



Rogers - Otsego Youth Baseball Association Meeting Minutes – September 11th, 2016

Members present: Leon Lubke, Derrick Stark, Mark Orwoll, Rick DeValk, Brandon Anderson, Kirby Welle, Scott Fischer, Dustin Amundson, Sara Martin, Jenny Schmitz, Brien Geerdes, Mike Brache

Members Missing: Steve Schaupp, Tracy Salwei, Jeff Daun, Jason Ritter, Craig Romans

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

- 1. Open Forum**
 - 1.1. No Open Forum Visitors**
- 2. Approval of minutes from June 12, 2016 Unanimous approval of the minutes carried.**
- 3. Mark discussed receiving word of one player with potential conflict with 2017 tryouts**
 - 3.1. Players family is attempting to resolve on their own. No action required at this time.**
- 4. Fall Ball Field Discussion**
 - 4.1. Discussion about ROYBA paying for field usage for Fall Ball Teams**
 - 4.1.1. This came from a request from the city that ROYBA reserve the fields and collect from the coaches due to city having a hard time collecting from individual coaches in previous seasons. Derrick felt it would be goodwill for our players**
 - 4.1.2. Scott raises concerns about paying for fields when some players on these teams are not members of ROYBA**
 - 4.1.3. Derrick motions to have ROYBA pay for Fall Ball Fields for 2016 and revisit on a year to year basis. Scott seconds. Motion carries with Brien voting nay.**
- 5. Pitch2Pitch**
 - 5.1. P2P wants to meet with ROYBA representatives**
 - 5.2. Leon recapped the P2P contract for those unfamiliar**
 - 5.3. Registration for 2017 Winter Membership opens October 1**
 - 5.4. We need to do a better job this year in policing the use of the cages**
 - 5.5. Discussed adding a disclaimer regarding the policy of bringing non-members into the cages**
 - 5.6. Discussed changing the schedule on a monthly basis this year**
 - 5.7. Brandon motions to have registration open Oct 1 at the same pricing as last year, but adding a disclaimer regarding bringing non-members in. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 6. Golf Tournament Update**
 - 6.1. Overall, the tournament was a success**
 - 6.1.1. Kirby did a great job getting prizes**
 - 6.1.2. Enrollment increased 50% over 2015**
 - 6.1.3. Income increased 25% over 2015**
- 7. Coaches Appreciation Dinner Recap**
 - 7.1. Attendance was very low this year**
 - 7.1.1. Will need to look for ways to increase attendance next year**
 - 7.1.1.1. Some ideas were discussed**
 - 7.1.1.1.1. Changing venue to Community Center and coupling it with equipment drop off**
 - 7.1.1.1.2. Decide date before season starts and make sure all coaches are aware with enough time**
- 8. Prairie Festival Update**
 - 8.1. Attendance was down, but many young families attended and visited the ROYBA booth**

- 8.2. We collected 200 email addresses of prospective families
 - 8.2.1. Brandon to compile emails in a spreadsheet and email them when registration opens
- 8.3. Gold Sponsorship gave us a great location within the festival
- 8.4. Brien will work on a FAQ on ROYBA vs. OLL

- 9. Surveys are in. The officers will meet in the next month and report the findings to the board and commissioners

- 10. Board Positions
 - 10.1. Treasurer position opening with Derrick departing once new treasurer is trained
 - 10.2. Tournament Director position is open with Tom's resignation
 - 10.3. Will need a new Travel Director in training for a few years with Scott's end date in sight
 - 10.4. Sara requests Special Events Coordinator should be separate from Sponsorship

- 11. DIBs Update
 - 11.1. 79 people did not complete DIBs this year
 - 11.1.1. 18 people did not give us checks
 - 11.1.1.1. Possible action for not providing a check
 - 11.1.1.1.1. We will discuss policy in the offseason

- 12. Treasurers Report
 - 12.1. Derrick reported on the 2016 financial to date and the outlook for the remainder of the year

- 13. Roundtable
 - 13.1. Jenny wants to discuss some ideas she has for advertising to younger families at the next meeting
 - 13.2. Dustin says we will need to change equipment vendor next year and to ensure items removed from the shed are put back in the same spot.
 - 13.3. Scott is looking for a place to display association trophies.
 - 13.3.1. Leon will ask CJ when meeting with P2P
 - 13.4. Kirby says the new drags from Walburga are missing
 - 13.5. Mark wants to have the Golf Tournament be for ROYBA only and exclude the Booster Club in the future

- 14. Adjourn
 - Adjourn 9:08PM

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm. The next meeting of the Rogers-Otsego Youth Baseball Association Board will be held on Sunday, October 9th @ 6:30PM at Daytona Golf Club.

Respectfully submitted, Brandon Anderson