

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2020
Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School

Attendance: Joan Carroll, Wes Kurszewski, Jill Cavanaugh, Aaron Carroll, Paul Lohman, Shad Williams, Sherry Marzofka, Bill Oswald, Kathy Dillingham, Chad Dillingham, Kari Vollert, Josh Freeman, Troy Freeman, Jeff Szelagowski, Angie Susa,Carolynn Martin, Cal Homann, Andy Cavanaugh

Not present: Eric Millard, Charlie Nelson, Shane Blaser, Shane Steltenpohl

Guests: 2

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Minutes – minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by C. Dillingham, second by S. Williams to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
3. Reports
 - a. President’s report – Quadplex & field upgrades: we cannot make a commitment at this time as we need to wait until we are further into the year. This item will be brought back up at a future meeting date for discussion and possible action. Travel Uniforms: we will stay with the same style for this season but will probably need to look at something different for 2022. Policies: Executive board started reviewing policies and will continue to work through this at future meetings. Survey: something will be put together to send out league wide for feedback.
 - b. Vice President’s report – Executive board met last week to talk about policies and uniforms. We need to put together a list of what all needs to happen through maintenance to share with people interested in helping in that area.
 - c. Baseball tournament director – home tournament will be June 4 – 6, 2021. There has already been interest from teams looking to sign up. We do need to be careful of field usage Robinson Park by Assumption softball with the changes made to the high school schedule. If main field is not available, the possibility does exist to use the north field.
 - d. Softball tournament director – home tournament will be June 18 – 20, 2021. There are still openings for anyone interested at the 10u & 12u levels for both players and coaches.
 - e. Treasurer’s Report – financial update was emailed to board members before meeting. Not much is happening this time of year. Overall year consisted of mainly registrations coming in and refunds for registrations going out with the season being cancelled. Money coming in this year did include the bags tournament fundraiser as that was held before COVID. Money going out did include upgrades to camera system and fencing improvements. Discussion held on utility costs at Mead Field – we pay roughly \$2,000 per year for this. As we only use this field for the 14u division of the boy’s home tournament, and we are not holding that division in 2021, does it make sense to continue this partnership? J. Freeman will investigate what areas we might be overlooking that would help in making a final decision. Motion made by P. Lohman, second by C. Dillingham to accept treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020
Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School

Attendance: Shane Blaser, Joan Carroll, Wes Kurszewski, Jill Cavanaugh, Aaron Carroll, Paul Lohman, Shad Williams, Sherry Marzofka, Bill Oswald, Kathy Dillingham, Kari Vollert, Josh Freeman, Troy Freeman, Jeff Szelagowski, Angie Susa, Shane Steltenpohl

Not present:Carolynn Martin, Andy Cavanaugh, Charlie Nelson

Guests: 3

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Minutes – minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by S. Blaser, second by P. Lohman to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
3. Dibs system – Discussion with Cara Abts on dibs system and how best to utilize this program for volunteer hours. We will use the 2021 season to compile data to know how many volunteer opportunities are available and in what areas. Cara will need to be in touch with each committee head once those are established.
4. Discuss background, philosophy, and operations – communication needs to be easier for everyone in the organization and more transparent. Also need to have clear expectations of who is responsible for what?
5. Discussion and possible action to vacant board positions and committee leaders
 - a. Discussion on if there are some committee areas that can be consolidated (example: apparel, tournament apparel, league apparel). Will revisit this topic during policy review
 - b. Unanimous motion to appoint Eric Millard to board made by S. Williams/J. Cavanaugh. Without objection, so moved.
 - c. Unanimous motion to appoint Cal Homann to board made by W. Kurszewski/E. Millard. Without objection, so moved.
6. Updates
 - a. Hats – Rafters organization would like to provide hats for the 2021 season. Design, color, and amount still need to be figured out. Suggestion made to have an agreement for a certain number of years for consistency. B. Oswald will continue to facilitate this project.
 - b. Lease agreements (Robinson, Mead, Kellner) – B. Oswald has obtained all lease agreements and executive board will review and bring suggestions/updates to next meeting. Need to make sure everyone in the organizations knows when fields can be utilized, who has precedence when, etc.
 - c. Quadplex and possible action to allocate \$10,000.00 – At the February 9th meeting we earmarked \$30,000 previously verbally committed to project. At the March 8th meeting, board was updated that an additional field at Kellner was no longer part of the project.

Discussion was held at that meeting centered around WRYSA still be involved in the project but at a lesser monetary amount. Item was to be placed on the next agenda but COVID prevented us from being able to address topic until now. Suggestion to hold off on final monetary commitment until budgeting process is done for 2021. Item will be tabled until December meeting.

