



Rogers Area Youth Baseball Association

Meeting Minutes – November 17th, 2013

Members present: Scott Fischer, Lynne Jakubic, Derrick Stark, Brian Moss, Tom Braesch, Leon Lubke, Wayne Jensen, Doug Cassady, Steve Schaupp, and Brien Geerdes

Members Missing: Jason Sullivan, Don Shuster, Jeff Daun

- **Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from the October, 2013 board meeting were approved.
- **Combining Rogers and Otsego Minors and Majors:** After weighing the positive and negatives, getting feedback from the 2013 Major Coaches, the board voted and approved the combining all Majors age players into one pool for the 2014 season.
- **Rogers Hockey proposal to partnership in a dry land facility:** Jim Amoe from Rogers hockey came to offer us a partnership with them in renting the old car wash build by Napa through the end of March 2014. There are two bays that may work as batting tunnels. He is going to get back with dimensions of the bays and we will then discuss the possibilities. Things to take into consideration would be the following: Additional lighting, Cost of batting cages, cost of turf, who will run the facility for Baseball, Insurance needed, scheduling logistics.
- **Offseason Training:** We only have two dates for this season January 19th and February 23rd. Brien will head up the training committee and come up with ideas to enhance what was done in the past years. Scott brought forth an opportunity for area players to participate in a Maple Grove sponsored clinic at the dome for players between 9 and 15 starting January 9th. He will get more details and we may post this on our website.
- **City of Otsego:** Doug brought forth the request from the city of Otsego for a donation of 5,000.00 to help install water and electricity to the Prairie Park Fields. The board voted on and approved donating an additional 2,500.00 to the 900.00 we previously gave to them for the wrestling fundraiser.
- **Equipment update:** Derrick proposed buying new catchers equipment for the minor's league, He is waiting for prices. He will be putting in the order early on the baseballs so we can have our logo on the diamond brand ones. There was a few roller bags that failed last year and they will be replaced under warranty, In addition we will order a few more bags to replace older ones.
- **Why ROYBA:** Derrick and Lynne will work on the document to add why choose our league for the website. We are targeting January 1st to have this ready.
- **Logo:** Leon has a contact that will create a new logo for the association we agreed to have the name Royals and the "CAT" logo with Rogers and Otsego the same font size. He will work on creating this with the designer and will present via email.
- **Treasures transition and post office key:** The board voted on and approved Lynne to purchase a copy of QuickBooks. We are also going to appoint another officer the duty of reviewing the finances, this will ensure that we have a second person involved with ongoing financial activity. Wayne will also change the post office box key over to Lynne.
- **Travel:** Scott gave the board an update on tournaments that we will be hosting, 11 AA July 11-13, 10A July 25-27, 14 AAA May 17 -18. Derrick proposed that we grandfather any non-resident travel player the opportunity to try out for travel again this year, the board voted on and approved this. Going forward the board decided we needed a more detailed procedure for allowing non-residents to play in our association. The general consensus is to allow them to play house but not play in travel.

- **Hardship Cases:** The board voted on and approved players that ask for a hardship be allowed to play travel baseball but have to be able to pay for any extra fees associated with travel baseball outside the registration cost.
- **Travel Selection Committee:** The board voted on and approved having Doug Cassady chair the travel selection committee. Scott Fischer will organize and sit in on the interviews and present feedback received from coach's surveys from previous years but will not vote or be involved in the vote unless there is a need for a quorum.
- **Round Table:**
- Leon and Doug will need additional help with Sponsorship this year.
- NAO is looking to take over full ownership of the concession stand and is in talks with the city of Rogers. Tom will come back to the board with more information at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM. The next meeting of the Rogers-Otsego Area Youth Baseball Association Board will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2013 @ 6:30PM at Rogers Community Center.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Moss