



WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 17th, 2024

6pm-8pm at Kellner Ball Fields

ANNUAL MEETING

Next Meeting: August 21st at 530pm; Location TBD

Present: Nate Knutson (Vice President), Jake Jackson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary), Kelsey Helmuth, Eric Millard, Chris Stoflet, Keesha Stoflet, Justin Jaminski, Jamie Brown, Nate Strehlau, Jen Knutson, Cara Jackson, Jeb McKinney, Shannon Scheunemann, John Estok, Kalie Able, Nate Zuelke, Nick Peterson, Nic Weiler, Dennis Pierce, Laramie Kostyn, Thor Braaten

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome

2. Call to order 717pm

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes 5/15/2024

Nate motioned to approve, Shannon seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

4. Reports 5-10 Minutes

a. President; not present, see below

b. Vice President

i. Legacy Updates

c. Treasurer

i. **2024 July 17 WRYSA Profit & Loss YTD**

1. YTD Net Operating Revenue: **\$61,383.26**

2. YTD Beer Net Operating Revenue: **\$9,389.10 a 55% (\$5,204.07) increase compared to 2023 (\$4,185.03).**

3. YTD Concessions Net Operating Revenue: **\$47,003.13 a 22% (\$10,166.39) increase compared to 2023 (\$36,836.74).** ****This does not include the check from the RASC for the Silver Slugger & June Bug Tournament concessions for \$4,980.22. With this check the percent increase over 2023 goes to 29% or \$15,146.61.

ii. **2024 Tournament Profit & Loss**

1. Net Operating Revenue for our tournaments: **\$40,706.19 (Total includes the check from Silver Slugger & June Bug RASC Tournament Concessions that has not yet been received.)**

a. Lead Off Total: **\$24, 542.05**

i. RASC: **\$7,827.97**

ii. Kellner: **\$16,714.08**

b. Silver Slugger Total: **\$11,486.92**

i. RASC: **\$1,255.33**

ii. Kellner: **\$10,231.59**



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c. June Bug Total: **\$4,677.22**

iii. **Legacy Update:**

1. **80% (4/5) OF PROJECTS ARE COMPLETE** and all invoices are paid.
2. The Parking Lot Project is the last project remaining to be completed. It appears Dylan and crew are making some good progress on it.

3. **Financials:**

a. **Blacktop Project:** went over budget by \$337.61 (we knew this was going to be above the original budgeted amount because we added more pea gravel to backfill the walkways AND we added more road base to the East Parking Lot near the new parking pad.

b. **Green Space Project:** went over budget by \$346.50. Red Run's portion of this project was \$6,340.00 over the original budgeted amount. I am not certain why this is or what was originally agreed upon here.

c. **Field Lighting:** was under budget by \$12,893.53.

d. **Batting Cage:** was over budget by \$18,048.81. Several factors caused this overage: installation of the cages, lumber to retain the gravel inside the cages, additional gravel to bank up the sides of the cages, and the cost of the turf. All costs that were not originally budgeted for but necessary to complete the project.

e. **Parking Lot:** currently we have spent 36% of this budget. This project may go over budget for a budget for a few reasons. We did not budget for any formal parking lot plans to be drawn up, permit costs, and the cost we will incur for the screening to the West and North of the parking lot. There is still \$54,667.37 left in the Legacy Project budget.

4. **Additional Commentary:** If the parking lot project goes over the remaining balance, the Operational checking account has ~\$140,500.00 in it. There is money available to make certain the project can be completed. The only other major expense that I can think of for this year would be the annual \$15,000.00 sustainability fund deposit later this year.

iv. \$400 check incoming from Baseball Camp from Bob Gawlitta

v. Shout out to beer and concession teams for stepping up last minute to help the league out, HUGE Sales increases!

1. Per Nate: if we add more days there is a cost more per day

d. **Secretary**

i. Background Checks are switching to the SportsEngine platform; more to come

ii. **Every Kid Sport** reached out to provide information to WRYSA; more to come

1. Currently case by case approved by boards

iii. Feedback from Tournaments this year with apologies for names unknown and missed:

Coaches Nic Weiler and Tony Drollinger were absolute anchors for handling Field 6, on behalf of 8 White, while Coaches Dennis Pierce and Steve Lowery anchored Field 5 on behalf of 9 White. At the Quadplex, the Franz family appeared to step up, without



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hesitation, to fill a late emerging need for Concessions Coordination. Similarly, Kerre Oie was an absolute rock star for Quad concessions both weekends. Coaches Shannon Scheunemann and Jeb McKinney did everything in their power to keep things rolling despite challenges from Mother Nature. It is also my understanding that other families...whose kids weren't playing...stepped up to help with field prep, beer sales and janitorial needs.

Having years of experience as Baseball Tournament Coordinator, I have nothing but immense respect for the preparation and execution of our current Tournament Coordinators; Justin Jaminski and John Estok. I'm also well aware of the headache known as umpire scheduling; thank you, Keesha Stoflet for your diligence in tackling that easily overlooked task!

5. Board Election

REMINDER:

Board Of Directors Election 2024-2025 Season

- The 2023-2024 Board of Directors will elect the 2024-2025 Board of Directors
- Current Directors are NOT automatically guaranteed a seat on the board simply because they expressed their desire to return. They must be nominated by an existing director who is present at the annual meeting, then be added to the nomination list alongside new nominees.
- To save time, a current director can “mass nominate” all current directors who have expressed their desire to return and come ready with this list to kick things off.
- Any current director who is present, can then nominate new individuals to be considered for election and add them to the list alongside the returning nominees.
- Once all agree that nominations have concluded, we move to the election of the next Board of Directors
- Each current director casts a minimum of 13, and no more than 25 votes, choosing only from names on the nomination list (we'll do this with paper to streamline the process)
- The nominees with the greatest number of votes are elected
- If there is a tie that causes the 25-person maximum to be exceeded, a run-off election will occur
- The 2024-2025 WRYSA Board of Directors is established

Election of Officers

- The newly elected 2024-2025 Board of Directors will elect the Officers of the organization.
- Outgoing Board Members (if they are still present) do NOT vote
- Officers will be elected in the following order:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Baseball Tournament Director
 - Softball Tournament Director
- Any director who is present may nominate individuals for an officer position
- Each director casts one vote, and the nominee with the most votes is elected
- Tie for President is decided by the past president, if past President abstains, then outgoing VP breaks the tie, if they abstain, then coin flip
- All other ties are decided by the newly elected President

Regular Meeting Schedule

As required in the bylaws, the newly formed Board of Directors must set a schedule of regular board meetings during the annual board meeting, all the way through until the next annual board meeting. Notice of this schedule is to be distributed within 10 days.

- a. **General Board Members:** minimum 13, maximum 25



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- i. Nominations:
 1. Amanda Braaten nominates Kalie Abel (Apparel)
 2. Nick Weiler nominates Ashley Mortenson (was heavy involved in concessions and has been helping as a parent rep)
 3. Jamie Brown nominates Will Abel (interested in coaching, huge help at 6u last year)
 - ii. ALL Votes completed by 622pm; checked by Jake & Nate
 - b. **President (Exec Board):** Peggy will mentor for the '25 season, Nate nominated Nick Weiler (Jeb seconded), *voted and approved unanimously.*
 - c. **Vice President:** Jamie nominated Nate Knutson (Jeb seconded), *voted and approved unanimously.*
 - d. **Secretary:** Jamie Brown nominates Amanda Braaten (Nate seconded), *voted and approved unanimously.*
 - e. **Treasurer (Exec Board):** Jake will mentor for the '25 season
 - i. Jeb nominates Nate Strehlau, declines.
 - ii. **STILL NEEDS TO BE FILLED**
 - f. **Baseball Tournament Coordinator:** Jeb nominates John Estok & Chris Stoflet (Eric seconded), *voted and approved unanimously.*
 - g. **Softball Tournament Coordinator:** Jamie nominates Justin Jaminski & Thor Braaten (John seconded), *voted and approved unanimously.*
- 6. Anyone Interested in the following can come forward at anytime:**
- a. **Baseball League Coordinator or (2) co-coordinators:** Nic Weiler, Nate Zuelke, Chris Stoflet, John Estok, Jeb McKinney offered
 - b. **Softball League Coordinator or (2) co-coordinators:** **Need to be filled**
 - c. **Tournament Committees:** will need to be discussed in August also
 - d. **Baseball Equipment Coordinator:** Dave Bailey outgoing, willing to mentor
 - e. **Softball Equipment Coordinator:** Justin Jaminski previously
 - f. **Concession Coordinator:** Nate Zuelke and Nick Peterson
 - i. Was talked about adding to Exec Board, need to vote
 - g. **Apparel/Uniform Coordinator:** Kalie Abel offered
 - h. **Photo Coordinator:** Nic has someone in mind and will reach out to them (Dana Freeman)
 - i. **Fundraising Coordinator:** Jamie willing to mentor/train
 - j. **Field Signs Coordinator:** off season position, consider changing role to 'sponsorship role'
- 7. Once Board is Determined:** need votes today or schedule a meeting for August:
- a. **Incident from June 9th**
 - i. **POLICY READS: CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION**
 - A. Sportsmanship
 1. Sportsmanship and conduct are of primary concern at every WRYSA event and when participating as or representing the organization. Proper sportsmanship must be



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maintained at all times by WRYSA board members, volunteers, parents/guardians, players, fans, etc.

