



JULY 2022 AGENDA

Rogers-Otsego Youth Baseball Association Inc.
Board Meeting

July 10, 2022
Club

6:30 pm

Daytona Golf

Board members with "x" are present:

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| | Al Blair | | Dale Kanning | x | Leon Lubke | x | Tony Ingrassia |
| x | Andy Dooley | x | Dan Allard | | Mark Orwoll | | |
| x | Betsy Engel | x | Eric Finke | x | Rob O'Brien | | |
| x | Brian Burkheimer | x | Eric Smith | x | Seth Ryan | | |
| | Brien Geerdes | | Jason Ritter | x | Tammy Kaufman | | |
| | Craig Swerdfiger | x | Kirby Welle | x | Tony Hoaglund | | |

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| 6:30pm | <p>Welcome, meeting called to order 6:34 PM</p> <p>Dr. Michael Elke, retired Superintendent from St. Paul, provides personal instruction and camps/team events/etc... for baseball and softball, most recently coaching Rogers 14/15 travel team. He would like to be promoted on the website as Swing Doctor. Board asked questions about camps, where he trains, etc... He is based out of Anoka, has a facility in Ham Lake, but is looking for a facility to do any training in Rogers. His individual rate is \$60/hour, group sessions are typically \$20 per kid for 2 hours. We discussed concerns regarding where he is based out of, and his branding. We are very appreciative of the fact that he stepped up and coached the 14/15 team, but we would need to be able to answer questions from our parents if we are going to promote him as an option to our families. There is also minimal information/references. We discussed bringing him in for a winter training session, or weekly (more to be ironed out with that) as an opportunity to showcase his coaching/style, etc... and vet him out.</p> | Betsy |
| | Approve June 2022 Minutes Brian B motioned to approve, Dan 2nd. | Betsy |
| 6:35 | <p>Treasurer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June month-end reports sent to Board. There is a question about amount spent on Jerseys, Betsy is looking into to ensure the expenses are all categorized appropriately. We have essentially spent all registration money and are back at baseline. | Dale |

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| 6:45 | Travel Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director Position needs to be filled asap ● Brandon has instructed that tryouts should be the last weekend in March if available; however, it's not available at Furniture and Things. We discussed that we will not repeat the format as last year, must go back to doing it over one weekend for consistency of evaluators from date to date. There are many other domes/options that we can look into for locale, but need to do this immediately. Betsy will start calling places this week and asked that people start texting her ideas. Once we nail that down, we can discuss further as a board, many other changes that are needed from last year's evaluation process. ● 14AA Tournament: The tournament committee has handled most of this, however, we are in need of a couple more board members, specifically one at 7:30 Saturday morning. Tony I has agreed to be there. | Betsy Dan |
| 6:55 | Registration Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registrar-open position - will include this in an email blast to the community ● Travel Director-two volunteers, discussed having co-directors, but overwhelmingly agreed that there needs to be only one person in charge, decisions by committee are not a good idea in this avenue ● Majors National Commissioner-open position ● House Director-Tony Hoaglund has volunteered . Tammy motioned to create the House Director role with Tony Hoaglund as inaugural Director. Rob 2nd, all approved ● We discussed changing our number of voting members, and the officers will meet to discuss this and come back next month with a proposal for the board. | Betsy |
| 7:00 | Communications Update | Craig |
| 7:05 | League Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minors - Tony - one team has not yet picked up their team's medals ● Majors - Brien and Rob - the teams/families/coaches liked having playoffs all done Tuesday/Wed/Thurs. Rob would like to change Majors play dates to a night (Monday since that appears to be the lightest day) to keep travel 12-14U open to allow these kids to umpire. We need a board position who is willing to find/develop/schedule umpires....will advertise to the community to see if anyone is interested. ● 5th/6th - AI - there is an end of year tournament in Elk River, but it was not well-advertised, so there are teams unable to go due to lack of numbers. ● 7th/8th/9th - Brian - lack of umpires, lack of response from Gail, is the biggest feedback from the parents/coaches. Due to legal concerns, we can't have someone playing who isn't registered, would recommend if a team needs another player | Commissioners |

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| | <p>to take one from another current house team. There is a question about whether kids are getting good coaching on all teams at this level, and we agreed that we should promote more training opportunities for house kids/parents who do not want to play travel for some reason but are looking for more specific coaching.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16U-19U - Leon - The league is going well, no issues, essentially runs itself. He has asked his teams to schedule away games when/if possible, because we do not have full-sized fields. | |
| 7:15 | <p>Field Scheduling Update: none. However, Eric is following up on the city asking if we are going to purchase mound covers. We are willing to buy covers; however, the city must first be willing to rebuild the mounds. Eric is going to meet with City of Rogers to discuss this as well as a few other issues/concerns that we have. Having 2 field schedulers; 1 for smaller and 1 for full-sized fields, has been great. Full-sized fields have been a big concern. The statistics: 13 teams that should be using full-sized fields were able to get 4 hours of practice time per week split between them.....so many of them are having to practice on small fields which is not ideal. We were allowed 1 game on the varsity field, and have JV field ½ time. So we have 2.5 full-sized fields (only the RMS fields). Next year we will have PV, but there is still a significant field shortage.</p> | Eric & Andy |
| 7:25 | <p>Dibs Update: still have approximately 70 people who need to do dibs and several openings that people are not claiming</p> | Tammy |
| 7:35 | <p>Equipment Update-equipment drop off date - Wednesday 8/10/22 5-6pm. Add 4 dibs 5-7pm. Kirby is going to ask Veit if we can use a storage unit for the mounds to clear up storage, in exchange for advertising on our website.</p> | Seth |
| 7:40 | <p>Uniform Update</p> | Jason |
| 7:45 | <p>Trusted Coaches Update: we need 2 adult contacts per team, running document, located on our website for everyone to update</p> | Andy |
| 7:50 | <p>Fundraising Update - Golf Tournament - currently 26 teams with max of 36. Kirby has it under control.</p> | Kirby |
| 8:00 | <p>Walburga Update: Field 1 is full of weeds again, is clearly not getting dragged. We need to ensure this is getting done.</p> | Eric & Dale |
| 8:05 | <p>Training Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates: Dan proposed 2 nights per week for 6 weeks. Rob motioned to approve \$8500 for Dan to book this. Andy 2nd. All approved. We will need to work on being more aggressive getting volunteers to cover this training. | Dan |
| 8:15 | <p>Committee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaw updates: Dan Allard, Betsy Engel, Seth Ryan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ W ROYBA_bylaws working copy.docx | Betsy |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rockin Rogers: Rob, Brien G, Tammy, Kirby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recap of Rockin Rogers, net profit was approximately \$1800 | |
| | Umpire Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Board Position? | Rob |
| 9:00 | Round Table | |
| 9:30 | Adjournment - Next meeting is August 14, 2022 Adjourned by Rob 9:16 pm and 2nd by Betsy. | |