City May Daze", May 15 & 16 @ the RYFSA Complex. Becky will be the director, and Chad will be UIC. This will be 10U & 12U.
- Rochester Area Sports Banquet- January January 25, 2010- Mayo Civic Center Auditorium. Rod Carew will be speaking. Should we purchase a table again?
- Registration will open ASAP and end Feb 28. Decrease fee for 18U: \$125
- ASA of MN Annual Meeting – Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> 8 p.m. @ Ridgedale Library. Becky will attend.
- MN Fastpitch League Meeting following ASA of MN Annual Meeting.

3. Equipment/Uniform Report: Steve had nothing to report at this time.

4. Southern Minny League Meeting: 2pm, Sunday Feb 21 @ Austin P & R. Items for discussion:

- Recommend pitching rubbers at 43 feet for summer of 2010 for 18's, 16's & 14's
- Discuss metal cleat issue
- Discuss college players eligibility
- Mark will check with Kasson contact on getting their 10U's to partner with us to provide more playing opportunities.

5. New Complex/Facilities Report: Nothing to report. There was a brief discussion on various pitching rubber distances and scheduling games. Steve, Becky & Chad will consider these factors when assigning fields & umpires.
6. Concession report: Stand made ~ \$1000 last year. RYFSA will be actively looking for someone to volunteer to manage for 2010 season.
7. Umpires: Chad will continue to work on recruitment.
8. Talk of Elite or Bonus team(s): Much good discussion on this topic. It was agreed to disagree about this issue. It was Do we group the catchers and pitchers from 12U on down and form teams from there? The decision was made to evaluate all of the 12U players and place pitchers and catchers onto teams. Steve L. and Larry will try to come up with an agreeable option for a Bonus team.
9. Draft copy of the RYFSA Mission, Coaches Expectations and tryout/team selection was handed out.
10. Summary of ASA Council Meeting: Becky reported that these Code & Rule changes may affect Southern Minny & MN ASA Play effective Jan 1, 2010. These will be enforced for championship play.

**Article 501 C 02 d. New and Re-number**

Rostered Player. Once a player participates in a club or varsity softball program for any university, community college, or junior college, he or she is ineligible to play in the Junior Olympic Class B program.

*Comments: Eliminates college players from the JO Class B program.*

**Article 501 C 05 a 07. New and Re-number**

Once a player participates in an intercollegiate softball program for a university, college, or junior/community college, she is ineligible to play in the Junior Olympic Gold Program

*Comments: Eliminates college players from the JO Gold Program.*

**RULES:**

Pitching Distance Change for 16-U A&B FP to 43 feet.

Pitching Distance Change for 18-U B FP only to 43 feet.

Metal cleats will now be allowed in 16-U and 18-U All Divisions of play in Junior Olympic Fast Pitch.

11. Sanctioning of teams: It was recommended that if team want to sanction in other organization, we would assist (not pay) to help them do so.

12. Mike will check into the fundraising coupons.

Next Meeting Date: December 20, 5:00 p.m. @ Best Western Soldiers Field. Holiday cocktails (cash bar) @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Becky Macken*  
RYFSA Secretary