2. Coaches, Players, and Parents will be required annually to review and acknowledge the Code of Conduct during league registration.

3. Fighting, obscene gestures, swearing, or disorderliness is prohibited. Issues should be reported to the appropriate Coach or Liaison for follow up and can lead to expulsion from WRYSA programs.

4. Damaging or defacing WRYSA facilities or property is to be reported to the appropriate Coordinator, and law enforcement, for follow up and can lead to expulsion from WRYSA programs in addition to fines and ticketing.

5. WRYSA promotes good sportsmanship, developing skills and positive competition.

- ii. *1 year ban to review in March of 2025 on Dad of this incident: Eric Millard motioned to approve, Nick Peterson seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

b. All incidents are documented by the Executive Committee; volunteers and parents/guardians are advised to bring any concerns directly to an Executive Committee member

8. Tournament Tryout Policies: *Nate Knutson*

a. Review Policies to ensure the new board understands them.

- i. Parents are NOT allowed to attend.
- ii. Please review policies.

b. Recommendation on a slight policy change:

- i. After the Tournament Director(s), President & Vice President review tournament coach candidates and make selections for each team, we obtain a general board vote to approve the selections either via email or a live meeting the day after tryouts. Any changes to the selections would have to be approved by a majority board vote.

1. Parent/Guardian Survey about Coaching Volunteers:

- a. Conversation about the parent survey gathering names vs being anonymous. Currently the survey collects names, 5 responses have been received, 3 have shared that they would have feedback to share if it was anonymous.
- b. Conversation about the feedback being more honest if its anonymous however if there is a concern that should be addressed by the board or exec committee and it's anonymous that does not support change.
- c. Consider only 1-2 members of the exec committee have access to the survey and information is only shared out if something needs to be reported/resolved with the support of the exec committee or general board.

2. Ensure Parents/Guardians are made aware of WHEN to expect the lists to be released. (SUNDAY following Try Outs)



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3. The Selection Committee is sending out the coach list for a majority vote. Board will vote for each individual coach. Any “NO” vote needs an explanation why for the committee
4. Wednesday night the list comes out, the Board has until the following day (Thursday at 5pm) to vote. Votes will be counted by the above noted positions and coaches will be called.
5. ENSURE SportsEngine access is changed the same night as the Annual Meeting after voting is finalized.
6. *Eric Millard motioned to approve, Nick Peterson seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

9. 13U & 14U Tourney Team Requirements 24/25 Season: Jamie Brown

- a. Recommendation:
 - i. 13U & 14U tourney players and families do not have to work or do a buy out for concessions
 - ii. 13U & 14U tourney players/families do not have to do the WRYSA League Fundraiser - as they are NOT partaking in league.
 - iii. They would not get a League jersey or Hat
 - i. *Shannon motioned to approve, Laramee seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
- b. Would still be required to help with home tournaments
 - i. Consider Red work White and White work Red; needs to be voted on in August
- c. Consider \$40/player WRYSA registration which would guarantee they get a total of 8 games umped per team paid for by WRYSA - coordinated by our WRYSA umpire coordinator (this would also cover them under our insurance)
 - i. This will be voted on in August (specific cost/fees)
- d. Conversations about the need to discuss what bats are allowed/not allowed and consider our options for insurance providers to ensure we have interest in our tournaments. Follow suit with our surrounding youth sports organizations.
 - i. This will also be discussed and voted for if needed in August.
- e. Gun Raffle Tickets/Drawing:
 - i. Consider additional sales for tournament teams
 - ii. Concerns about fund location to address in August when ideally there is a new treasurer in position
 - iii. Consider raffles for baskets; too much work, not enough volunteers
 - iv. Keep going with guns; extend the drawing date to get out of town money (draw at home tourney instead of opening day)
- f. Families are asking for WRYSA gear at concession stand; has been done in the past, limited interest; consider open clothing link ordering

10. 15U League Team Offered by WRYSA: Jamie Brown

- a. Consider coaching staff; this person would also coordinate with Nekoosa/Port/Pittsville for League games/locations



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- b. This would be put as an option on SportsEngine; Players/Families could opt out at later date
- c. Group agreed this should be addressed and added to SportsEngine to ensure we have a coach lined up before we build a team

11. Gun Raffle Tickets: *Jamie Brown*

- a. Draw winners 5pm Sunday of Silver Slugger weekend instead of opening day
- b. Sell tickets (instead of 50/50) during both tournament weekends at beer tent
 - a. *Jamie motioned to approve, Laramee seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

12. Buyouts:

- a. Consider: Buyouts should be higher to encourage families to find their own workers or work their shift, this was a huge time consumer for this role this year
 - i. Consider hiring a griller so other volunteers are not expected to teach a new parent every day we have the grill running. The buyout funds would support that position.
 - ii. Consider another registration to pay a fee (April) to do buy out after your player is assigned a team. Consider an email to the player/family letting them know their team assignment and the link to buy out.
 - iii. *Nate motions that we have a Tournament Player Concession Buy Out fee not to exceed \$100. Parents/Families may still be responsible for other duties. The Concession Coordinator would schedule workers if families are opting out. Laramee seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

13. Banking/Debit Cards:

- a. Current Card Holders:
 - i. (1) President
 - ii. (1) Treasurer
- b. Call to vote:
 - i. (2) Tournament Coordinator (1 softball, 1 baseball) Debit Cards for the Team Fund Checking Account
 - 1. Receipts will still need to be shared with the Treasurer
 - 2. Everything is tracked, daily limits can be set as needed and increased with a simple communication to the bank prior to the purchase
 - 3. Checks are still readily available
 - ii. (2) Operational Debit Cards:
 - 1. (1) Concession Coordinator for last minute or immediate needs (ranch example provided)
 - 2. (1) Maintenance Coordinator for gas purchases
 - iii. **Total Cost:** 6 total debit cards is \$33 annually; currently paying \$22 annually for the 4 debit cards. Net increase of \$11 annually.
 - iv. **Reason:** Treasurer should only tracking in QuickBooks, not completing tournament registration
 - v. *John Estok motioned to approve, Laramee seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

14. Open Topic:



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- a. **Concession Requirements for next league**
- b. **Player Code of Conduct Implementation:** Board needs to address the behaviors of the players and our player code of conduct: Consider google form to track concerns, for now coaches should email coordinators and exec committee
- c. *Gift Card Purchase / Cash Pay Out \$200 Each for the field mowing & dragging volunteers \$500/each. Shannon motioned, Nate seconded. Shannon motioned to approve, Nate seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
- d. **Baseball Coordinator and Softball Coordinator Roles need to be filled**
 - i. Someone will need to spend some time learning how to use SportsEngine to create schedules; this is the biggest time consumer for this role
- e. **Umpire Coordination:** Keesha Stoflet will continue to support this role unless others are interested. Anyone interested should step forward to a member of the Exec Committee.
 - i. Consider sign up genius that costs \$0 to build our list of interested umpires for the 2025 season, many in favor of this as it aligns with other practices within the organization
- f. **Volunteer Coordinator:** no longer needed with a solid system in place. Seems to be working better if there are two coordinators for concessions so it's a team effort rather than silo approach. THANK YOU to everyone who stepped up to make this smooth running this year.
- g. **Tournament Notes:** Conversations again about red playing on white and white playing on red; needs to be addressed for upcoming season before seasons is in full swing with all appropriate parties at the table.

15. Player Code of Conduct Implementation: Board needs to address the behaviors of the players and our player code of conduct: Consider google form to track concerns, for now coaches should email coordinators and exec committee!!

