



RYBL Mar 19, 2026 Board Meeting



3.19.26 7:30PM

- I. Call to Order- 7:33pm
- II. Opening Prayer- Taylor
- III. Previous Board Minutes Approval – Jillian Approved, DJ Seconded
- IV. Member & Manager Guests
 - a. Justin Myers to go over concerns
 - i. Concerns were sent over previous to meeting and attached to agenda
 1. 12 year olds discussion about forced move up or not– reaching out to coaches & see what they have to say via google form or a meeting- Jon motioned to have this discussion and Matt seconded.
 2. Competition Committee- in our bylaws it is stated we have a competition committee, we do not currently have a formal committee. What is our plan of action for this?-- Formalize .. motion to continue talking about this and come up with a plan as the board sees fits. Brandon Darling motioned to have this discussion & DJ seconded. we take it out of the bylaws or change the verbiage.
 3. Social Media Manager getting corrected to our bylaws to add to recognize– Taylor motion, Jon second & Jillian third. All board present board members vote yes.
 4. Individual officers & voting thresholds- Matt motion & Jillian second
 5. Manager Selection– review bylaws about come up with a timeline of letting coaches know who is taking a team and come up with an emergency draft plan. Dj motioned and Jon seconded.
 - b. Austin Pearson & Taylor White to go over grants
 - i. Discuss the new grant possibility- Community Impact Grant through the Community Foundation cfhoward.org/impactgrants Board needs to come up with ideas on what we would like to do and apply for this grant. They are not giving out any grant money less than \$100k
 - ii. Wyman Grant: it was submitted but I have not heard back
 - iii. Community Foundation Grant: it was submitted for \$50k
 - iv. Nipsco Grant: it was submitted for the \$5k max amount
- V. Treasurer's Report – DJ Butcher
 - a. Account Balances
 - i. Checking: \$95,670.12 - still to pay for uniforms but Larids, signs and fencing are paid for

ii. Savings: \$486.49

VI. Office and Committee Reports –

VII. Secretary –Amy Onyett not present

VIII. President – Taylor White

a. Field Day- April 11

i. Get a game plan/ list for field day

b. Opening Day- April 18

i. Go over checklist attached to agenda

ii. I asked Davidson to smooth out the gravel since the light project has made it pretty messy -

Ross Deardorff offered help if Davidson can't

iii. Come up with a plan for grass (specifically outfield at rookie field by the bleachers)

IX. 1st Vice President- Brandon Hunt

X. 2nd Vice President – Brandon Darling

XI. Player Agent – Jillian Darling

a. Go over what her and Amy have come up with for opening day celebration

i. Taylor will add about RYBL 60th anniversary shirts- shirt design in process but had them make some changes before presenting it.

ii. Reach out to Maginola Makings to see if they would do cupcakes

iii. Jamie asked a parent to do balloon arch

iv. Austin Pearson said he would take a picture with his drone

v. Other things mentioned about maybe doing – dirty sodas, inviting vendors, time capable

b. Park board construction memo- mid April they will start the bathroom/ shelter project and then May 1st with the playground

c. Lions Club president message- the date given to Jillian was incorrect and had already passed so this was not brought up.

d. Senior Community Day- April 23

i. Paint rookie dugout back to gray? Would it be dry by Saturday morning games?

e. Donation letter needed with quote attached- we need to submit some information to Town of Russiaville

XII. Equipment Manager – Jon Brittan

a. Uniform update- everything was ordered. Will have uniforms before picture day

b. Need to still give t-ball and bridge coaches 2 or 3 more baseballs

c. Ordered new catchers gear for minor

XIII. Umpire in Chief – Matt Adams

- a. Our games are loaded and waiting for ump's to sign up for them

XIV. Media Director- Jamie Martin

XV. Unfinished Business –

- a. Light Poles Update: Brandon D & DJ
 - i. Trenching done & connection complete. Last pole between rookie and major field will go up next week
- b. Major field backstop/ fencing that's replacing the nets update
 - i. Starting this weekend
- c. Indiana American Water donation:
 - i. Need to still contact Clifford Signs for the Indiana American Water signs at the scoreboards
- d. Reach out to Varsity for the syncing of the scoreboards issue. We need to figure out pairing and put instructions in each of the press boxes.
- e. moveable pitcher mound not expense for 2026 but would like to eventually get them

XVI. New Business-

- a. Concession Stand RESCHEDULE
 - i. Go over information DJ was able to get from fees paid and profit check from years past
 - ii. Go over information from meeting Taylor had on Feb 20
- b. Game Schedule
 - i. Schedules have been sent out. Each division is set to play each other twice. Major playing two out of the league games each.
 - ii. Rookie coaches are not happy that they do not have the same number of games as they did last year. Rookies coaches were present. Brandon Darling & Taylor are going to work with Austin Burton to try to find field availability at other ballparks if we have to.

XVII. Adjournment 10:58 pm – Next board meeting Apr 16, 2026 @ 7:30pm

Field Prep Day:

- Hang up outfield signs and the new city/all stars signs
- Pull weeds
- Sweet out pressboxes- bugs too!
- Throw away trash in pressboxes and any trash around the ground.
- Clean windows in both pressboxes
- Jeff suggests clean out the shelving unit in the rookie pressbox to free up more space
- Put up flag

- Move bleachers back
- Finish backfill
- Roll major field

Before Opening Day

- City Hall & Russiaville Police have been contacted
- Check on flag– order a new one and put it up if needed
- Check PA system
- Check scoreboards
- National Anthem; Amy spoke with Western's Choir Director– waiting on if the Jazz Choir will be able to. If they end up not able to do it, we need someone to be in charge of play it over the PA system
- First Pitch / 12yr to catch it: Jack Talbert / Rolland Brittan
- Opening prayer : Ryan Mills (Ned will be out of town)
- Prize for parade float winners **Kokomo Chubs donating 16 tickets**
- Raffle ticket prizes **Concert Tickets, AnP Photography gift card, Cone Palace gift cards, Holiday World Tickets, Martin Brothers gift card**
- 2026 RYBL sign from Sign Queen- she's suppose to be sending me an invoice
- Get 3 judges to judge the softball floats - **suggested to ask Dawn or some of the 12u all star parents**

Vendors for Opening Day

- Traveling Tom's Coffee Truck
- Kona Ice
- Kra-Z donuts
- Winner's Hut (baseball swag)
- Airbrush Shop in Kokomo - reached out about coming but not confirmed yet

Parade

- WHS Band
- Scouts
- Lions Club members will be having a float
- 12U Stars will be in a truck with their banner