



MAY 2021

Rogers Otsego Youth Baseball Association Board Meeting

May 16th | 6:30pm | Google Meeting

<https://meet.google.com/edr-juem-kja>

Board members

Leon Lubke, Mark Orwoll | Jason Ritter | Brian Burkheimer | Mike Brache | Brien Geerdes, Tammy Kaufmann | Seth Ryan | Kirby Welle | Demetrius Young | Rob O'Brien, Ginger Kirschbaum, Al Blair, Eric Finke, Betsy Engel, Dale Kanning, Dan Allard

Time	Item	Owner
6:30pm	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Present: Brian Burkheimer Brien Geerdes Tammy Kaufman Demetrius Young Rob O'Brien Ginger Kirschbaum Eric Finke, Dale Kanning, Betsy Engel, Mark Orwell</p>	All
	Approve last month's minutes: De, 2nd by Rob	
	update communications Document - Send an email while we are together and make sure it goes to everyone's inbox. If it doesn't, let's fix the issue.	
	<p>Walburga Updates - mounds, near field, far field & possible DIBS opportunities if needed.</p> <p>Near field is now playable, port-a-potty is set up for a fee, garbage is setup as a donation by Ace, Keegan Kavanaugh is dragging 2X/week and drawing lines at \$300/month.</p> <p>Breiwick companies did a lot of work with the landscaping, and we have offered a sponsorship for that.</p> <p>Dale continues to work with people/offering dibs. There is a mound at Lynch that can be moved to Wahlburga and a chest protector that Dale will move to Wahlburga.</p>	Dale
	<p>Trusted Coaches - ROYBA Policy, Training Updates (need many coaches to respond to the email they have been sent - poor uptake thus far.)</p> <p>Dale needs list of 7th, 8th/9th coaches as he has not notified them yet. Also, commissioners all need to reach out to their coaches/implore that</p>	Dale

	<p>they take all the training, but only head coach and one assistant because there is a fee for the organization. Background check is needed each year, but the training is only every 3 years.</p>	
	<p>House Commissioners need assistance planning the rest of the year: 5th/6th this year Elk River scheduled all games for us, but in future years the 5th/6th commissioner needs to work with Elk River/schedule and then loop in the field scheduler to get fields assigned.</p> <p>End of year Tournament: Elk River/Rogers take turns each year hosting. House Commissioners need to contact Elk River to decide a weekend, but is typically end of June/early July. One hosts, the other pays for trophies: Elk River has better facilities, so ask if they will host, and we will pay for trophies. Only if we host, do we then go to Field Scheduler/Ross to get the fields. If paying for trophies/medals, contact Seth as the equipment manager to order those.</p> <p>ROYBA will pay for the highest finishing Rogers team in the tournament (not league play) to participate in Rec state which is the first weekend in August. Any house team can play in Rec state, but ROYBA will pay for the top. All house commissioners should notify coaches of this option ASAP so they can start to talk to their families.</p> <p>Each Commissioner is going to email Gail (ump scheduler) to get umps scheduled.</p>	<p>Al, Brian</p>
	<p>UMPIRES:</p> <p>This pertains to 5th and 6th House through travel. Any games that don't have umps, please have the coaches notify the ROYBA Treasure (De) so we do not pay for an ump. Also, get a parent to ump, and he/she will have the option of using it to fulfill dibs or getting a \$50 check from ROYBA (De). De will send an email to the commissioners with a form of all the information that must be included.</p> <p>For National and American League, the coaches will email the commissioners notifying who umped. If a parent, commissioner will notify Dibs Coordinator to credit dibs. If a teenager, we will pay \$25 for teenagers to ump in order to encourage them at a young age to get into umpiring, as there is a severe shortage. Commissioner will then notify ROYBA Treasurer. ROYBA has chest protectors and a few clickers to provide to the teenagers.</p>	

5th/6th Grade timeline

January-Registration/Keep webpage up to date.

February-Have committed coaches

Early March-Evaluations

Middle March-Form teams. Get DIBS information squared. Get uniform information squared. Get equipment squared.

Late March- Contact Elk River about games. Practice Schedules. Get coaches access to Sports Engine. Get game information to umpires.

