



WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

August 21st, 2024

530pm-730pm at Kellner Ball Fields
General Board Meeting

**General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD
(no meeting in November)**

Executive Committee Meetings: TBD

Present: Nic Weiler (President), Nate Knutson (Vice President), David Johnson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary), John Estok, Eric Millard, Nate Strehlau, Nick Peterson, Laramie Kostyn, Jeb McKinney, Shannon Scheunemann, Kalie Abel, William Abel, Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Welcome

2. Call to order 539pm

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes 7/17/2024

Larmie motioned to approve, Eric Millard seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

4. Reports 5-10 Minutes

a. President

b. Vice President

c. Treasurer

i. [Tryout Profit & Loss](#)

ii. Tryout Profit & Loss

iii. [Profit & Loss YTD](#)

iv. [Legacy Project Budget](#)

d. Secretary

5. Baseball Tryout Review - John E. & All involved

a. Quick overview of number of teams/players/coaches

i. only (2) 10u were cut, (1) drop out from 14u, numbers are good

ii. We had others from surrounding communities attend tryouts and make our teams

iii. Concerns with one head coach (family issues/conflict); concerns with losing players/team

b. Feedback on tryout format

i. Consider time trials/pace of running and see their throwing (just for reference/form check) not to be an official scoring point

ii. Softball uses it as a 'tiebreaker'

iii. Consider not going in numerical order (start on #8 for fly balls, start on #4 for batting)

iv. Consider 2 practices for each try out so you can get a full sample of the players ability to make decisions in the moment vs a formal try out...



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- v. Consider removing the 6 player selection and following the lead of other organizations in regards to try out format and how to get a good sample of each players ability
 - 1. Consensus is that others observe players and choose their own teams
- c. Feedback on coach & player selection process
 - i. Concerns with how players move from 13 to 14; Parents reached out about 14u White
 - ii. Concerns with some chatter that other players will quit as they are not happy with the team placement
- d. Board members will be reaching out to discuss concerns
- e. It's important that players and families understand that there are policies in place that determine the decisions made; policies can be made/changed. Everyone is encouraged to attend General Board meetings and make proposals/express concerns.
- f. Nic for follow up at a later meeting:
 - i. suggesting that evaluators have access to the rankings and will be discussed as we move forward
 - ii. No identifying logos; some players have WRYSA logos on their helmets
 - iii. Tournament Committee: consider predetermined cut amount (example 26 players, each team will get 13) set it up ahead of time so no one is shocked when it's released after tryouts
 - iv. Consider cage hitting vs field hitting

6. Softball Tryout Review - Stephanie L. & All involved

- a. Quick overview on number of teams/players/coaches
 - i. 10u and 12u (1 of each)
 - 1. Need to recruit for 10u; few short
 - ii. Not enough for 14u
 - iii. Not enough for 12u
 - 1. 4 cuts
 - iv. One 10u team
 - v. Only a few interested for 8u; need to recruit in
 - vi. Concerns with girls be chosen before tryouts for tournament
 - vii. Concerns with all tournament girls being on one league team for the 2024 season
 - viii. Concerns with losing girls to travel ball; how do we retain players for league?
 - ix. Consider reaching out to local organizations to coop (Port especially)
 - x. Consider pitching clinics
 - xi. Consider joint practices for 8u (and others) so help with conflicts like dance
 - xii. We need to recruit early on; consider age 6 girls playing 8u rather than t-ball
 - 1. Currently parents have a choice but do they know their choices/what's best for developing players
 - 2. How can we get support from local schools/coaches
- b. Feedback on tryout format
 - i. Added base running; huge help & tiebreaker



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- ii. Speed pitching exists but not scored; all in comments
- c. Feedback on coach & player selection process
 - i. Timing of try out was slower
- 7. Moving forward with tryouts there will not be an alternate day; if you can't make it you go to coach pick after tryouts
 - a. We could move sooner than travel ball teams with tryouts but some are okay with being later so girls that don't make the other teams can still play with us
 - i. Concerns with how does this make us competitive

