

## **Minutes from February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Monthly FYBA Board Meeting**

PRESENT: Chad Springer, Becky Sanderson, Bill Baxter, Tonya Kuntz, Brad Sanderson, Donny Killeen, Mark Passé, Lori Dunagan, Ryan Moore, and Kat Swanson.

Minutes from annual meeting and monthly meeting were approved with changes. Becky Sanderson will revise minutes to reflect the rotation of terms, assigned Board titles and the email vote for Bill Baxter to remain on the FYBA Board for another two-year term.

### **Agenda item: Sub- Committee Chair Discussion and their current Chair Person & current needs:**

- Pictures/Uniforms: Lori Dunagan
- Equipment/Grounds: Terry Timm and Scott Rodiegher
- Concessions: Tonya Kuntz
- Fundraising: Chad Springer and Bradd Busch
- Public Relations: Laura Timm
- Technology: Ryan Moore

The Board agreed that the Pictures/Uniforms committee should remain as is and Lori Dunagan is in favor of maintaining her Chair-person status.

Board agreed that Equipment/Grounds is no longer a need as this area could be remedied by designating a point person such as coaches, board members, baseball players and/ or city help prior to games for ground maintenance. Because the Board felt the coaches are being asked to do a lot as is, Brad Sanderson volunteered to be the point person with the idea presented by Donny Killeen that we could establish system similar to the concessions where parents volunteer to complete the dragging & the lining of the fields thru a sign-up system. The equipment component has been managed and will continue to be maintained by board members.

The Concessions committee has been managed by Tonya Kuntz. The Board agreed to maintain that status.

The Fundraising Committee has evolved into Chad Springer and Bradd Busch overseeing this component and it was agreed by the Board to maintain that status.

The Board felt that Laura Timm would maintain the status of the Chairperson of Public Relations.

The Board agreed that Ryan Moore maintain his status of the Chairperson of the Technology Component only.

### **Agenda item: Uniforms:**

Lori Dunagan was present to discuss FYBA uniform shirts and baseball hats for team members. Lori presented quotes provided by Brian Fries of Plaid Productions for new baseball shirts and baseball hats.

Hats: Lori has received a lot of feedback, as with the case with other Board members that most youth and their parents do not like the current hats that players are using for games as they do not fit. Brian Fries provided the same hat that is currently used, but with different colors. Board suggested that we have fitted hats. Lori offered to contact the varsity head coach of WK baseball to inquire where he gets his hats for the players and also inquire about the sizing options for a fitted hat. Board agreed that players who are 8 and under will continue to use the current hats whereas the players in teams who are 10 and up should have new hats. Lori will provide the information she receives regarding the hats at the next board meeting. She will inquire about a Flex-Fit hat for the players. Lori suggested that the Board utilize funds available from Three Rivers Community Action as they have money available to assist in off-setting funds for this type of need should the cost be too much for families.

Shirts: After a lengthy discussion among Board members, it is agreed that we are not in need of new uniform shirts. The biggest issue that is presented is when WK plays WK and deciphering between the two teams. This need was not large enough to warrant new shirts or different shirts when playing against each other. The other issue that was presented that some parents and team players wanted their last name on their jersey. The Board felt that could be done on an individual basis with Brain Fries. Lori Dunagan stated she would contact Brain Fries for quotes so he could provide that information to parents who would like to do have the last name on the jerseys, but the expense of the lettering would lie on the parents of the players as it is not required for the uniform.

**Agenda item: Sign-up night and materials needed:**

Board agreed that sign-up night would be on MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 4-6 p.m. @ Wabasha-Kellogg School Cafeteria. Lori Dunagan agreed to check on the date and location to ensure availability and let the Board know either way. Donny Killeen agreed to contact Mike Schumacher to inquire about joining the Baseball sign-up with the Softball Sign-up to occur that same evening.

Lori Dunagan will provide changes to the UNIFORM section of the sign-up form and present suggestions at the next board meeting in March. Final vote on the sign-up form will occur at the March board meeting.

**Agenda item: Discussion on 2014 Season notes/ideas/concerns:**

There is a League meeting scheduled for next Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Brad Sanderson is attending. Board discussed items for Brad Sanderson to bring up at the League meeting:

- Start times
- Rules of the League
- Website Updates-FYBA will offer to maintain the website or offer the suggestion of utilizing Sports NGIN or something of the like.
- League umpiring
- Email each Coach in the League for their tem updates
- Concerns of Elmwood nor showing up to all away games

Concessions stand policy change: No unsupervised kids. Signs will be posted.

