



Rogers - Otsego Youth Baseball Association

Meeting Minutes – July 13th, 2014

Members present:, Derrick Stark, Brian Moss, Jeff Daun, Doug Cassady, Lynne Jakubic, Brien Geerdes, Tom Braesch, Chris Kane, Scott Fischer, Mark Orwoll, Jason Sullivan, Steve Schaupp, Ben Emmrich and Leon Lubke

Members Missing:

Old Business

- 1) Approval of minutes from June 8, 2014
- 2) St. Paul Saints:
 - a. St. Paul Saints Youth Night-August 28th
 - i. Ticket sales update 70 sold, but the Saints will not hold us to the 200 commitment. Will look to for better ways to promote for next year and the new stadium will help. Need to make sure we do not conflict with other events like youth football night.
 1. Ideas on how to sell more: Flyers at local businesses, Have coaches promote it as team events, date closer to end of season.
 2. Possible bus transportation from Boondocks (Leon) Too expensive.
 - ii. Saints Experience June 25th @ Prairie Park
 1. Update: The Saints Experience at Prairie Park went very well. One of the largest turnouts for a Saints event.
 - b. Chevy Raffle Tickets
 - i. Update: Did not go nearly as well as last year 2,100 earned vs 7,000 last year. Test drive promotions are going well though.
- 3) Registration Update
 - a. Final Numbers: 731 player vs 730 last year. We gained in the important area of Minors and Majors, and lost some at the 10th – 12th grade.
 - b. How to handle failed/uncollected payments: Had a total of 8 failed payments from last year will track and make sure that if the same people sign up for 2015 that they have to take care of 2014 business.
- 4) P2P
 - a. Training facility update No real update at this time, basketball may want to get involved.
 - b. Next steps currently in a holding pattern.
- 5) Field Maintenance
 - a. Walburga – Ben bought a new drag for the fields.
 - b. City of Rogers Brian will meet with them.
 - c. City of Otsego Doug will take this.
 - d. School District Doug will take this.

- 6) Food Vendor @ Prairie Park Jason said that the vendor did a great job.
 - a. 11AA GSTC – July 11th- 13th
 - i. Update At Prairie Park there was only one person to do field maintenance so board member had to help, need to keep this in mind for next year. Need to ask city of Rogers to chalk batter's box and use a line to chalk foul line. Change DIBS duties to field maintenance?
 - b. 7th Grade/Majors Tournament – July 25th-26th We have coverage set for this upcoming event.
- 7) Dibs Update
 - a. Update Lynne needs rosters to cross reference, a way to track this for next year would be assigning a unique number to each player. We could use the registration number.
 - b. Volunteer checks-collected Lynne is working this
 - c. Concession stand status Tom will have numbers for next meeting.

New Business

- 1) Parent Surveys
 - a. Who will publish the surveys? Scott will publish the surveys
 - b. Who will review the surveys? Officer or Commissioner.
 - c. Will feedback be provided to the coaches? Will be given general scores and can ask to meet with Scott on any questions.
 - d. How to handle a problem coach?
 - e. Survey Monkey - \$300 annual fee Will go with Survey monkey basic.
 - i. Features of plan
 - f. Responsible Sports-Free
 - i. Features of plan
 - ii. Developed for youth sports
 - 1. Possible test with one age group
- 2) Board Member Status
 - a. Duties for next year Please review and be ready to commit.
 - b. Available board positions
 - i. Officers No openings this year
 - ii. Be specific when advertising for openings, e.g., Tournament Director, etc.
- 3) Coaches Appreciation Dinner
 - a. August 10, 2014
 - b. No board meeting in August
- 4) Fall Baseball Derrick will take this role on for this year. Leon will put information on the web site.
 - a. Equipment needs Derrick will get with Jeff on this.
 - b. Field Allocation Derrick
 - c. P2P options some thought that they did not do a good job at Maple Grove.
- 5) Prairie Festival Derrick will work on this.
 - a. September 13, 2014
 - b. Types of activities Whiffle ball, pass out stress balls.
 - c. Board participation Email will go out closer to the date.
 - d. Apparel sales Leon will get this ready.
 - e. What is our goal? Sell our brand and continue to gain ground on Otsego youth participation.
- 6) Equipment
 - a. Pitching machines Sold a few
 - b. Equipment return Commissioners need to for with Jeff on a date and then communicate it to the coaches. Trophies will be ready
 - i. Date TBD
 - ii. Board participation Jeff will get people to help.

Roundtable

Scott and Jeff will work on movement and storage of the new and existing mounds for the winter. Issue is they are too big for one person to move.

Teams that do not make state (MYAS), can they sign up for another season ending tournament. Yes but we have to let coaches know about their options earlier next year.

Scott Fischer proposed and Derrick Stark second the board approved the following:

If a team qualifies or is eligible to play in season ending sanctioned tournament (MYAS, NBT, MSF), ROYBA will pay for the entry fee.

Ben, Wallburga needs work after rain washed out some of the infield. Also purchased a drag for 75.00.

Steve Sponsor KE Electric need to be added to web site.

Lynne, needs rosters for each team.

Scott, need more volunteers for 10A tournament. Tryouts for next year will be last weekend in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM. The next meeting of the Rogers-Otsego Area Youth Baseball Association Board will be held on Sunday, September 15th 2014 @ 6:30PM at Rogers Community Center.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Moss