



WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16th, 2025

6pm-8pm at Ryders Roadhouse, Wisconsin Rapids
General Board Meeting

General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD
Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD

*no meetings the month of November, considering December for 2025

Present: Nic Weiler (President), David Johnson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary), Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg, Nick Peterson, Laramie Kostyn, John Estok, Amy, Cara, Amanda Lawery, Dennis Pierce

Welcome: Call to order 6:07pm

Approval of previous meeting minutes; *Laramie motion to approve, Amy seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

Reports 5-10 Minutes

1. President: Nic

- a. Beer License Status Update: good through 2025 season, just need to renew before deadline for the 2026 season: will get it in by May 30th for the next season
- b. Quad Agreement Finalized & Paid
 - i. Book through Scout as years past
- c. End of the Year Event
 - i. Last year Coaches Appreciation
 - ii. This year with the Brewers: Aug 9th and 10th is being considered (after ball and try outs) *dates are still being worked out, everyone will be communicated with
 1. \$30-\$50 ticket (final cost would need to be paid up front and then
 2. Email will come out with more details to schedule/set something up
 3. Plan would be then to post flyer for leftover burgers and brats for WRYSA
 4. Long term plan: our program working together with the Brewers
 5. "Family Sunday" being considered
- d. Discount Code: see email sent
 - i. Dunhams: set up by Wes
- e. \$1000 Donation to WRSYA from Chevy Youth Baseball to be used for any needs
 - i. We were also given 250 'points' to get some free equipment
 - ii. 3x8 Chevy Banner for the season
 - iii. Instructional clinics are coming soon!

2. Vice President: Nate (not present)

- a. Late Registration Updates
 - i. Less than previous years but still difficult to navigate
- b. Tournament Buyout Concessions



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- i. Create a buyout, open for 2 weeks for tournament teams to allow plenty of time for scheduling workers for concessions
- ii. \$50 per player, per weekend
- iii. Will consider reaching out to some workers from last year with experience to return this year
- iv. Consider having a parent or parent group put in charge of finances at the end of each night so teens are not in charge of that
- v. Hoping to open SportsEngine Registration 4/20/25-4/30/25 *reminder that we need
- c. 15u Baseball Team still looking for a coach!
 - i. We have enough players but still need a coach.
 - ii. There will not be a team if we do not have a coach.

3. Treasurer: David

- a. **SEE MESSAGE FROM DAVID WITH NUMBERS**
- b. Working on marketing funds and field sponsors funding
- c. All bills are paid
- d. Tournament budgets have been shared out

4. Secretary: Braaten

- a. Streamlining to SportsEngine
 - i. Previously \$11/background check: single year, can upgrade to 7 counties
 - ii. Proposed \$25/background check: includes 2nd year re-scan for returning coaches, statewide
- b. Streamlining creates 'coach memberships' so we can track their background check and training sections to be completed. I would need to track rerunning checks for their 2nd year in our program.

Laramie motion to approve, Amy seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

5. Baseball Coordinator: John

- a. Tournaments are almost ALL the way full: 113 filled/116 available
- b. Follow up on 3rd place games
- c. Jeb wants pink jerseys for his team: follow up coming for all coaches wanting specialized jerseys
- d. Base updates: need some replacement bases and safety bases
 - i. Amazon has good prices
 - ii. John is requesting 2 new sets (\$171 per set, two were purchased last year) and 3 new safety bases (price unknown); price would be under \$800. No vote is needed but no one is opposed since this is a safety concern.
- e. Insurance Sheets: should be uploaded on the drive for access and print
- f. Ump Update: need updates from Jeb

6. Softball Coordinator: Steph & Meghan

- a. Tournament Team number update:
 - i. Still need two 8u Players



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- ii. 10u team and coaches are set up and ready to go
- b. Port Edwards asking for a 'Rules Meeting' as we've done in years past, No Nekoosa Team this year: this will be scheduled by Steph & Meghan
- c. Equipment:
 - i. In need of facemasks: it is required for our infield
 - ii. In need of bow nets: requesting one for each tournament team
David motions that WRYSA reinvest \$1500 into the softball program so we can update equipment including face masks, bats, and catchers gear. John seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.
- d. Raffle ticket questions are trickling
- e. June Bug:
 - i. 12u Full
 - ii. 10u One Spot Open
 - iii. 8u Five Spots Open
- f. Opening Day: no softball due to dance recital and lack of players available to play
- g. Ump Update: need updates from Jeb

Friendly Reminder: Parents of tournament players please remember we need all hands on deck for field care and score keeping.

