



WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 16th, 2024

6pm-8pm at Jennings (upstairs), Wisconsin Rapids
General Board Meeting

General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD
Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location Jennings

*no meetings the month of November

Present: Nic Weiler (President), Amanda Braaten (Secretary), John Estok, William Abel, Alyson Allen, Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg, Jamie Brown, Eric Millard

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome

2. Call to order 613pm

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes 9/18/2024

Laramie to approve, Stephanie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

4. Reports 5-10 Minutes

a. President: Nic

- i. Tournament Bat Update: U Trip Bats & Insurance update: WE ARE GOOD TO GO
- ii. Still waiting to hear from Scout about keys
 1. Jamie has the list of who has keys
- iii. Winter Ready/Field Clean Up
 1. Updates on flickering lights on Field 1
 2. Green Space Water Pump waiting to hear from Red Run (Laramie)
 3. Water Off already
 4. Cooler does have mold that needs to be addressed
 5. Signs removed from field 1
 6. Septic empty before winter, unknown just make sure done before Spring
 7. May need consider plugs for bases again before snow flies

b. Vice President: Nate (not present)

c. Treasurer: David (not present)

- i. [2025 Annual Budget PROPOSAL](#)
Nic motioned to approve, Eric seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.
- ii. Reminder Surplus Funds: We also want/need to keep a surplus or back up fund in the maintenance category to ensure we're prepared for how the weather will impact our fields and our home tournaments **our home tournaments concessions bring in a LOT of revenue
 1. PLEASE email the executive committee with suggestions of gear/supplies that need to be replaced; if you include quotes for reference EVEN BETTER!!
EXAMPLES:



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- a. pitching machines, gear bags, softball catcher gear, left handed catcher gloves
 - b. Access to indoor facility is major need for all ages; Port YMCA is \$60 per hour AND local, Place in Plover will be pursued (keep in mind we are not their priority)
 - c. Clinics: Brewers, UWSP, softball pitching clinics, Scheels... let's start gathering information (prices, locations, ages) Please email executive committee with suggestions
 2. Eric has ideas for some larger items from Beacon for hitting stations
 3. Roll top doors for storage/concession/beer area to simplify the process for tournaments especially
- d. Secretary: Amanda**
- e. Baseball Coordinator: John**
- i. Looking to fill this role for the 2026 season to start in August of 2025 for tryouts; now is the time to express interest so you can shadow the position before the position is yours
 - ii. Tournament dates for the 2025 season
 1. Lead Off May 30th-June 1st
 2. Silver Slugger & June Bug together June 6th-8th
 3. Will be posting soon, currently created and the previously attending teams get access until October
 - ii. Will need 40 dozen tournament baseballs, unsure on current practice balls available
 1. Practice balls are league balls
 - 2.
- f. Softball Coordinator:**
- i. Tournament Team number update:
 1. Still looking for 10u players, did get one hit off facebook
 2. Please keep sharing!
 3. Still in need of at least 2, 3 would be ideal
 - ii. Consolidation update from Port Edwards or others
 1. They are currently consolidating their own so they may not even coop based on their numbers for 8u and 10u
 - iii. Consideration for Tball Level
 - iv. Softball Home Tournament suggestion for 8u that may not have a team; consider advertising at the beginning of the season/registration, consider more of an ALL STAR approach than travel ball to take away the fear, not obligation heavy, will need a coach, this will also play into 'joint' practices to ensure equitable coaching to support a solid rebuild
 - v. Considerations for 8U Registration for the 2025 Season:
 1. Split boys from the girls at a t ball level (6u baseball, 6u softball)



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2. Tball for Boys Only
3. Girls ages 5-7 years old go to 8U Softball (break out leveled players from there, ages 5-6 and 7-8)
4. Joint practices to run drills and scrimmage needs to be talked about when teams are built
5. Older girls want to host camp and help teach/coach younger players, plan to do this again
 - a. Consider doing this on a rotation with older girls coming down to younger teams to support this and promote the sport/team from within our organization
6. Continue to share out camps that are local
7. Language in Registration for the 8U Softball (decision tree/suggestions for parents to consider about their player at the time of registration)
8. PROPOSAL today and consider vote today so December meeting can focus on last minute registration topics.
9. If there are a lack of numbers this next year we can reconsider each year. Right now the goal is addressing the concerning softball numbers.
10. Restructure of 6u for registration for 6u baseball (tball) and 6u softball.
Eric motioned to approve, Meghan seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

