

RYFSA Board Meeting Minutes

Best Western Soldiers Field

October 11, 2009 - 6:30 pm Feedback U8/U10 and 7:00 pm Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Kuisle @ 7:07 p.m.

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

Guests: Jeff Fague, Dana Hlebichuk

Minutes from the April 26, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Balances: \$28,248.78 checking, Amerprise: \$16,941.72. Treasurer's report approved unanimously. Steve N. will present a more detailed report at our next meeting. This will include, but not be limited to: payment of expenditures, tournament expenditures and profits, investments, player registration totals, sponsorship/advertising at complex/sponsorship for uniforms, reconciliation of the umpire gear program.

Tournaments: RYFSA will again host "Med-City May Daze", May 15-16, 2010 for 10U & 12U. Becky will be the tournament director. She wants to have this at the new complex, and will plan for accordingly. All board members are asked to volunteer. Chad will be the UIC & secure umpires. Becky has recommended that the RASC forego softball in the Star of North Games for 2010.

Equipment/Uniform Report: Steve L. will give recommendation for new uniforms, which includes securing a new logo for the RYFSA uniforms. Uniforms will be replaced as needed now, but we need to express this to our sponsors. There was a brief discussion about pitching rubbers moving to 43 ft. for summer of 2010. No decisions will be made until Becky returns from the ASA Council meeting Nov 7-13. This will help us align for the summer. One thing to remember is that we are introducing another pitching distance to the mix. When we schedule fields, we need to take that into consideration. Steve will also look into facemasks for purchase.

New Complex/Facilities Report: Mike had nothing to report regarding the complex. It was suggested that we put the banners on the outside of the backstops next year. Concessions/Merchandise: Mark reported that we made about \$800 on the concession wagon. We still need to settle with the owner regarding rent. Mark will also negotiate for 2010. Steve L. extended the contract for the storage unit. Scoreboard discussion was tabled.

Umpires – Chad reported that he will coordinate a better time for clinics and meetings will support attendance at both MSHSL and MN ASA events. Games that need to be rescheduled will be done by in cooperation by Chad/Becky & Steve N. Both fields & umpires need to be available. No games will be played without a sanctioned umpire. Chad had very few problems with no-shows last year, and Arbiter was worth the investment. Sunday evenings may be a viable option for rescheduling games. Chad stated that coaches can get a notice reminding them of their game and who their umpire will be, along with the contact info for that umpire. He will check into it and report at the next meeting. Chad lost 3 umpires last year because of various circumstances. He will continue to recruit and educate. He felt that some of the coaches were unaware of rules for their age group. We will make sure Age Coordinator communicate this to their coaches in 2010.

Southern Minny League Updates: Becky reported that Southern Minny will be status quo for 2010. The 2010 Southern Minny Girls Fast Pitch League Meeting will be held Sunday, February 21, 2 pm at the Austin Park & Recreation Office. Please let President Kuisle if you are interested in attending. There was a brief discussion about moving into tryouts.

Coordinator Updates and/or Issues

- a. Coaching updates: Jerry Boland -tabled
- b. Pitching/Clinics – Becky would like to coordinate pitching clinics in conjunction with the T-Ball Camp. Don & Craig will advise Becky and give input. This will have online registration.
- c. T-ball – Mike and Becky: T-Ball clinic will go off as last year. Starts Jan 15 and goes for 6 consecutive weeks. Mark K & Steve N will work on “going green” with the flyers by using electronic mailings for 535 & RCS. This will have online registration.
- d. 8U – Dennis: Will provide a summary of what was discussed before Becky got to the meeting.
- e. 10U – Craig and Larry: Larry suggested that he could be moved to a different position, since Craig is capable as 10U.
- f. 12U – Jodi Armstrong: tabled
- g. 14U – Mark Hindal: no report
- h. 16U/18U – Pat Schmitt: no report

Program Evaluation: Becky will circulate a program evaluation to all the coaches, and will share at next meeting. She will also explore what our options are for practice grids/schedules for prior to the season.

We welcome Dan Hlebichuk to the board. Dana will discuss with us at the next meeting what he would like to be involved in.

Next Meeting will be held November 15, 2010 at Best Western, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Macken
RYFSA Secretary