Coaches are encouraged to schedule more practice times-this will be brought up at the Coaches meeting which will be scheduled in April.

City will assist with weeds within the baseball fields.

Lighting of the baseball fields: Brad will continue to explore options.

League concerns: Plan of action with Brad Sanderson attending the League meeting on February 16, 2014.

No hitting into fence: Bill Baxter will inquire about having signs made to post throughout the fields that state no hitting into the fence. Bill will also explore options for a mural to be painted on the backside of the dugout that faces Highway 60 going into Wisconsin. Board suggested Sue Mundy. Bill will make an attempt to connect with her to see if she would be interested in making a mural that states something to the effect of "Home of the Falcons".

There is a need for plastic top outfield fencing-Board needs quotes.

The batting cage will be completed this spring.

No need for a new logo.

Fitted hats: Discussion and plan of change in place.

Uniforms: No changes made this year.

Outfield signs: Bill Baxter will continue to lead on signage for the field and will present the needs as they arise.

Mobile concession stand: This is a continued need and options will be explored. Donny Killeen offered to inquire to see if they had anything available to use or purchase from Wabasha-Kellogg School.

Weekly newspaper updates: This would be done thru the Public Relations committee. Laura Timm and Kat Swanson will develop a system to provide weekly happenings with the FYBA.

Conditioning of players: This item will be brought up at the Coaches meeting re: running drills or whatever is appropriate for team warm-ups

Send survey mid-season instead of after the season to gain better insight and feedback from families.

→ NEW ITEM ADDED TO 2014 Season notes/ideas/concerns: Netting

**Agenda item: 2014 Timeline:**

Becky Sanderson provided a draft of the Dennis J. Pfeilsticker Memorial Tournament that will be distributed to teams within the League. The DJP Memorial Tournament is scheduled for June 20-June 22, 2014. If changes need to be made regarding times and possibly the location, that will be addressed at the April Board Meeting as we need to see how many teams sign up. There may be a need of special consideration to the 14's teams.

The Coaches meeting will be scheduled at the March Board Meeting.

**Agenda item: Review of handbook:**

Discussion on playing policy-Board agreed to change the wording of the excessive excused absences to state that it may limit play time. Also, Board agreed to change the wording that the behavior, sportsmanship and conduct of a player will limit playing time. Board discussed rotation of players at different positions to include both infield and outfield rotation. This will remain at the discretion of the Coaches, but Coaches do provide a concerted effort to rotate players. Board agreed that coaches may select players if they are short players for tournaments. Fee to remain at \$35.00, however, this will be voted on at the March meeting to include input from Lori Dunagan and the possibility of the requirement of purchasing new hats. Board suggested that Umps be present when WK is playing WK. Chad Springer will make changes to the handbook and offer the revised handbook at the Board meeting in March for Board approval.

**Agenda item Baseball Camps:**

Chad Springer will inquire with Pat Monohan to see if he would be willing to Coach baseball camps and FYBA will handle the scheduling. Board suggested an 8 under camp that lasted one hour with other age brackets being a two block. Chad Springer will follow up and provide details as they evolve. An issue will be gym space at WK.

**Agenda Item: Roundtable:**

Bill Baxter provided a financial update. (This item was inadvertently omitted from the February monthly agenda items). Bill Baxter provided a document that outlined the current balance of \$8642.00.

Bill Baxter will write a letter to the VFW and the Legion

Board agreed that the Coaches meeting will be held at the Legion to attend their Taco Night. Also, Board agreed that we should encourage a Taco Night for parents and players to attend at the Legion.

Becky Sanderson will re-write the Community Kick-off letter, which is the cover page of the registration form

Chad Springer brought up the Skin Protection Program where funds are available. This will be further explored with the assistance of Tonya Kuntz.

Board brought up the concern of the Grumpy Old Men Festival utilizing the fields for their festivities. The concern is that if they plow the fields, the bases are still down – may present damage. It is felt that this will not be an issue as they will not plow the fields. Chad Springer will follow-up on this concern.

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 – 6:00P.M. - AMERICINN**