16. Happy Birthday Justin Jaminski!!

17. General Concern: Kelsey

- a. 13U to 14U transition and Legion Ball
 - i. Watch for loss in registration, there was no loss this year
 - ii. Be mindful of kids getting burned out with 8 tournaments a summer
 - iii. Consider going back to splitting the season; half WRYSA, half Legion
 - iv. Consider play your grade
 - v. Boiling issue the last 7 years
 - vi. Consider exec committee going to legion board to problem solve

18. Meetings Next Year:

- a. 530pm start time preferred by majority, Wednesdays are also preferred due to sports typically Tues/Thursday
 - i. Reminder that this can be adjusted at each meeting for the following meeting.

b. August 21st at 530pm; Location TBD

19. NEXT MEETING Follow Up:

- a. New Board members and committee/coordinator positions filled/unfilled
 - i. Consider tournament committees for each home tournament



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- b. Consider adding Concession Coordinator(s) to the Exec Committee
- c. Home Tournaments:
 - i. Consider committees to ensure even distribution of work required to host tournament
 - ii. Consider red playing on white and white playing on red; should be voted on
 - iii. Consider \$40/Cost per player if not playing league but playing tournament (WRYSA registration which would guarantee they get a total of 8 games umped per team paid for by WRYSA - coordinated by our WRYSA umpire coordinator (this would also cover them under our insurance)
 - iv. Consider what bats are allowed/not allowed and consider our options for insurance providers to ensure we have interest in our tournaments. Follow suit with our surrounding youth sports organizations.
- d. Fund locations for fundraising, gun raffles, etc.
- e. Exec Committee should consider going to talk to the Legion Committee about the concerns/conflicts with the 13U to 14U transition

20. Motion to adjourn at 832pm by Jake, seconded by Laramee, Voted and approved unanimously.



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May 15th, 2024

6pm-8pm at Mickey's Tip Up

Annual General Board Meeting: July 17th at 6pm at Kellner Ball Fields

General Board Members in Attendance:

Peggy Jaminski (President) by phone, Jake Jackson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary)

Not Present: Nate Knutson (Vice President)

General Board Members In Attendance:

Laramie Kostyn, John Estok, Eric Millard, Jamie Brown, Shannon Scheunemann, Nic Weiler, Keesha Stoflet, Nick Peterson, Chris Stoflet (on phone), Jeb McKinney (on phone), Kelsey Helmuth,

General Board Members Not In Attendance:

Justin Jaminski, Brandon Franz, Dave Bailey, Dennis Pierce, Nate Strehlau, Nate Zuelke, Bob Gawlitta, Emily Orth, Jena Millard, Tex Anderle, Brandon Norris

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome

2. Call to order 605pm

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes 4/15/2024

John motioned to approve, Laramie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

4. Reports 5-10 Minutes

a. **President** (on phone, no updates)

b. **Vice President** (out of town)

c. **Secretary**

d. **Treasurer**

i. Tax deadline is May 15th, they were mailed out ahead of time

ii. Current Net Operating Revenue is positive \$22,197.68 YTD.

iii. Bank Account Balances:

1. Operational Checking = \$261,538.61

a. Operational Balance = \$142,788.80

b. Legacy Grant Balance = \$118,749.81

2. Concessions and Maintenance = \$60.56 (plan to repurpose this account for the tournament team funds)

3. Bingo Checking = \$6,355.34

4. Paper City Savings Sustainability Fund = 15,529.51

5. Total Cash = \$283,484.02

iv. Attached updates below:

1. [BINGO Fundraiser Profit & Loss](#)

2. [WRYSA Profit Loss Year to Date](#)

3. [RASC Tournament Team Usage May14](#)



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5. **Home Tournaments** *15 minutes* Planning updates from committee meetings

Reminder: Concession Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator do not support home tournaments

a. Tournament Committee – Planning updates from committee meetings

i. June Bug Fastpitch Tournament – *Justin*

1. Bags - \$300 spend for bags (\$50), bracelets (\$75) and Baby Ruth Candy Bars (\$175)

a. Candy bars donated by Holiday Wholesale

b. Bags donated WI Rapids Convention & Visitor Bureau

c. Nic will follow up with Darcy to see if we can get a logo printed for stickers for the bags as well

d. *Motion to spend \$100 for a silicone bracelets by Jake, seconded by Jamie, Voted and approved unanimously.*

e. *Motion to spend up to \$500 for June Bug Stickers by Shannon, seconded by Eric, Voted and approved unanimously.*

2. Schedule should be set up and ready to go by the end of this weekend

3. 22 teams and it's closed!! 4 game guarantee. This year it will only be Saturday and Sunday; next year will need to be Friday-Sunday

ii. Lead Off Tournament – *Nic Weiler*

1. Schedule created and emailed out; feedback is welcome, email Nic directly

2. White schedule will also have a schedule created

3. **Spreadsheet**; game schedule, concession responsibility, beer cart/tent, field responsibility. Teams were assigned but not people directly.

iii. Silver Slugger Tournament – *Jeb/Shannon*

b. Tournament Team Liaison Review & Open Discussion

i. Coaches are expected to direct their teams and ensure all work is done, all players are assigned to one player on the team, buyouts exist in some circumstances, shift responsibilities for each area, the intent is that in the future this same platform could be used to keep things running smooth 'team mentality for all age groups'

1. If you're exempt then you're exempt; your player will not be assigned

2. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND that all griller shifts can ONLY be covered by someone over the age 18

ii. RASC follow up still to come

1. Tasks can be assigned or we can possibly pay for a janitor, also may need to have someone from the school board to get us access in there, this will be added to overall doc for how to prepare

2. We are still responsible for cleaning the concession no matter what and running the scoreboards

iii. Beer pavilion is struggling to come up with community volunteers; these will be assigned

1. Consider removing the cart and set up a 10x10 tent with tables and use the cart to travel back and forth

iv. All first aid supplies are donated by United Medical; ice bags, etc.

v. Coolers may be needed; follow up with Nate Z



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- vi. *Motion to spend no more than \$200 for a 12x12 canopy for between field 5 and field 6 by Jamie, seconded by Eric, Voted and approved unanimously.*

6. WRYSA Practice Time at RASC – All – 20 minutes

- a. Review updated usage report from Scout
 - i. Reported that they were happy with how many parents were eating dinner at the concessions
- b. Discuss whether or not a usage limit policy is necessary
 - i. Communications between some coaches with the RASC have been very positive and much better than last year
 - ii. Coaches need to continue to keep track of how much it's used and what we're being billed for. This will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis, we need to continue to be responsible with our usage and accurately monitor!

7. Concession Stand – 15 minutes

- a. Ordering updates from *Nate, Nick & Sarrah* – Do we have everything we need for opening day?
 - i. DQ ordered but not yet delivered; picked up on 16th, buns on Friday
 - ii. Coolers and candy are ready to go!
 - iii. Opening weekend is ready!!
 - iv. Grills are ready to go, new grill is getting put together on Friday.
 - v. 3 new paper towel dispensers ordered; the switch will save us money on paper as well!
Thank you Nate!
- b. How is the sign up genius working? Are league shifts filling up ok? - Sarrah
 - i. griller/parent sign up genius is separate from the rest
 - ii. Teen sign up are released every 1-2 weeks
 1. A couple have dropped out for opening day
 - iii. Extra fee for sign up genius if the student
- c. Any unresolved items to address before the season?
 - i. 7 people may be too many in the concession stand but we will reevaluate after the first couple of weeks or season by season changes; keep in mind we need someone running back and forth between griller and stand (supervisor possibly?)
 - ii. Opening and closing shifts still need people to sign up (8-10 board members needed)
 1. Opener is turning on fryers and starting popcorn; no more than an hour
 2. Nate Z is doing ¾ nights a week
 3. Money handling is the reason we need our board members to support this.