Upcoming Dates:

1. April 17th: BINGO at Ryders Roadhouse
2. April 24th: Field Clean Up
3. Monday, May 5th, 6pm: 8u Baseball
 - a. All New WRYSA Families are welcome to attend and meet other families and learn about the league. Those with questions are welcome to come and meet some members of the board.
 - b. Jersey and Candy Bar Pick Up
4. Monday, May 5th, 6pm: 8u Baseball
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 - b. Jersey and Candy Bar Pick Up
5. Tuesday, May 6th, 6pm: 8u Softball, 10u Softball & 10u Baseball
 - a. All New WRYSA Families are welcome to attend and meet other families and learn about the league. Those with questions are welcome to come and meet some members of the board.
 - b. Jersey and Candy Bar Pick Up
6. May 5th & 6th 530pm-630pm: Concession Training (sign up genius coming)
7. Sunday, May 11th 4pm & 5pm: Ump

Legacy Project: Nate & David

1. More to come



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Maintenance Coordinator Updates: Laramie

1. Sprinkler update & water turn on update: getting turned on Friday
2. Old Time Chores Field Treatment
3. Mower (good shape) and Drag Maintenance
 - a. Used yesterday, sounds rough.
 - b. Need quotes and get ahead of this. Looking for donations.
4. Propane is getting followed up on
5. Field Clean Up: Paint concession shed, Inventory of field dry and chalk, Check bathrooms, etc.
 - a. List will be emailed out to the board to review and then shared out
6. Consider spraying for mosquitos: get some quotes

Concessions: Amy & Cara

1. Confirm date that freezers will be turned on: must be done by company, cannot be done by us
2. Check on Griller and Fryer and Hook Ups
 - a. Fryers still need to be cleaned up
3. Update on propane tank concerns from last year
4. Concession Training Date: May 5th & 6th 530pm-630pm
5. Concession window concerns with safety and traffic efficiencies:
 - a. Will need updated signs for

Marketing: Amanda Lawery

1. Rapids Signs:
 - a. \$190 signs for entrances “No Carry Ins”
 - i. Also needs to be moved to another location since we started selling alcohol
 - b. Larger signs will require longer contracts
 - c. Some signs do not have a history: while we create new contracts we need to also promote our local sponsors more frequently online
2. School District (Ron Rasmussen) Approved naming rights to the fields without board approval
3. Field Sponsors \$2000
4. Entrances (2 posts with overhead sign): cost TBD
 - a. Eric offered to help with digging for posts
5. Dugout Sponsor \$500

Clothing/Apparel Coordinator Update: Alyson

1. League Order placed on the 10th
2. Mada Order just closed: 84 orders
3. Jerseys for Teams are set
4. Older Clothing and Shirts and Hats: follow up with how to post them for sale (Opening Day)



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- a. **There is also a handful of gloves and other equipment: COACHES if you have a player in need of updated equipment please check the equipment sheds**

Communication Update: Jamie (not present)

1. BINGO Tomorrow! Stop on Out!!

Fundraising Update: Jamie (not present)

1. Raffle ticket updates from Eric

Photo Coordinator: Kalie

1. April 29th, April 30th, May 1st scheduled
2. If we move outside of these dates there will be extra fees (\$25 pre-pay)
3. Primelight needs parent and coaches email addresses to schedule

Motion to Adjourn at 827pm:

Amy motioned to adjourn, David seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.