



Rogers - Otsego Youth Baseball Association

Meeting Minutes – September 14th, 2014

Members present: Derrick Stark, Brian Moss, Jeff Daun, Doug Cassady, Lynne Jakubic, Brien Geerdes, Scott Fischer, Mark Orwoll, Steve Schaupp, Ben Emmrich and Leon Lubke

Members Missing: Tom Braesch, Chris Kane

Old Business

- 1) Approval of minutes from July 13, 2014
- 2) Fundraising Committee
 - a. St. Paul Saints Youth Night
 - i. Ticket sales update; Look to improve date for next year to not conflict with other sports (football) and overall sales for next year. It will be an easier sale next year with new stadium.
- 3) P2P
 - a. Training facility update
 - b. Next steps; Jeff and Scott will look at the latest facility with CJ on 9/14 that can support 8 cages with 24' ceilings. Jeff will take the lead on this project.
- 4) Field Maintenance
 - a. City of Rogers – Brian; the city is working with consultants to identify long term parks and recreation projects. I conveyed the need for a large field, additional batting cages at NCP, better field grooming, and the need for overall field preparation to improve. This looks to be more action than talk from previous city planning meetings.
 - b. Town & Country Landscaping – Doug met with Mike and is ready to perform the annual fall field maintenance on all the regular fields we use. A motion was put forth to spend up to 9,500 to prep the fields for the upcoming season. Passed.
- 5) Parent Surveys
 - a. Deadline; has passed and the consensus was it was enough time for parents to respond.
 - b. Review process; Officers will review and then any red flag issues will be brought to the commissioners.

New Business

- 1) Introduction of visitors Cliff Banks, Dustin Amundson, Brandon Anderson, Jeff (Kirby) Welle
All four stated they would like to be members of the board, the board voted and approved all four after reviewing their resumes. Welcome!
- 2) Apparel Ideas – Coreen Stark Tabled
- 3) Concession Stand
 - a. Year-end review – Brian from NAO; We will be getting a check for 3,500 after paying NAO 3,000 to manage the concession stand. They are looking to change food vendors and update menu items for next year. Volunteer coverage was good except for some tournaments. We will look to improve the timing of shifts and spots need for next year's tournaments. Brian suggested paying someone to manage tournaments, but they are the ones who are managing it?

- 4) Dibs
 - a. 2014 Review; Tabled Tom B. was absent.
 - b. Discuss ways to improve process
 - c. Next Steps
- 5) Treasurer Report – Need to have all invoices turned into Lynne to be as detailed as possible. Extra cash balance will be used for field improvements and long term field build outs.
- 6) Board Member Duties; Brian Moss read through and explained all current board duties.
 - a. Review open positions
 - i. 5th-6th grade commissioner
 - ii. Tournament director
 - b. Spread duties evenly between all board members
 - i. Match strengths with duties
 - c. Develop strategic plan for 2015
- 7) Sharing of database (email list) We will not share our email list, but would vote to send out on behalf of the organization.
- 8) Equipment
 - a. Drop off Jeff will setup a date and then let the commissioner know so they can send out an email to the coaches.
 - b. Help organizing shed; we will need board members present to help.
- 9) Roundtable

Scott reiterated the need for larger fields, there is a referendum for ISD 728 for a new school in Otsego and that could include additional baseball fields. Also would like to see additional batting cages at NCP towards the outfield so they could be used during games.

Cliff Banks, would like to use his marketing background to improve our product.

Mark Orwell, thought the coaches appreciation dinner went very well and we received good feedback from the coaches.

Leon Lubke, would like to see someone take the lead on getting our name out in social media like Facebook, Twitter, Etc. We will look to make that a board position.

Doug Cassidy, Need to improve the booth at the Otsego Festival next year with more board support and new ideas for activities. Look to sponsor a softball tournament next year.

Lynne, will be looking to step down next year.

Derrick, will be looking to step back from some of his duties and focus on overall organizational vision and making sure action items are getting accomplished.

Winter series, do we want to continue this year? Or do we want to focus on a better training option.

Work on improving coach's feedback process for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM. The next meeting of the Rogers-Otsego Area Youth Baseball Association Board will be held on Sunday, October 12th 2014 @ 6:30PM at Otsego Prairie Center.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Moss