8. Legacy Project Update

- a. Parking Lot - Nate
 - i. Rip Rap Add-On Quote; aka rock
 - 1. "Not required but suggested" you can do rock and weeds
 - 2. 119 yards fabric and rock \$7775.00 (rock was \$4400)
 - 3. If we choose to leave it with just weeds it will need to be mowed and kept short
 - 4. Bike trail in Rapids used as example; one year later not looking good
 - 5. General consensus is to keep weeds
 - ii. Signs/Parking Spot Indicators
 - 1. Need to consider chaining off for winter at least
 - 2. Boulders for new parking lot just like the current parking lot
 - 3. Shannon will get a quote for boulders
 - iii. Trees/Shrubs for Screening Update
- b. Overview of Legacy Project Budget - Jake/David
 - i. Funds will run out and we will need to consider how to fund the final steps of this project
 - ii. Covered in treasurer's report
- c. Do we need to ask for a deadline extension - Jamie will follow up

9. Field Clean-Up Day (choose a date) - All

- a. Practice at home field is better than going elsewhere
- b. Field can be used after field clean up day
- c. Lights on Field 1 need to be checked; flickering
- d. Sprinkler work can be done anytime
- e. Garbage cans need to be cleared out by next Tuesday
- f. Laramie will start a list of things that need to be completed
- g. ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND TO SUPPORT WRAPPING UP OUR END OF THE YEAR CLEAN UP.

Jeb motioned to approve Monday, September 23rd at 530pm, Nate K seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

10. New Board Member Contact Info, Communication & Access - All

- a. Chris & Keesha Resignation
 - i. Jeb is willing to take over all umpire duties for baseball



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- ii. Softball league coordinators will be add this to their list (Estok has contact info)
- b. BINGO
 - i. Still able to use the same location
 - ii. October 24th, 2024
 - iii. April 17th, 2024

Eric motioned to approve, Nate K seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

- c. Collect a full contact list & email to Board
 - i. Equipment Coordinator; consider joining softball and baseball
 - ii. Still looking for Fundraising Coordinator and Field Signs Coordinator
 - iii. Softball needs catching gear; needs it to fit
- d. Email/SportsEngine/Bank Access for new Exec Committee Members
 - i. Updated after official transaction

11. Fall Tournament Teams - Nic/Nate

- a. Do we consider allowing these to form under WRYSA instead of leaving players/coaches to seek options elsewhere?
 - i. Consider interest survey
 - ii. Insurance needs to be checked but it's covered for 12 months
 - iii. WRSYA families have paid \$450 for a handful of fall tournaments
 - iv. Do we consider a fall tournament?

12. Indoor Space for Jan-March

- a. Few local possibilities that would allow us to use our current nets and other gear that can be set up at an internal facility

13. Set Date for 2025 tryouts

- a. Has always been the first week of August to help prevent families from missing for vacation however there was conflicts with Raptors
- b. Publish that tryouts will be first two weeks of August

14. Confirm dates for Lead Off, Silver Slugger, and June Bug tournaments.

- a. Lead Off May 30th-June 1st

Nate S motioned to approve, Nate K seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

- b. Silver Slugger & June Bug together June 6th-8th

Shannon motioned to approve, David J seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

15. Final Notes:

- a. ComfortAire will shut down soon
- b. Rapids Rental lawn mower maintenance will be completed 2/3 year contract completed
- c. 2 weeks in July for tournament to separate WRYSA from them
 - i. July 12-13 & July 19-20
 - ii. He will reserve a spot for our Red teams (A Level)
 - 1. Our coaches need to know it's optional
 - iii. Consider fundraising with our HS workers paid by WRYSA rather than supported by parents to pay the HS workers



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- iv. Gate Fee concerns; going to suggest registration fees rather than Grandma
- v. WRYSA taking a lot of feedback because there is confusion about WHO runs it

16. Adjourn 833am: *David motioned to approve, Nate K seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*