



## Rogers Area Youth Baseball Association

### Meeting Minutes – January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Members present:** Kevin Hyde, Wayne Jensen, Mike Pinter, Tom Braesch Joe Haux, Scott Fischer, Leon Lubke, Brian Moss, Don Schuster, Steve Schaupp, Chad Bender, Paul Ripley, Dan Lauer, Doug Cassidy, Lynne Jakubic, and Derrick Stark

**Members missing:** Jason Sullivan

**Guests:** Brian Harapat

- **Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from the January 6th, 2012 board meeting were approved.
- **Winter Training Series:** The winter training series is going well, we will be a little light for high school help on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> due to the salt fund raiser on the same day. Getting good feedback from parents and will look to advertise it better next year with the limitations of not getting confirmation from the school for gym availability.
- **VFW:** Don Nelson will be the coach this year for the VFW team. It was determined that house ball will be a good place for the kids that do not play on the VFW team. We will have to keep the VFW and Legion teams in mind for field scheduling this year. With the additional teams we still would like to try and limit the number of practices and games played on the varsity field.
- **Hennepin County Grant and Equipment:** We are going to work with Mike Bauer from the city of Rogers to pursue a grant from Hennepin County to put towards scoreboards at NCP. The costs for three scoreboard will cost around 20,000. We would like to work with football but was told that they may not have money to put towards it. Don Schuster will talk to the football president and find out if that is indeed true. Chad will also talk to Mike Bauer on what type of equipment we can purchase with the grant we previously received.
- **Brian Harapat:** Brian would like the board to consider a stadium proposal for the Hennepin county grant if we could secure a large corporate sponsor. The lynch Park area would be a good area for this stadium.
- **Concession stand and DIBS:** The board reviewed and voted on the following for volunteer hours and deposit checks. It was also determined that Head coaches will be exempt for their child they are coaching.

The Rogers Area Youth Baseball Association is a volunteer organization that relies on the volunteer assistance of all its members. To ensure everyone is doing their part, each family will be required to complete two volunteer hours per player.

A **\$100 DEPOSIT PER Player** will be collected from all families participating in the Rogers Area Youth Baseball Association, both House and Traveling. Checks should be made payable to **Rogers Area Youth Baseball** and will be collected at tryouts/evals. Any checks not collected at the tryouts/evals will be collected by the head coach or designated team parent.

All checks must be turned in before the player's first game of the year. Checks will be shredded upon each family fulfilling their volunteer requirement of **2 hours per player**.

Checks will only be cashed at the end of the season if a family has not fulfilled their volunteer requirement. Head coaches will be exempt from the volunteer requirement for the child they are coaching. Coaching is a big commitment and we want to honor that.

All volunteer hours will be tracked using DIBS software which is specially designed for Rogers - Otsego Youth Baseball and integrated with our web site. Many of our families will be familiar with this program as it is used for other sports their children may be involved in (including Rogers's hockey and basketball). You will be able to use your NGIN username to sign up for available volunteer opportunities.

Scheduling will be on a first come, first served basis. Once registration is complete, an email blast will go out to all families with further instructions on how to access the DIBS software to sign up for volunteer positions.

### **Round Table**

- Leon will look into the ability to post used baseball items for sale on the website AKA Craig's list
- Scott brought up the coaches selection committee and the need to replace him on that due to his moving into the travel director position. Kevin Hyde agreed to be on the committee with Brian Moss as an alternate. Tentative dates are March 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.
- We reviewed our policy to allow players from other associations to play in Rogers Area youth Baseball. We agreed to allow special exceptions as long as they have a release from their home association.
- Kevin will look to setup a meeting with the Elk River Board to review the 2013 baseball season.
- The new website is ready to go live along with online registration. Mike and Leon have put in many hours and they have done a great job. Everyone is encouraged to review the site and give feedback on anything that needs to be added or changed.
- The default mail address will now be forwarded to all the officers to be reviewed and answered.
- The sponsorship committee will be in full swing getting donations so any questions please forward to them or point to the website.
- Dan will get the permit from the city to put up the registration signs up around Rogers and Otsego.
- Wayne will be selling of the remainder of the pop and power aid from last year's concession stand.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM. The next meeting of the Rogers Area Youth Baseball Association Board will be held on Sunday February 24th, 2013 @ 6:30PM at the Rogers Community Center.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Moss