8. Legacy Project - 15 minutes

- a. Parking Lot – *Jake*
 - i. DNR Permit Application Update; school district had to sign off, all complete
 - ii. Can Red Run resume work there now? Ed Allison advises we wait (purple flower study on Grant School playground project holding them up)
- b. Asphalt update – *Chris Stofflet (on phone)*
 - i. All done today, under budget for tonnage use, still needs to be backfilled
 - ii. NEED HELP BACKFILLING GRAVEL TO ASPHALT; if there is no rain Thursday then it should all be done then



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- iii. Parking lot was graded as well, added 3 loads of gravel
 - iv. No driving on right now
 - v. No metal cleats should walk on; same for practices, consider using green turf for a path; Jamie will send out a message
 - vi. 3-5 years to re-seal coat the pavement to maintain; Chris will get a quote
 - c. Batting Cage Turf Update - Jake
 - i. Shipping tomorrow from Georgia; should be here next week, still unknown date/time
 - ii. Need skid steer; Eric and/or Chris
 - iii. May want to consider getting some new L screens to update; we're looking at the
 - 1. This may be WRYSA funded rather than the Legacy funds due to budgeting, looking at \$500-600
 - 2. See if there other than options besides Beacon
 - 3. *Motion to spend up to \$2000 for 2 L Screens by Eric, seconded by Shannon, Voted and approved unanimously.*
 - iv. Chalkers are assembled and ready to go
9. Field Clean Up: Any unfinished projects that need to be wrapped up before opening day or the tournaments?
- a. Need to protect new grass that's growing; signs need to be made, Eric has rope he can donate but he will need it back, consider snow fence, consider green snow fence, do we have enough fencing in the shed already, Nic will follow up with getting a donation
 - b. Very impressed with the landscaping changes this year; look great!
 - c. **OUTFIELD NEEDS TO BE PAINTED BEFORE OPENING DAY**
10. Tournament Team Liaisons Discussion – Review what was previously discussed and get feedback from the board on execution:
- a. Good description of expectations and master list should be shared out again
 - b. Great conversation about the benefits of having a liaison to support coaches in navigating difficult situations but also provide another voice for parent concerns
 - i. If someone does not want to serve this will be discussed at a later time
 - c. Add contact information and who is who put on the website so parents can find it as needed
11. Beer Sales update – *Nate Z - 5 minutes*
- a. Opening day ready!
 - b. Wed/Thurs league sales; Wednesdays we are short beer sales 530-830p shift
 - i. Parents or board members, must be 18+
 - ii. Will post on Mondays if Wednesday is still needed to be covered
12. Fundraising update – *Jamie - 5 minutes*
- a. Opening day: selling coozies, nescos, baseball pants, old attire, and other random things.
 - b. (3) 50/50 starts in June; email was already sent out
 - c. Fundraising committee will set dates
13. Apparel update – *Keesha - 5 minutes*
- a. 2nd apparel order; hoping to have it on Saturday for Opening Day
 - b. \$342 kickback received; we make money by selling our stuff!
 - c. TeamSportingGoods was difficult to navigate; lots of glitches, consider John moving forward
 - d. Tournament gear will mailed to houses next time



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14. Upcoming Dates to Remember

- a. Opening Day 5/18/24
- b. Lead Off Tournament 5/31- 6/2
- c. June Bug Classic 6/7-6/9
- d. Silver Sluggers Tournament 6/7-6/9
- e. Annual Board Meeting – July 17, 2024 6p-7p at WRYSA

Motion to meet on July 17th at WRYSA by Eric, seconded by Kelsey, Voted and approved unanimously.

- f. Tournament Baseball Tryouts 8/6 and 8/7
- g. Tournament Softball Tryouts 8/14 and 8/15

15. Open for Topics:

- a. No updates on hats
- b. Eric Millard: signs on back fences, Red Run Property Services asked what he can do for better publicity, consider businesses getting to name a field or get their name on a backstop. Consider dugout names. Grace's Restaurant is another one. Need to get sign prices. Jena will prepare Thor to take over in July.
- c. John Estok: paper bracket vs online (tourney machine), do we have a preference. Consider reporting scores to beer tent or concessions. Rules are posted in each dugout. Consider a 'text your scores to this number'. Tourney machine will be used for paper bracket Quality Printing
 - i. Paper may be donated by Nekoosa; Nic will follow up
 - ii. Jamie will follow up with Quality to see if there is a price discount for supplying our own paper to print on
- d. Sprinklers are going on 3 out of 4 fields, need new work done, updated current stuff is done, infields need further work; further follow up is needed, would like to be done by Lead Off Tournament
- e. Tournament Umpires are still short but may end up picking some up. Budget should be what is planned to pay for.
 - i. (2) Silver slugger ump needed for full day; ALL CALL
 - ii. Next year 11+ needs to be certified, 10- does not need to be
 - iii. Keesha will let the board know if we need someone leading up to a weekend
- f. If ANYONE wants to add something to the agenda, please email the executive board, specifically the secretary, at wrysasecretary@gmail.com

16. Motion to adjourn at 815pm by Jake, seconded by Nic, Voted and approved unanimously.



WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 15th, 2024

7pm-9pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

Next General Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, 6pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

Next Executive Board Meeting: TBD

General Board Members in Attendance:

Peggy Jaminski (President), Nate Knutson (Vice President), Jake Jackson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary)

General Board Members Not In Attendance:

Nic Weiler, Keesha Stoflet, Chris Stoflet, Bob Gawlitta, Emily Orth, Jena Millard, Tex Anderle, Brandon Norris, Nick Peterson

General Board Members In Attendance:

Justin Jaminski, Eric Millard, Brandon Franz, Dave Bailey, Dennis Pierce, Laramie Kostyn, John Estok, Nate Strehlau, Kelsey Helmuth, Jamie Brown, Shannon Scheunemann, Nate Zuelke, Jeb McKinney

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome**
2. **Call to order 703pm**
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes 3/22/24**
Kelsey Helmuth motioned to approve, David Bailey seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.
4. **Reports 5-10 Minutes**
 - a. **President**
 - i. Porta potty's tomorrow or Wednesday
 - b. **Vice President**
 - c. **Secretary**
 - d. **Treasurer**
 - i. Taxes aren't due until the May 15th, will be submitted by then
 - ii. Attached updates below:
 1. [Legacy Foundation Profit & Loss Report](#)
 2. [Profit & Loss Month to Date](#)
 3. [Profit & Loss Year to Date](#)
 4. [Field Signs Fundraiser to Date](#)
 5. [League Registrations](#)
5. **Home Tournaments 15 minutes** Concession Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator do not support home tournaments; this year our volunteers do not have
 - a. Consider: sign up genius, assigning teams to days/shifts, siblings of tournament players, coaches reach out to parents, tournament coordinators need to get this organized
 - b. Remember: someone needs to pay them as the buyout was only for league games, there are two locations, red and white try to cover for one another when the other is traveling (doesn't always work out though), last year we had
 - i. EXAMPLE: Friday 5pm shift and 730pm shift
6pm and 8pm game (pizza will cut down on grilling)



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- c. Field Maintenance: easiest thing to get done, if you're on that field it's yours
 - d. Tournament
 - i. Tournament Coordinators that are running tournaments all day sun up to down need meals/drinks, considered similar to umpire.
Motioned to approve by Kelsey, seconded by Jake. Voted and approved unanimously.
 - ii. Score Keepers: at the Quad you're in the box (very intricate system) at Kellner they can be done from the bleachers, we need to consider training students or parents that can work these **we are charging a premium price for these so we need to be selective
 - 1. Consider when you're at the Quad there
 - e. Baseball Team Registrations Update (Lead off & Silver Sluggers) – *John E*
 - f. Softball Team Registrations (June Bug) – *Justin*
 - g. Tournament Committee Updates – Please review [Tournament Duties Spreadsheet](#) prior to meeting and come with questions/concerns/ideas/etc. for open discussion (attached to same email as this agenda).
 - h. **Do the tournament leaders know what to do?**
 - i. June Bug Fastpitch Tournament – *Justin*
 - ii. Lead Off Tournament – *Nic Weiler*
 - iii. Silver Slugger Tournament – *Jeb/Shannon*
 - iv. EXPECTATION: This group will figure out first game and last game times,
 - i. Home Tournaments are either full or almost full; highest we've seen in years!
Shout out to John!!
Kelsey motioned to close down registration Thursday at midnight so the brackets and concession stands can be built. Nate seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.
 - j. Another shoutout and huge victory to bring back our home softball tournament. Long time coming and 21 teams coming!!
6. **WRYSA Practice Time at RASC – Nate K. & All – 20 minutes**
- a. Agreement Explained - \$1000 flat fee based partially on last year's usage
 - b. Are we concerned about next year's flat fee agreement if we over-use it this year?
 - c. Cost scenario to consider:
 - i. Last year we used \$1500 worth of practice time and RASC agreed to a \$1000 flat fee for 2024
 - ii. \$1500 only equates to about 5 hours per week for the season (1-2 teams may use it this much in 2024)
 - iii. If we were to use \$5000+ worth of field time in 2024 what does that mean for our relationship with RASC and next year's fee?
 - iv. Do we need to limit usage? How?
 - 1. Teams pay half
 - 2. Will clarify and talk about data next month
 - d. Conversations:
 - i. Current tournament teams make arrangements with Scout for the team/coach to be billed directly for scrimmages.
 - ii. Coaches are asked to track your time, monthly records kept by WRYSA to discuss at the next meeting



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iii. Kelsey's team was counted while ACS played a double header and Lincoln softball was playing

iv. **WRYSA CANNOT bring in outside teams**

7. Concession Stand – 15 minutes

- a. When do we have to place the first order and who will do inventory? – *Emily*
 - i. Peggy: Holiday Wholesale can do a week turnaround; delivery day of Thursday (May 16th latest delivery day. Mark provided last two FIRST ORDERS from last year to consider for our first order
- b. How many of the 23 dates do we have filled for “Supervisor/Money Counter” between Emily, Peggy’s Contacts, DECA students, UWSP volunteers, etc.? – *Emily/Jamie/Peggy/ALL*
 - i. Hoping to get a supervisor for every shift (1 WRYSA, 1 DECA) to ensure things are running smooth, working open to close, paid a little more.
 - ii. Volunteers will open and close (turn on fryers, warm up grills, count money, etc)
 - iii. Concerns:
 1. Opening/Closing shifts are still open
 2. Board Members needed to
 - iv. Supervisors will be used for tournaments
- c. Who can lead Concession Stand Training and how many sessions are necessary?
 - i. Need a trainer to train the volunteers. Couple of leads.
- d. How will the League Concessions sign up be structured between parents & workers, and what else is needed to execute this? – *Sarraah*
- e. *Motion to approve DECA students as Concessions Supervisors by Kelsey. Seconded by Jake Jackson. Voted and approved unanimously.*
 - i. Sign up genius opener & closer, 1-2 minimum required by board members. Sign up genius will close and board members will be assigned.
- f. Peggy had friends cleaning concession stands cleaned all day today. No instructions found. Water turned on this week. EVERYTHING is clean and ready for Field Clean Up.

8. Legacy Project - 15 minutes

- a. Parking Lot – *Nate/Jake*
 - i. Driveway permit – Approved
 - ii. Where are we on DNR approval? Need finished plan, we have a DNR account, will need to get approval. We’re at a stand still. (DNR, 4’ screening, CWWP tree line option, etc.)
 1. The neighbor wants vegetation though he doesn’t get a choice. Town Board suggested WIND project out of Hancock; they will plant trees for \$3/linear foot and will be maintained for 3 years. Won’t meet the 4’ requirement YET. Board supports.
- b. When will Red Run (Dylan) begin work on sprinklers? *Peggy/Eric*
 - i. Starting on Thursday/Friday of this week
 - ii. REMEMBER: please do not turn on too soon or things will be broken
- c. Who will install the new Batting Cages? *Kelsey/Jake*



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- i. Lee Nelson will start work on 4/16 and will include turf, \$7500-8500, quote received a couple months ago, we tried other avenues, this is our best and most effective way to get it done in time for the season

9. Field Clean-Up – 10 minutes [SEE LINK](#)

- a. Do we need to assign specific tasks to teams/leagues to get everything done? -Laramie
 - i. General consensus: YES
 - ii. Do we need a roll off? Current garbage is full.
 - iii. Field lights will be worked on after hours and the new system is MUCH easier.

10. Volunteer Coordinator – Sarrah

- a. Sarrah has lists and working to set up sign up genius'
- b. Coaches that opted out and paid will be refunded through SportsEngine. Communications will be sent out by Jamie.

11. Beer Sales update – Nate Z - 5 minutes

- a. Wednesday/Thursday and opening day licensed
- b. Do we have start and stop times? League night Wednesday/Thursday 5p-8p
- c. Nate is working to get community bars involved having 'host bartenders' sponsor.
- d. Closing monies will need to be added to the closing list.
- e. 6pack and 12pack deals were a huge hit
- f. See Jen for appropriate beer serving temperature; Nate responsible for ensuring this temp

12. Fundraising update – Jamie - 5 minutes

13. Apparel update – Keesha (not present) - 5 minutes

- a. 3 coaches per tournament will receive a free cage jacket that reads "WR COACH"
- b. Head Coaches for each age bracket are responsible for their coaches, do not duplicate
- c. Jamie will share out google form
- d. Creative Designs (old dry cleaner) you can go try one on at your own convenience if you would like
- e. Tournament Hats; lots of interest
 - i. Need 18 minimum, about \$20 each
 - ii. 'Should be earned, not bought' Red Hats for Tournament Only, Gray and Black for the public
 - iii. *Jamie motioned to spend \$600 on hats, Justin seconded, Voted and approved unanimously.*
- f. Other Apparel Updates?
 - i. Orders coming in this week and need to be sorted.

14. Upcoming Dates to Remember

- a. Bingo Night – 4/18/24
- b. Field Clean Up – 4/30/24
- c. League Only Parents Meeting 5/7/24
- d. Tournament Parents Meeting 5/9/24
- e. Next General Board Meeting - 5/15/24 6PM-8PM
 - i. *Motion by Laramie, seconded by Justin, Voted and approved unanimously.*
- f. Opening Day 5/18/24
 - i. BAKE SALE



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- ii. Baseball pants for sale, brand new!
- iii. Antique WRSYA clothes as well!

15. Open for Topics:

- a. Field Maintenance:
 - i. Old Time Chores quoted between \$4000-4600 green space was figured in, he has openings for us right now, insecticide, fertilizing, etc. Do we want to stay with Spring Green? Need to figure out when to start
 - ii. *Motion to move forward with Old Time Chores and be done with Spring Green by Nate, Second by Justin, Voted and approved unanimously.*
- b. 2 John Deere Mowers are in the way, Eric Millard has it under control.
- c. Tournament Team Coaches should all
- d. May 8th is training day for Umps; see facebook for notes/times
- e. During parent meeting; reiterate field care and **DON'T FORGET THE PLUGS**
- f. If ANYONE wants to add something to the agenda, please email the executive board, specifically the secretary, at wrysasecretary@gmail.com

16. *Motion to adjourn at 936pm by Dennis, seconded by Laramie, Voted and approved unanimously.*



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March 18, 2024

7pm-9pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

Next General Board Meeting: Monday, April 15th, 2024, 7pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, April 8th, 2024, 6pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

In Attendance:

Brandon Franz, Laramie Kostyn, Nate Strehlau, Travis Anderle, Kelsey Helmuth, Eric Millard, Justin Jaminski, John Estok, Nate Knutson, Jake Jackson, Jeb McKinney, Keesha Stoflet, Jena Millard, Cari Jackson, Nate Zuelke, Dennis Pierce, Sarrah Athens

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order @ 7pm

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – 2-19-24

Eric Millard raised a motion to approve, Kelsey Helmuth 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

4. Reports: 10 minutes

a. President

- i. Peggy suggested we check with a new waste collection service to compare costs. It was suggested that we check with the company formerly known as “Country Disposal”. Nobody could recall the new name. Requires follow up...
- ii. Peggy is working on the Activities Directory and is going to be presenting it to be fine-tuned by the Executive Committee at the 4/8 EC meeting. This will be a general list of required annual activities that need to be carried out on a schedule (i.e. Septic System Maintenance, Servicing the Fryers, etc...). It will be shared with the board upon completion.

b. Vice President – All reports from Nate are encompassed in the agenda below.

c. Secretary

d. Treasurer – Jake Jackson shared all financial reports & documents via email and gave a verbal summary. Details to be shared in the notes document for all to review.

- i. [Profit & Loss YTD](#)
- ii. [Profit & Loss MTD](#)
- iii. [League Registrations](#)
- iv. [Legacy Foundation Update](#)
- v. [Field Sign Sponsor Update](#)

5. League Registration final update – Nate K - 5 minutes

- a. Currently 424 players registered, down from our 3 year average of 469.
- b. There are still late registrations trickling in. Predicting we’ll get to about 430-435 players. Still likely to be down.
- c. Biggest player deficit seems to be at the 6u level. Need to continue to think of ways to recruit the younger players.

6. League Draft final update – Shannon/Jeb – 10 minutes



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- a. Jeb reported out on the draft. It was successful and efficient. Teams seemed to be drafted fairly.
- b. All Head Coach positions are filled except the one 15u league team that we have.
- c. There are teams from Vesper, Rudolph & Nekoosa reaching out to schedule games so we do have an opportunity for this group to play league ball.
- d. Jeb will email the parent group directly to let them know that someone needs to step up to coach in order for this group to play.
- e. Jamie has assigned colors to teams, and shirts are being ordered. Extras to be ordered for late registrations.