April-Practices/games

May-Get verification on Elk River end of the year tournament.

June-Games/Practices. Team photos

July-End of year tournament

	Go over each league/age group and indicate umpire situation for each.	Betsy
	What administrative duties should be required by the coaches vs the commissioners.	Betsy
	Field Planning, field issues - it seems we have gotten over the hump and are learning, so will be in much better position next year.	Eric
	American/National League tweaks: in Registration, 2nd graders cannot play American league. American/Competitive is 3rd and 4th, National/Recreational is 2nd and 3rd.	Rob

	<p>Next year, we will go back to Evaluations by coaches/board instead of tryouts for the 3rd/4th grade.</p> <p>3RD/4TH GRADE REC STATE TOURNAMENT</p> <p>Rob is planning to communicate with American League to develop an All-Star Team to send a team to a 4th Grade Rec state. The coach of the top team is offered to be coach. We will have a registered tryout July 21st 5:30-7 PM at NCP 2 and 3 for any 3rd/4th American League player who wants and is able to play the rec tournament historically the first weekend in August (July 30th -August 1st): board members will be evaluators. The fee is \$25 for the required jersey. ROYBA is covering the tournament fee. Additional cost later will include a gate fee - likely around \$20 per child - and could require a hotel stay depending on venue.</p>	
	<p>ACTION ITEMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Coaches checklist 2) Commissioners checklist 3) Every person create a “tickler” of the duties they perform with their role on the board 4) Contacts Google Form must be updated by everyone 	
	<p>FUTURE ACTION ITEMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For next year, improve the website with a “what each coach should do after each game” with a link to MYAS, etc.... 	
	<p>As a board, we must do better responding to emails from the community: if someone emails you, you must respond within 48 hours. If you don't know the answer, respond letting them know you are working on it.</p> <p>PHOTO CONTEST</p> <p>Ginger wants to encourage people to send pictures for the website: name will then be entered into a drawing for some type of prize. What can we do for a prize? 2 - \$25 gift cards: this is approved by board vote via approval of the minutes at the next meeting.</p>	Ginger
	<p>ROYBA BOARD TEAM IN SPORTS ENGINE</p> <p>Every board member needs to have their own account in sports engine, not linked to their kids. We will then be able to communicate better/have a calendar invite/etc.... Brien will send an email to everyone on the board letting them know they must do this.</p>	De
	<p>Concerned there was an American League game with only 4 balls put into play, should we go back to coaches pitching to get the kids swinging the bats? Let's try move the pitching up to 44" from 46" : Rob will communicate to Mike.</p>	Mike
	<p>a. Officers</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Leagues c. Operations d. Events e. Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SCP b. Walburga c. Other city/ school fields d. OMS e. P2P MG site f. f. Committees 	
	Adjournment – Next meeting June 13th	

Laundry List

- Umpire feeder program
- ROYBA Policy Manual
- Tournaments
- Field Scheduling back-up
- Coaching consistency (handbook, practice plans, philosophy)
- Player consistency/ development (level-to-level, league-to-league)
- These are just a few to get the conversation started
- purchase pitching mounds
- Purchase two pitching machines and baseballs

Fields/ Facilities updates/ projects

Facilities Update:

City of Rogers Sales Tax

- tax collection starts in October 2019
- project prioritization in 2020

Walburga

- Mowing thru October; Fall fertilization
- Using for Fall ball practices & games
- Need to backfill ag lime on both fields
- Field #1 drainage long term needed

ISD 728 Bond referendum - \$110M package includes new Otsego Middle School

Joint Athletics Commission - No update

Projects List:

- Dugout tops – Pilot to be done on NCP
- Walburga #1 infield and #2 outfield lip
- Hassan expansion to support 13U

- Bittings cage(s) – May be able to move old Varsity field cages to RMS/ NCP
- Full size field updates and new field
- Prairie Park Concession stand

Potential project partnerships

- Dering Pierson Group (Contracting/ Construction) <https://www.deringpierson.com/>
- Rogers Lions
- RHS Booster Club
 - Otsego Lions Club
- Hennepin County Community Fund

Email Blast

- (Brandon) - Travel tryouts March 28th (2pm-10pm) & 29th (8am-2pm)
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