

WRYSA DRAFT Executive Board Minutes – July 25, 2023, 7:00 PM

Location: Kellner Complex

Attendees: Peggy Jaminski, Wes Kurszewski, Cara Abts, John Estok, Chris Stoflet, Justin Jaminski, Kelsey Helmuth, Tex Anderle

Not present: Angie Susa

1. **Welcome @ 7:00 PM**
2. **League participation for tournament players after 12U -**
 - a. Peggy would like to encourage 14U softball/15U baseball to register for league. They would pay the fees and the money would go towards ump's for scrimmages.
 - b. Wes didn't have the same feeling about 15U baseball that Peggy had heard. He doesn't support making a change tonight. He's concerned about the non-tournament players, and the trickle-down of the not-playing-league idea to 12U and lower in baseball.
 - c. Kelsey would like to keep his tournament team intact. If forced to play league, he's going to lose 3-4 players. His parents are willing to take the team elsewhere to keep them together. Tex agreed.
 - d. Justin is worried about losing players to club leagues.
 - e. John sees both sides.
 - f. Chris says the same.
 - g. Cara previously sent her opinion to the exec board (no league for 12U+ softball/baseball). She reiterated the difference between tournament girls and non-tournament girls even in 10U softball. It hampers players that excel by throttling them. She said the level-up time for softball is at 12U, as opposed to 15U in baseball.
 - h. There was a lengthy discussion. There is no extreme time pressure to get something done. Decisions can be made over winter and looking at registration numbers for the spring. Wes asked about a league opt-out option. He also suggested some other options for making league more competitive.
 - i. The decision will be tabled.
3. **Clarification on 5. Player and Player Family Requirements** item d that is interpreted that it's all hands on deck during home tournaments, not to schedule other things.
4. **Policy item 6. Competing Organizations -**
 - a. There is the potential to misinterpret it. One part is school ball. Another is it needs to be clear that if the WRYSA team is playing on a weekend, then all players need to play for it and not for a different organization. This section needs to be rewritten.
 - b. There was discussion about players leaving the organization and coming back. The case-by-case basis should stay to keep from having club organizations pulling from WRYSA teams.
5. Wes would like the Baseball Committee to have a meeting with current 12U/13U/14U players and families to get thoughts on how to improve league. Cara suggested letting people provide their thoughts if they can't attend the meeting.
6. Scout sent Kelsey an invoice for the Quadplex. It doesn't match the agreed-upon rates. Every team was charged fees, when the agreement was that the complex was free if another team was in there and paying. Peggy said to send it to her and Angie.
7. Kelsey and Tex left at this time.
8. Discussion regarding concerns received related to tournament coaches at multiple age groups. This included:
 - a. Awareness of feedback received, via written communications, for one team and verbally for another.
 - b. Written feedback raised concerns for coaches' behavioral conduct.
 - c. Verbal feedback raised concerns related to level of game knowledge/awareness and player development.

- d. It was noted that the pending policy changes should allow for greater candidate considerations. Feedback received, as noted above, will also factor into Head Coach selection after upcoming tryouts.
9. An aside - messaging to tournament team try-outs will be that things will take up to two weeks to get coaches and teams selected.
10. The Exec Board went through a few miscellaneous items quickly.
11. A baseball tryout alternate date hasn't been selected yet.
12. The 10U Gold softball team is asking for WRYSA to reimburse for the additional fees associated with their 5th tournament (a USA Softball-sponsored tournament). The group felt that if the team was under the \$2000, the additional fees should be covered by the organization.
13. Peggy is trying to schedule a post-season debrief with Angie and the rest of the Board if available. If she can't schedule something in August, we'll change the Exec Board date at the beginning of September to a full Board meeting.
14. We discussed the positions that will be open come the next Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.