7. Baseball Home Tournament update – John E - 5 minutes

- a. John reported the need for more rings to accommodate the extra teams (\$776 plus the boxes).
Jamie Brown raised motion to approve, Kelsey 2 nd , motion carried unopposed.
- b. Most age groups are full with a few spots remaining.
- c. John notified the board that he would reduce the entry fee for several age groups both in the baseball and softball tournaments to bring in a few more teams.
Kelsey raised motion to approve, Jena 2 nd , motion carried unopposed

8. Softball Home Tournament update – Justin - 5 minutes

9. Practice Time at RASC – Open Discussion – 10 minutes

- a. Peggy was able to negotiate a \$1000 flat fee for using the RASC fields for practice times.
Kelsey raised motion to approve funds, Tex 2 nd , motion carried unopposed.
- b. Need to reserve time through Scout as usual. They ask that we try wherever possible to use the field while others are there for ease of managing it. We may be able to get a key for the complex. TBD...
- c. RASC will evaluate how this year goes and decide what to do for next year.
- d. We need to establish an internal system for making sure coaches aren't double booking fields. We don't believe Scout will watch out for that for us. TBD

10. Concession Stand Order – Emily wasn't present. Need to follow up with her on ordering status.

11. Concession Open/Close Volunteers and Supervisors – Emily/Jamie

- a. Open/Close Volunteers – We currently have 2 volunteers that will Open/Close the stand once per week each during league. If Emily will do another day, we just have to find one more volunteer to do it once per week.
- b. Supervisors – In addition to general concession stand workers, Jamie proposed that we create a supervisor position. High School kids who have 2-3 years of experience in the concession stand would be the supervisor for that shift, directing traffic and helping manage what the workers need. They'd make \$30 instead of \$20. This would cost an additional \$500 (to be taken from the buy out fund).
Jeb raised motion to approve, Kelsey 2 nd , motion carried unopposed.
- c. Kelsey suggested setting up a similar system for tournament concession shifts where we charge all families a fee, and schedule it through a sign up system. This was tabled until our 4/15 meeting.

12. Concession League workers training – 3 dates – Emily/Jamie: Need follow up with Emily on dates



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13. Concession League workers sign up genie- Sarrah: to follow up with Jamie & Peggy on direction

14. Concession signage – League vs Tournament pricing – open discussion

15. Volunteer Coordinator – Sarrah: to follow up with Jamie & Peggy on direction

16. Beer Sales update – Nate Z - 5 minutes

- a. All bartender licensees need to fill out this year's application by 4/10. Nate Z will email them out.

17. Fundraising update – Jamie - 5 minutes

- a. Candy bars being ordered this week
- b. Bingo volunteers are all set
- c. 50/50 dates are being scheduled by Jamie soon. We get 4 days, chose to assign them to younger groups to spark involvement with the younger player parents

18. Apparel update – Keesha - 5 minutes

- a. League shirts to be ordered by end of the week. Best deal found so far is \$8.99 (+\$0.40 for plus sizes) from Hazard Hockey.
- b. Keesha waiting to hear if we can re-open our tournament uniform order for a few late player additions. TBD

19. Legacy update – Jake - 5 minutes

- a. Parking Lot permit has been submitted and we're expecting approval this week or next. Had to adjust the plan to have both driveways on 85 th street instead of one on each road. Will need to add anywhere from \$2,500-\$5,000 to the budget for barrier trees that need to be 4' high. Exact quotes are TBD...
- b. Eric checking with Josh Elliot (WWLC) on setting the posts for the new batting cage to reduce the amount of help needed from volunteers. TBD on timing.

20. Tournament Coaches Apparel – Jake 5 minutes

- a. Jake Jackson proposed ordering consistent apparel for coaches. Something that is only available to coaches that they can wear to look more professional at tournaments. This was well received by the board. Keesha will inquire about opening an exclusive store for this purpose. More discussion to be had at next month's meeting.

21. Weed/Pest Control – Open Discussion

- a. Debated whether we should purchase and apply this ourselves. Concerns were raised about where to store it all, and whether there would be much in savings by doing it ourselves. Laramie will get a couple of quotes for comparison and report back.

22. League Umpires

- a. Jeb & Keesha suggested adding a 2 nd umpire to 10u league like we did for 12u last year (baseball and softball). This comes at an extra cost of \$1200.
Eric Millard raised motion to approve, Nate Strehlau 2nd , motion carried unopposed
- b. Umpire training dates set at 5/13 & 5/15

23. Next meeting dates - Open discussion

24. Motion to adjourn – Adjourned 8:45pm

- a. *Eric Millard raised motion to approve, Nate Strehlau 2nd , motion carried unopposed*



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MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2024

7pm-9pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

Next General Board Meeting: Monday, March 18th, 2024, 7pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, April 8th, 2024, 6pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

General Board Members in Attendance:

- Peggy Jaminski (President), Nate Knutson (Vice President), Jake Jackson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary)
- Jena Millard, John Estok, Kelsey Helmuth, Eric Millard, Tex Anderle, Brandon Norris, Dave Bailey, Brandon Franz, Shannon Scheunemann, Jeb McKinney, Nate Strehlau, Nick Peterson, Dennis Pierce, Justin Jaminski, Jamie Brown,

Others in Attendance:

- Jim Newman, Heike Oday

General Board Members Not In Attendance:

- Keesha Stoflet, Chris Stoflet, Nic Weiler, Bob Gawlitta, Nate Zuelke, Emily Orth, Laramie Kostyn

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome:

2. Call to Order 704pm

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (1/22/24)

4. Reports: 10 minutes

a. President:

- i. Email & Text from parents sharing positive feedback about how the league is going this year
- ii. Grant School Playground: donation amount and time span (1-3 years)
 1. *Eric Millard made a motion to approve \$5000 one time donation, Jake Jackson seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
- iii. Donations to Lincoln HS & Assumption HS
 1. *Kelsey Helmuth made a motion to approve \$250 one time donation to Lincoln High School and \$250 to Assumption High School (just like last year), Tex Anderle seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
- iv. Softball Tournament this year FINALLY coming back to WRYSA
 1. Since we're finally bringing it back we're wanting to provide a gift baggie for each softball player (cranberry juice from oceanspray, taco johns, culvers ice cream, etc)
 2. Lots of connections in the community to bring in, start talking now
- v. Tournament Team Fundraiser
 1. Went over by \$77.95; list provided at the meeting, tickets being made soon
 2. Gift cards and guns this year (alternate option for those not wanting a gun)



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3. *Nick Peterson made a motion to approve cash in \$50 increments instead of gift cards, Jake Jackson seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
4. *Tex Anderle made a motion to approve an increase to \$6077.95 for this year, Kelsey Hulmuth seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
- vi. Tournament Jersey:
 1. Concerns with 8u White Team
 2. Inventory was taken by Jamie (Keesha responsibility)
 3. To Clarify: we do NOT get new jerseys every 3 years. Do we need new jerseys or is it just a want? There were issues with numbers prior to this year.
 4. Peggy will contact Keesha to get the ball rolling so they can be ordered in time.
 5. Current prices are in the \$42 range
- vii. Tournament Ball Coaches; Reservations
 1. All names read off; those tournament coaches will be responsible for calling and setting up practice times (names and phone numbers are listed together)
 2. Questions about Wes coaching for 8u; Peggy will follow up
- viii. Quad Meeting Update
 1. \$1600 outstanding balance was discussed; our board has not approved since we given different information prior to using the fields for practice
 2. If LHS is practicing or playing; we can use the fields
 - a. Peggy will address with Scout about what teams can play moving forward due to needing to practice on appropriate sized fields
 3. Concerns again addressed that we donated \$30,000 and are still being asked to pay. Our understanding is that the funds from use for practice is used to maintain the wear and tear on turf.
- ix. Mead School
 1. Microwave, totes, cheese machine, etc. all found at Mead; now returned to WRYSA property (cheese machine was missing all last year)
- x. Other things delivered:
 1. Counter top warmer & 2 microwaves bought from Menards were
- xi. Mowing Equipment:
 1. Lawn Mower from last year was not covered under insurance; it is this year
 2. 2 John Deere lawn mowers need to have a decision made (consider selling to Travis, consider selling to scrap yard)
- xii. Softball Equipment Pick Up Day: Justin Jaminski & Dave Bailey
 1. Typically field clean up day is the day you get league ball equipment
 - a. Some tournament coaches still have their bags from last year
 - b. April 30th for this year (will be communicated out)
 2. Tournament coaches can pick up equipment bags whenever they need
 - a. Dave Bailey will use TeamReach for tournament ball coaches
 3. Balls need to be ordered ASAP