5. Legacy Project: Nate & David

- a. No Major Updates until Spring
 - iii. Parking Lot last item
 1. Truckload of boulders update: Shannon
 2. Trees planting and top layer scraped off: Eric Millard
 3. Still Need 30'x300' section scraped, trees planted (approx \$4000 & already scheduled) and parking lot indicators installed before spring
- b. Overdue invoice of \$2500 to Current Technologies
 - i. Invoice located and check sent today 10/16
- c. Will follow up with Justin about flickering lights if that is still an issue

6. Field Clean-Up Day Update: Nic

- a. Will need more plugs for bases, may need to be dug out a bit better
- b. Field Clean Up Day:
 - i. Newby and John were not impressed with how they were treated by people that were there that night, both ended up leaving with no intentions to return if that is how things will be.
- c. Sprinklers taken care of today!
- d. Covered in Legacy

7. Communication Update: Jamie

- a. Position Available: Communication Coordinator for the 2025 season



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- b. Position Available: Fundraising Coordinator for the 2025 season
- c. Position Available: Baseball Coordinator for the 2025 season

8. Fundraising Update: Jamie & All Included

- a. BINGO:
 - i. Donations are at about \$2100
 - ii. Thank Yous will be posted on social media and mailed directly
 - iii. Will be purchasing about 100 daubers to sell at the event
 - iv. Rocky's will be ordered for the event
 - 1. Looking for donations of cases of water at event
 - 2. Looking for donations of cookies to sell at event
 - v. Bingo Workers are Needed as followed:
 - 1. 2 people selling BINGO cards (5:00-7:00)
 - 2. 2-3 people selling food (5:00-7:30)
 - 3. 2-3 people selling 50/50 (5:00-8:00)
 - 4. 3-4 people bartending (if the new bar owners allow us to manage the sales as we have in the past - 5:00-8:30)
 - 5. WATCH EMAIL FOR SIGN UP
 - vi. Still able to use the same location (October 24th, 2024-April 17th, 2024)
 - vii. Still looking for donations of water and cookies
 - 1. Consider Water Works for water donations
 - 2. Few feelers out on donated cookies, looking for 50-75 cookies
- b. Other Updates coming in March/April : league season raffle for bat bag, Gun Raffle extension, Calendar Raffles, 10 liners for a bat in concessions

9. Concession Update: Nate

- a. Discussion with intent to vote at next Board Meeting:
 - i. Ultimate Weekend Concessions: WRYSA fundraiser with no parent involvement
 - ii. Home Tournament Concessions: buy out by parents, consider costs vs revenue
 - iii. Consider:
 - 1. Having kids sell food and parents sell beer
 - 2. Important to do the buy out early and schedule in advance
- b. Buyout Proposal to consider for next meeting:
 - i. Parents can buy out of concessions but would still be responsible for other duties such as beer, park clean up, field duties, etc.
 - ii. This allows parents to enjoy the weekend, Nate would schedule beer and concessions to ensure consistent workers and service provided. It will overall create a better customer experience, less waiting for food and more consistent product.
 - iii. Last year we did a \$30 buy out for the Ultimate Tourney Weekend. Overall very successful.
 - iv. Proposal is \$75 for tournaments would create a profit. Think on this and let's vote in December.



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10. Clothing/Apparel Update: Alyson

- a. Mada, CC Graphics, Creative Design
 - i. Mada: not great pricing, \$1500 minimum for 10% profit margin.
 - ii. Creative Design: Close by Nov 10th.
 - iii. CC Graphics: Darcy great examples and local. Concerns with restriction of colors and material. UA is not an option.
- b. Consider looking at Badger Sports.
- c. Jerseys: Alyson will cover for this year. Information to come for teams. Many are being reused from last year. Historically March deadlines.
- d. Still in need of League Sponsor Duties.
- e. Motion to work with Mada and for shipping to home.

Jamie motioned to approve, William seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

11. Ongoing Concern: Indoor Space for Jan-March: may have a lead on this

12. Final Notes:

a. NEXT MEETINGS:

- i. Consider Mickey's for the next meeting December 18th at 6pm
- ii. Exec Committee 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm as needed
- iii. Will vote on the following:
 1. Concession buyout
 2. Registration
- iv. Still in need of the following:
 1. League shirt/uniform sponsors
- v. NIC: Big League Dream Day for Baseball; play at American Family Field. Any time on the field would be beneficial. Can make this a WRYSA thing for renting a pavilion and tailgating, final bring us all together.
- vi. JOHN: Bill from the Rafters, hoping to get a tournament at Witter for our older kids. This is important to our league.

- b. **Motion to Adjourn at 740pm.** *Braaten motioned to approve, Eric seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*