- d. Field Updates / maintenance at Kellner (\$30,000) – this item will also be tabled until December meeting to allow for budgeting.
- e. Communication
 - i. Organizational email addresses – we have set up organizational emails for executive board and can do so for other committee heads. This will provide more continuity from year to year as individuals move into and out of these positions.
 - ii. Team Reach for Executive Board – program is being looked at now. We need to find a cohesive way to reach board, parents, teams, etc.
 - iii. Review policies – Executive board will review policies and bring any updates or suggestions to next board meeting for action. Board members should review policies and provide feedback (questions, concerns) to B. Oswald (president@wrysa.com) by December 9.
7. Discuss and take possible action to create survey for feedback – does the board feel this is something we should put time and effort into creating. Yes, this is something that should take place.
8. Other
 - a. Next meeting date: Executive board (12/9/20 @ 6:00 pm), Full board (12/16/20 @ 6:00 pm) We will aim to always have board meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Next location for both December meetings is Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School.
 - b. Baseball home tournament – Baseball home tournament is always the first weekend in June. Even with high school sports COVID impact, we will plan on the home tournament to be June 4, 5, and 6, 2021 for 8u-13u. 14u would not be held this year or at least not at this same time. Motion by B. Oswald, second by S. Williams to move forward with these dates pending school approval. Motion carried.
 - c. Softball home tournament – Softball home tournament is usually Father's Day weekend. COVID's impact on high school sports schedule would make holding our tournament at this time difficult. P. Lohman is exploring the potential of holding tournament the second weekend in July and is reaching out to local teams to gauge interest.
 - d. COVID plan – need to start looking at what must happen to hold 2021 season.

Adjourn – motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm made by S. Blaser, P. Lohman. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2020
Kellner Ball Fields

Attendance: Shane Blaser, Joan Carroll, Wes Kurszewski, Jill Cavanaugh, Aaron Carroll, Andy Cavanaugh, Paul Lohman, Shad Williams, Sherry Marzofka, Bill Oswald, Kathy Dillingham, Kari Vollert, Josh Freeman, Troy Freeman, Jeff Szelagowski, Angie Susa, Chad Dillingham,

Not present: Shane Steltenpohl, Josh Plawman, Tammy Holberg, Carolynn Martin, Ryan Zieghan, Charlie Nelson

Guests: 1

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm.

Minutes – minutes from the September 2, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by A. Cavanaugh, second by C. Dillingham to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Financial report was presented and discussed. Still waiting for some tournament refunds to come back. Discussion held on Mead Field usage versus expenses paid – are there alternatives we could look at? Motion made by C. Dillingham, second by W. Kurszewski to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Election of vacant board positions: Ryan Zieghan, Tammy Holberg, and Josh Plawman will not be seeking re-election for the 2021 season. We had 23 of the 25 positions filled for the 2020 season; this means we would be looking for five individuals to fill spots. Potential members were brought up by various current members. Current members will reach out to potentials to gauge interest and will have them come to November meeting.

Executive Board Election:

President – Bill Oswald (nominated by S. Blaser/S. Williams. Unanimous motion to appoint B. Oswald president made by A. Susa, second by S. Marzofka. Without objection, so moved)

Vice President – Shad Williams (nominated by A. Cavanaugh/C. Dillingham. Unanimous motion to appoint S. Williams vice president made by A. Cavanaugh, second J. Freeman. Without objection, so moved)

Treasurer – Joan Carroll (nominated by S. Blaser/K. Vollert. Unanimous motion to appoint J. Carroll treasurer by C. Dillingham, second S. Williams. Without objection, so moved)

Secretary – Jill Cavanaugh (nominated by S. Blaser/W. Kurszewski. Unanimous motion to appoint J. Cavanaugh secretary by S. Blaser, second C. Dillingham. Without objection, so moved)

Baseball Tournament Coordinator – Wes Kurszewski (nominated by S. Blaser/A. Cavanaugh. Unanimous motion to appoint W. Kurszewski Baseball Tournament Coordinator by A. Susa, second S. Marzofka. Without objection, so moved)

Softball Tournament Coordinator – Paul Lohman – (nominated by S. Blaser/C. Dillingham. Unanimous motion to appoint P. Lohman Softball Tournament Coordinator by J. Cavanaugh, second C. Dillingham. Without objection, so moved)

Board Member Election:

Baseball Division Coordinator – OPEN
Softball Division Coordinator – OPEN
Concession Coordinator – Kari Vollert & Sherry Marzofka
Maintenance Coordinator – OPEN
Fundraiser Coordinator – OPEN
Umpire Coordinator – Chad Dillingham
Equipment Coordinator – Baseball – Shad Williams
Equipment Coordinator – Softball – Andy Cavanaugh
Uniform Apparel Coordinator – OPEN
Apparel Orders – Angie Susa
League uniform Coordinator – Kari Vollert
Schedule Coordinator –Carolynn Martin
Signs Coordinator –Angie Susa with help from Aaron Carroll
Baseball Clinic Coordinator - Jeff Szelagowski
Softball Clinic Coordinator – softball committee driven
Capital Improvements – Executive board driven
Shane Steltenpohl
Troy Freeman
Josh Freeman
Kathy Dillingham
Charlie Nelson

Discussion held on old cooler outside concession side. We need to get rid of it – suggestion to send out league wide email to see if anyone would like it before posting elsewhere. We would not charge anyone for it besides they would need to haul it away themselves.

Future meeting agenda items: Recruitment, Communication avenues, what is needed for dibs from each area

Next Meeting: Annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 18 location: TBA

Adjournment: motion made by A. Cavanaugh, second by C. Dillingham to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2020
Kellner Ball Fields

Attendance: Carolynn Martin, Shane Blaser, Joan Carroll, Wes Kurszewski, Jill Cavanaugh, Charlie Nelson, Aaron Carroll, Andy Cavanaugh, Ryan Zieghan, Paul Lohman, Shad Williams, Sherry Marzofka, Bill Oswald, Kathy Dillingham, Kari Vollert, Josh Freeman, Troy Freeman

Not present: Chad Dillingham, Shane Steltenpohl, Jeff Szelagowski, Josh Plawman, Angie Susa, Tammy Holberg

Guests: 1

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

Minutes – minutes from the March 8, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by C. Martin, second by S. Marzofka to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Financial report was presented and discussed. We have a couple of expenses to pay but are currently sitting at just over \$68,900.00. We are also waiting on the Pepsi rebate and a few tournament reimbursements to come through.

Discussion on 2020 League and Tournament season: Discussion held on distribution of information to make informed decisions without the ability to meet and discuss in person.

Discussion on 2021 League and Tournament season/Fall Ball: There are teams that will be playing/practicing yet this fall so we do need to reinstate insurance to cover teams. Any entry fees for fall tournaments will be paid for by team participants like normal. Tryout comments – online registration was helpful, and changes made on baseball side worked very well.

Maintenance Equipment: need to replace tires on groomers and should have extra belts on hand for mowers.

Capital Improvements: Field 1 was slated to be done this Fall. Board agrees to continue with this project. Discussion was held on various things including – questions on re-crowning all fields, watering needs to happen more often, option of putting in permanent mound on Field 1 when other work is being done. Motion by R. Zieghan, second by S. Williams to allocate up to \$30,000.00 for field updates, pending board review of proposals. Motion carried.

Future agenda items: Best communication avenues, policy review, and field usage

Next Meeting: Annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 14 location: TBD

Adjournment: motion made by S. Marzofka, second by R. Zieghan to adjourn at 7:23 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2020
Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce

Attendance:Carolynn Martin, Andy Cavanaugh, Ryan Zieghan, Shane Blaser, Paul Lohman, Shad Williams, Sherry Marzofka, Jill Cavanaugh, Joan Carroll, Josh Plawman, Bill Oswald

Not present: Kathy Dillingham, Aaron Carroll, Troy Freeman, Josh Freeman, Shane Steltenpohl, Chad Dillingham, Jeff Szelagowski, Kari Vollert, Wes Kurszewski, Charlie Nelson, Angie Susa, Tammy Holberg

Guests: 2

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

Minutes – minutes from the February 9, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by J. Plawman, second by S. Marzofka to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Financial report was presented and discussed. Motion made by A. Cavanaugh, second by J. Plawman to approve at presented. Motion carried.

Election of New Board Members: no discussion

Committee Reports:

Executive committee: Met with Cara Abts for dibs coordinator. We will track hours this year to see what is needed for next year. Need to work on a mowing schedule for this summer. Looking at medical forms given to tournament coaches to have on hand and code of conduct agreements.

2020 Registration: currently we have 503 players signed up (last year was 580). Registration will be kept open until March 15. Candy bar pick up is Wednesday/Thursday at Blasers and Draft will be held April 1st at 6:30 pm. There will not be an opening day this year.

Baseball Committee: Port Edwards inquired on bringing a team to our league. League coordinators are all set except for tball.