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- a. How many do we have? How many do we need?
 - b. *Kelsey Helmuth made a motion to approve \$5000 for this years baseballs (practice, league & tournament), Jena Millard seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
 - i. Dave will help with inventory and place order with Tex's help
 - xiii. March 6th Meeting for community sports agencies, at Library from 5-630pm
 1. Video option available as well; please consider attending and representing WRYSA
 - xiv. Clean Up Night; April 30th
 1. New picnic tables need to be assembled, old tables need to be updated
 2. Garage is full of lights and boxes
 3. A LOT of work to be done for opening day and tournament day
 - xv. Concessions; new sign being provided for
- b. Vice President:**
- i. Registration Update; still looking for players and coaches in a few leagues (see email sent this evening)
 - ii. Questions about 15u Baseball; please start talking to nearby communities to see what they have for teams (Jeb will head off)
 1. Need to be talked about how to ensure that the community teams have their own insurance because we do not cover them
 2. Looking to get this team 5-6 games since we do not have enough for a league of our own
 3. Jeb will head off but we NEED A COACH
 - iii. Only ONE player with no team to play with (11+ option was utilized last year, will utilize again this year)
 - iv. Questions/Concerns about WIAA rules/ play time
- c. Secretary:** Nothing to Note
- d. Treasurer:**
- i. [Profit & Loss Year to Date](#) - Net Operating Revenue YTD is: \$42,381.59 (Legacy Grant Finances Tracked Separately)
 - ii. [Profit & Loss Month to Date](#) - Net Operating Revenue MTD is: \$30, 813.59 (Legacy Grant Finances Tracked Separately)
 - iii. [2024 League Registrations](#) = Total Net Revenue: \$39,197.00
 1. Revenue from Concessions Buy-Out = \$7,025.00 (\$1,405.00 would be revenue for WRYSA while \$5,620.00 will go towards concession worker donations for covering shifts for families who bought out)
 2. Revenue from League Fundraiser:
 - a. Candy Bar Sales = \$7,488.00 (WRYSA retains \$3,744.00)
 - b. League Fundraiser Buy Out = \$12,288.00
 3. Revenue from League Player Registrations = \$21,160.00.



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- iv. Tournament Team Registration Expenses: Total Expense: \$24,371.21
 - 1. 2024 Baseball Tournament Team Registrations: Total Expense = \$20,326.65
 - 2. 2024 Softball Tournament Team Registrations: Total Expense = \$4,044.56
- v. Hosted Tournament Registration Revenue = \$38,200.00
 - 1. 2024 Lead Off Tournament Registration Revenue to Date = \$23,000.00
 - 2. 2024 Silver Slugger Tournament Registration Revenue to Date = \$9,800
 - 3. 2024 June Bug Classic Tournament Registration Revenue to Date = \$5,400.00
- vi. Legacy Foundation Grant Profit and Loss to Date = Deposit = \$332,000.00. Spent to date = \$195,962.48.

5. League Registration Update, Nate K: 5 Minutes

- a. WRYSA will be on the front of the shirts this year
- b. Greenway Campers & Edward Jones will sponsor shirts for league (both on back)

6. League Draft Needs (coaches packet), Chris, Shannon, Jeb: 10 minutes

- a. Coaches Packet Jamie is working on
- b. 2 Dates are being discussed to ensure umpires are trained; 2 nights to split into 2 groups (May 13th and May 15th 5pm)
- c. Field sign up genius (league); what dates do we want for this year? Beginning of April, same time slots as next year
 - i. Monday-Thursday

7. Babe Ruth Updated League Rules for 2024, Peggy: 5 minutes

- a. Rules packets have been provided
- b. Softball rules need to be reviewed: March 5th meeting for softball committee
 - i. Line by line will be reviewed to prevent mix ups like last year

8. Home Tournament update, John E: 5 minutes

- a. Sharing players is not preferred
- b. All home tournaments are almost filled up!!!
- c. Umpires are all lined up per conversation with Keesha on Sunday
- d. It was requested that we again have the large poster boards of the brackets posted

9. Tournament Travel Funds Sharing Process, Peggy: 10 minutes

- a. Peggy has drafted a document and it will be shared out tonight

10. Coaches Clinic Comments: 10 minutes

- a. Positive feedback overall
- b. Consider split into 2 groups for next year; started with fundamentals
 - i. 8-9 or 8-10
 - ii. 11+
- c. Great for new coaching staff to get everyone on the same page

11. Beer Sales Updates, Nate Z: 5 minutes

- a. On Docket in March for Town of Grant to get renewals for next year

12. Fundraising Update, Jamie: 5 minutes

- a. BINGO on track; donations welcome (currently \$900)



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- b. Next Date: April 18th
- c. QDoba night coming up!
- d. Seroogy's Flavors need discussion: Mint, Chocolate Crisp, Peanut Butter Crisp, MeltAway
 - i. Will get Almond for concessions

13. Apparel Update, Jamie: 5 minutes

14. Legacy Update, Peggy: 5 minutes

- a. Batting cages, picnic tables, mats & drag mat ordered
- b. Things are going smoothly!

15. Policy Updates - Executive Committee Recommendation, Peggy: 15 minutes

- a. *Brandon Norris made a motion to approve the policy updates for a February 2024, Jena Millard seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*

16. Next Meeting Dates - Open Discussion

- a. Codes need to be updated: Dave Bailey will keep equipment code to himself and executive committee
- b. Codes being added to the bathroom? Realtor key box?
- c. Signs: went out in the mail today to local businesses
 - i. *Jeb made a motion to approve that The Fallback sign be paid for by the organization, Peggy seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
 - ii. Ensure all signs get put up on clean up night
- d. Raffle Tickets: additional sales made...who do the sales profit? Can it be used for the practice on the turf? Lots of conversation about tournament team allowances/allocations.
 - i. **NEEDS TO BE PROPOSED AND VOTED ON AT NEXT MEETING IN MARCH**
 - ii. Peggy will have a conversation about a flat fee for usage

17. Motion to Adjourn: 914pm

Jeb made a motion to approve, Peggy seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously



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January 22, 2024

7pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

Next General Board Meeting: Monday, February 19th; 7pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, April 8th, 2024, 6pm at The Fallback Banquet Hall

General Board Members in Attendance:

- Peggy Jaminski (President), Nate Knutson (Vice President), Jake Jackson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary)
- Keesha Stoflet, John Estok, Jena Millard, Eric Millard, Shannon Scheunemann, Jeb McKinney, Laramie Kostyn, Emily Orth, MEMBER, Jamie Brown, Nate Zuelke

Others in Attendance:

General Board Members Not In Attendance:

- Justin Jaminski, Chris Stoflet, Brandon Franz, Tex Anderle, Brendan Norris, Kelsey Helmuth, Nate Strehlau, Nic Weiler, Dave Bailey, Dennis Pierce, Nick Peterson, Bob Gawlitta

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome

2. Call to order - @ 7:00 PM;

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – 12-18-23

Jena Millard made a motion to approve, Nate Knutson seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously

4. Reports: 10 minutes

a. President:

- i. \$8000 Babe Ruth Charter & Insurance paid
- ii. Raffle coming soon! 12 per tournament player or buy out!! You can buy out for the same price you sell, it truly pays to just buy your tickets and the benefit to our players is worth it! Reminder that you can win a gun or giftcard! Considering other local companies to work with (Trading Post) and cash prizes as well. Looking for ticket prices with quick turn around that can print locally too.

- 1. Plan for this year: (10) guns or ACE gift cards and then (10) \$50 gift cards
- 2. Last Year we spent \$5000, this year will increase to \$6000.

Jake Jackson made a motion to approve, Nate Knutson seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously

- iii. Operating Revenue looking MUCH better thanks to increasing concessions, increasing fundraising, and decreasing expenditures.

b. Vice President; notes below

c. Secretary; formatting issues continue to arise, working to clean up 2023 meeting notes to clean up website, progress is slow but sure

d. Treasurer

- i. [2023 WRYSA Profit and Loss Year End](#)

- 1. Net Operating Revenue was \$70,528.94



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2. Net Revenue was (includes Legacy Grant and Net Operating Revenue)
\$293,728.65

- ii. [2024 WRYSA January Profit and Loss MTD](#)
 - 1. Net Operating Revenue for the month is \$653.20
- iii. [2024 WRYSA January Profit and Loss Detail MTD](#)
- iv. [2024 WRYSA January Legacy Foundation Profit and Loss To Date](#)
 - 1. \$207,112.21 remaining of the \$332,000.00 Grant Deposit

5. Concession Stand – profit margin & pricing – 15 minutes

- a. Concession Menu discussion, profit margin for 2023 season was 45%, raise prices to obtain 50% profit margin

Eric Millard made a motion to approve, Laramie Kostyn seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously

6. Concession Menu, League menu vs Tournament menu– 10 minutes

- a. Discussion: bag of chips for league nights and fries on tournament nights, beer sales Wednesday/Thursday align with fryer days,
- b. Chris Stoflet offered to smoke pork for 2 home tournaments
- c. Subway sandwiches and Rocky's suggested for tournaments suggested as well
 - i. Subway in Walmart (local) does meat, cheese, lettuce, with sides of condiments along (example; double profit) Shout out to Joe
 - ii. Rocky's may hold up better given that it's an outdoor sport, concerns with delivery time, strong feelings that his local support is appreciated and the kids prefer pizza,
 - iii. Rocky's could be brought into the Quad last year but should look into this for this year because
 - iv. 'WHILE SUPPLIES LAST' sign with prices; no major changes
 - v. *Motion for Rocky's for tournaments: Jeb McKinney made a motion to approve, Jamie Brown seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
- d. Doing something special for concessions workers as well should be considered

7. Concession equipment – 5 minutes

- a. New microwaves will help make the pretzels BETTER, great seller but we need to be able to track waste as well (low watt at menards \$40-50, consider stacking)
 - i. *Motion \$200 for 2 microwaves: Jake Jackson made a motion to approve, Emily Orth seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
- b. Aventco Table/Food Steamer/Steam Table; only one, sounds like 2 were donated, in need of another to keep food fresh with at least 2 sections/dividers, 4 would be great
 - i. *Motion up to \$500 to get at least one: Jake Jackson made a motion to approve, Peggy Jamiski seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
- c. Consider 2 Lanes: one for candy, one for fryer
 - i. Soda, Candy, Seeds LINE UP HERE, Quick/Express Lane, the RAPID Lane (less experienced concession workers here)
 - ii. Fryer LINE UP HERE (more experienced concessions workers here)



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- d. Our concessions run smoothly with less 'sold out' compared to many other parks and we should be proud!!

8. League Registration update – 5 minutes

- a. Running smooth so far, e-signatures are going great, reports are helpful, requests will be easy to sort later to get changes approved by President and League Coordinators

9. League Draft needs (coaches packet) – 10 minutes

- a. League schedules would be nice
- b. Request to work together with umpire coordinator to prevent mess, also a need for specific ump to work specific nights/league ages
- c. Concerns with scrimmages being skipped for youth to ump; not acceptable
- d. Coaches responsibility to ensure the players are playing BEFORE they ump; we need to work together

10. Home Tournament update – 5 minutes (John)

- a. Reminder that Girls Tournament will be hosted with Silver Slugger
- b. Silver Slugger (37/42 filled), only had 30 at this time last year

11. Tournament travel update – 5 minutes (John)

- a. Need to increase our softball numbers and encourage people to attend coaching clinic
- b. Point & Plover registered for the first time in a few years
- c. MAY 30TH NO GAMES DUE TO FIELD CLEAN UP, May 31st is our first games
- d. Conversation held around Babe Ruth rules, bats, league vs tournament; lots of opinions

12. Tournament travel fees sharing– 10 minutes

- a. 3 teams are already OVER budget (9u, 10u, and 13U)
- b. Currently Reads: parents & team pay for overages
- c. Last year read tournament number allotment, not fund based
- d. Consider: waiting until the end due to rain outs and cancellations before the board determines if you must pay the overage? Players not required to play the 'overage tournaments'? Teams should provide board a 'why'. Process will be created for coaching staff to follow if overages occur.
- e. To be clear:
 - i. between red and white you do not need to worry about 'losing' your funds between the same aged teams
 - ii. Going over is not approved based on 'first come, first serve'
 - iii. Coaches are expected to get parent approval before moving forward
- f. Sharing funds

13. AED & Concussion training – 10 minutes

- a. Emily Orth is an EMT and trainer; she will help support and train if we're interested
- b. AED Video & Concussion Protocol Video: We have access to a video that will be sent out to every family within organization
- c. Medical staff within the organization; who are they?
- d. What other resources do we have access to?



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14. Coaches Clinic sign up– 5 minutes

- a. Need people to sign up on sign up genie
- b. February 7th Softball**
- c. February 18th & 20th Baseball**
- d. Anyone and everyone is invited; all coaches, all helpers, all parents, etc

15. Beer Sales update and bartender needs– 10 minutes

- a. Processes is moving slowly, so far two complaints/concerns about brush & beer sales
- b. “Eye sight of the beer sales” not in the dugout
- c. Fee is \$20 to complete the training, Fee is \$20 to be licensed in the town of Grant
- d. Next Town of Grant meeting is Wednesday February 14th if people want to attend; Stephanie new town clerk has been very helpful
- e. School Board continues to be very supportive

16. Fundraising update – 5 minutes

- a. BINGO Date: April 18th
 - i. *Motion to buy machine: Eric Millard made a motion to approve, Laramie Kostyn seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously*
- b. April: Papa Murphy’s
- c. May: Culvers
- d. Rafters and Ocean Spray will be donating hats again; we will see about getting hats in adults sizes
- e. Seroogy’s is a go for this year; prices were raised last year so this year they are expected to be the same. Official will come down the line when we are closer to ordering; need to order by March, mint and caramel are requested, same with poprocks

17. Apparel update – 5 minutes (Keesha)

- a. Do we need to order extra for each team? General consensus is YES
 - i. Nothing extra will be ordered until we know for sure what we need
 - ii. Logo may change next year
- b. Need an inventory of what we have; currently in concession stand garage
- c. Need to order jerseys’ ASAP; close by March 1st so we have them in time
 - i. Team Sporting Goods will be the vendor
- d. Apparel order coming soon
 - i. MADA suggested and talk to Carol; concerns with prices
 - ii. Creative Design will be the vendor
- e. 14 teams for Baseball Tournaments, 8u doing t-shirts
- f. League T-Shirts: we have one sponsor confirmed and another in the works

18. Legacy update – 5 minutes

- a. Meeting Last Week Tuesday: Parking discussed, looking for help to get the poles erected for the new batting cages, new cages, and increasing safety
 - i. BEACON Athletics (Dylan): double batting cage on green space
 1. How tall do we want the pads? 8-10’ round pads around the posts



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2. 2" thick padding is fine, gray in color
3. Eric will measure exact height and let Peggy know
- ii. Questions about a donation on another batting cage and posts
- iii. Noted to let them know we need a 24 hour notice before delivery
- iv. Also from BEACON: 2 hitting pads that go in the batting cage and a drag mat
- b. Watershed has DNR and Portage County guidelines
- c. Sprinklers are getting checked and updated; lines and heads, some were damaged in trenches underground lighting wires
- d. Dirt is coming in to fill gopher holes and get re-seeded
- e. Picnic tables were ordered and new ones will be made from old frames
- f. Trees are being purchased to create shade and divides

19. Policy updates - Executive Committee recommendation – 30 minutes

- a. Updates to policy were discussed, final draft will be sent out to all Board members for review. Voting for approval of draft will take place at next board meeting

20. Next meeting dates - Open discussion

- a. February 19th
- b. League Rules need to be updated and posted on the website
- c. Signs: Jena
- d. Pictures: Steinies Photique will take only tournament pictures
 - i. April 9th and 11th
 - ii. ALL tournament players need their picture taken unless the ENTIRE team wants to opt out; no picture of the backs of jerseys so everyone will have a jersey
 1. Last year the banners were \$80
 - iii. 8u-9u-10u will get 30 minutes
 - iv. All other ages will be done in 20 minutes windows
- e. Pictures: still need our league team pictures taken; same thing ALL players must have picture taken, not everyone needs to purchase the pictures

Motion to adjourn at 940pm Eric Millard made a motion to approve, Nate Knutson seconded, Motion Passed Unanimously