Softball Committee: discussion on 14U league – need to have in order to have tournaments. Meeting in the next two weeks to talk on what league could look like.

Tournaments: Baseball is full at 8 & 13. 1 spot open at 9, 10, 11 and 2 spots at 12 & 14. Softball tournaments – Charlie is not in attendance, but things are good.

Apparel: Tournament lockers are open until March 19th. Kari is working on league apparel.

Clinics: no updates

Fundraising: bags tournament went well yesterday and raise about \$5,900.00

Concessions: Meeting on March 19th to plan with Holiday.

Signs: 7 new signs this year

Maintenance: Mark will help out whoever takes it on. Need to look at pricing for chackers and a long-range plan on getting another groomer.

Sports Complex: additional field at Kellner is no longer in plans. Motion made by R. Ziegman, second by J. Plawman to vote next meeting on budget amendment in regards to our support of complex. Motion carried.

Spring clean up and equipment pick up will be April 15 @ 5:30 pm.

Lincoln High School girls' softball has asked about using the fields on April 18 for ball games if needed.

Discussion held on having a port a potty at the fields all season.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 5th at 6:00 pm in the Lower Level of the Wisconsin Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Adjournment: motion made by J. Cavanaugh, second by A. Cavanaugh to adjourn at 7:32 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2020
Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce

Attendance:Carolynn Martin, Aaron Carroll, Kathy Dillingham, Chad Dillingham, Andy Cavanaugh, Jeff Szelagowski, Kari Vollert, Wes Kurszewski, Ryan Zieghan, Shane Blaser, Paul Lohman, Bob Gawlitta, Shad Williams, Sherry Marzofka, Jill Cavanaugh, Charlie Nelson, Angie Susa, Tammy Holberg

Not present: Joan Carroll, Josh Plawman, Troy Freeman, Josh Freeman, Bill Oswald, Shane Steltenpohl

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.

Minutes – minutes from the December 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by A. Susa, second by C. Martin to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Joan not able to attend. Regarding sports complex – we are earmarking the \$30,000.00 for the project that we previously verbally committed to.

Election of New Board Members: We are in need of a maintenance coordinator if anyone knows someone will to do this or if there is anyone already on the board that would be interested.

Committee Appointments/Volunteers: Kara Abts has agreed to be our dibs coordinator. First aid kits are being addressed as well.

Committee Reports:

Executive committee: had a discussion on starting league game 30 minutes later and not holding an opening day event. Also continue to review policies.

2020 Registration: flyers will go out to schools this week. In person registration will be Wednesday, February 19 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

Baseball Committee: Josh Plawman unable to attend. Minutes from last meeting were distributed and reviewed. There is a change to the minutes – item #13, remove equally. Motion by Wes, second by Shad to approve minutes with correction. Motion carried. Next baseball committee meeting is February 12.

Softball Committee: Currently gauging interest in a one-day, round robin B tournament. Waiting for numbers on upper age groups for league and looking at slight rule changes for 8u.

Tournaments: Baseball home tournament will be June 5-7 and 8u division is full. Softball tournament schedules are almost done. Home tournament will be June 19-21 and is filling up nicely.

Apparel: Kari will handle league shirts. Carolyn will work on tournament.

Clinics: Baseball clinics will be April 21 for 8u and April 23 for 10u.

Fundraising: Bags tournament is March 7th. Dining nights will be March 25 at Taco Johns with Rocky Rococo's being the beginning of April. A DIY sign night will also be held in April and the Walk/Run is schedule for Saturday, September 19.

Concessions: Had a meeting with the next one being March 19 if anyone would like to attend. Working on paring down menu offerings and waiting for league numbers to see how many hours each family will need for concessions. Will also have this discussion with dibs coordinator.

Signs: Letters went out in January and renewals are coming in. There are also four new signs this year – Somewhere Else, O'Reilly's, Papa Bears, and Sudzee Car Wash.

Maintenance: Open position

Review and take possible action on American Fence Quote: Quotes reviewed additional fencing and fields 5 and 6 (extending backstops) and for fencing by field 6 parking area. Motion by B. Gawlitta, second by J. Szlagowski to go ahead with work. Motion carried.

Review and take possible action on Solarus High Speed Internet and Camper Quote: Quotes were reviewed, and discussion was held. Motion by R. Zieghan, second by C. Dillingham to move forward with work as presented. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 8th at 6:00 pm in the Lower Level of the Wisconsin Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Adjournment: motion made by C. Nelson, second by A. Cavanaugh to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Motion carried

Submitted by,

Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary