



WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2025

6pm-8pm at Mickey's Tip Up, 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*

AGENDA ITEMS:

Welcome: Call to order 605pm

Approval of previous meeting minutes 12/18/2024

Jeb motion to approve, Nate seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

Reports 5-10 Minutes

President: Nic

1. HOLIDAY FLYER/Important Dates Flyer: Need to vote to approve
2. JERSEY SPONSORS: Looking to bring in more vendors to partner for hats for league ball. This years considerations are Greenway, Mark Motors/Toyota, Rafters have historically provided our hats
 - a. Mark Motors/Toyota match, Greenway wanted to sponsor jerseys as well; offering sleeves and hats
 - b. Jill Woller (Stone Bridge sponsor from previous years also reached out)
 - i. 8u and hats could use the Rafters ones, 10u up get another sponsor
 - ii. Softball wants visors
 - iii. Hats will be black no matter what, red reserved for our tournament teams
 - iv. Consider other donations for field and backstop again
 - c. VENDORS: reviewing Lease Agreement to consider vendors for our home tournaments. Thought is that they can set up at all the entrances.
 - d. PROJECT: Beer Sales overhead/garage door opening. Someone needs to take this project on before it gets too late, sometimes doors can be special order and take weeks/months to come in. Can we try to get someone to work on this project during the offseason?
 - i. Window with a roll up OR half door in existing location
 - ii. If we hire someone they would need to be insured

Vice President: Nate

1. January 26th-February 23rd League Registration Open
 - a. More registration; see below
2. March 19th League Draft Night; Need Head Coach & Assistant Coach
 - a. 6U softball option will be provided
 - b. 13U league is optional
 - c. 8u baseball
 - d. 8u and 10u softball tournament players needed, will be asked if they're interested at sign up



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- e. Will also ask for interest in tournament fall ball *baseball only
 - f. 'How did you hear about us' will also be added including other questions to help us identify who are tournament players
 - g. Age group move request will be on there as well
3. Our goal is to order jerseys by April 1st

Treasurer: David

1. Banking issues are still an ongoing concern: treasurer is still locked out, issues with transferring funds
 - a. Paper City allows e-signing
 - b. Moving forward with cards for coordinators for our upcoming season and registration
2. Still working to follow up with Waste Management; they are claiming we owe them money but have not had services since August
3. \$250 donation from Associated Bank; Shout out to David for making this happen
4. Need quotes for balls so we can vote and order ASAP
5. Equipment inventory should be taken and order what is needed for the upcoming year
6. BUDGET REMINDER: We also want/need to keep a surplus or back up fund in the maintenance category to ensure we're prepared for how the weather will impact our fields and our home tournaments **our home tournaments concessions bring in a LOT of revenue
7. PLEASE email the executive committee with suggestions of gear/supplies that need to be replaced; if you include quotes for reference EVEN BETTER!!
 - a. EXAMPLES: pitching machines, gear bags, softball catcher gear, left handed catcher gloves
8. Access to indoor facility is major need for all ages; Port YMCA is \$60 per hour and local
9. Clinics: Brewers, UWSP, softball pitching clinics, Scheels... let's start gathering information (prices, locations, ages) Please email executive committee with suggestions

Secretary: Amanda

1. New background check option for this coming season: SportsEngine
 - a. No vote needed, everyone agrees in streamlining with registration
2. Working to create one singular document with yearly tasks and descriptions of volunteer positions to support transitions as athletes and families age out of our organization.

Baseball Coordinator: John (not present)

1. Looking to fill this role for the 2026 season to start in August of 2025 for tryouts; now is the time to express interest so you can shadow the position before the position is yours
2. Tournament dates for the 2025 season
 - a. Lead Off May 30th-June 1st
 - b. Silver Slugger & June Bug together June 6th-8th
 - c. Most are filled or fairly full
 - d. Will be posting soon, currently created and the previously attending teams get access until October
3. Umps are not set up yet but Jeb is working on that for baseball and softball
4. Will need 40 dozen tournament baseballs, unsure on current practice balls available
 - a. Practice balls are league balls



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- b. David Bailey may have what we need but Nic will follow up
5. 14u White we have 13 players that still want to play
6. UMPIRE UPDATE: Running cash out of the concessions has been messy; can we look at envelopes by game to make it a more simple process for the concession crew who is expected to manage it

Softball Coordinator: Steph

1. Tournament Team number update:
 - a. Still looking for 8u and 10u players, did get one hit off facebook. Please keep sharing!
 - b. Still in need of at least 2, 3 would be ideal
2. 10u with Port Edwards; Port is worried about costs for tournament team as they typically do not pay for their own gear
3. Need to look into insurance options; consider scholarship so they can play under us and our insurance.
4. Questions about fees and fundraising
5. 8u Update:
 - a. Didn't have tryouts but we planned to circle back in the spring to see if there was interest; sounds like 3 on the team currently
 - b. We have a potential coach but also TBD
 - c. Consider going to the same local tournaments (Rudolph, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Nekoosa) and combine our 8u teams as well

TOP PRIORITY: REGISTRATION FOR 2025

1. Need to Vote: registration forms
2. Concession Expectations: see below
 - a. Looking for a concession coordinator and/or committee
3. Registration Fees: \$60 7u and older: same as last year, \$25 6u t-ball: same as last year
4. Need to Vote: Age cut off for tournament 2025 existing or modify as other programs in the area are doing
5. For our June Bug tournament for the 2025 season we will allow teams to follow the new age cut off for 9/1 to register: *Steph motion to approve, Jeb seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
6. This year:
 - a. No more parent meetings for league or tournament team
 - b. Coaches are encouraged to call parent meetings as needed for the team
 - c. Communication will go out in video form to parents after registration is complete
 - d. Clinics: board will be on site to answer questions
 - e. Pick up jerseys from coaches
 - f. Seroogy's fundraising pick up
 - g. 14u may dissolve; parents will be contacted in case they want to pursue other options for tournament ball
7. New this year: late registration after our cut off will have a \$15 late fee to help cover costs.
Nic motion to approve, Nate seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.

Legacy Project: Nate & David: No Major Updates until Spring

1. Truckload of boulders update: Shannon



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2. Trees planting and top layer scraped off: Eric Millard
3. Still Need 30'x300' section scraped, trees planted (approx \$4000 & already scheduled) and parking lot indicators installed before spring
4. Flickering lights if that is still an issue? Do we have lights on Field 6? Old Lights location?
5. \$15k sustainability deposit is needed by end of the year, working to find out what/when we can pull from these funds to support the organization

Maintenance Coordinator Updates: Laramie

1. Do we have a date(s) for field clean up? April 24th
2. Palm Septic: Andy Palm
 - a. Donate 3 porta pottys for the season
 - b. Pumping for the holding tank would be a charge, quote for last year was similar to what we were previously paying but Andy has offered to check our tanks and manage the pumps during the day so we do not have this happening during a tournament
 - c. June Bug last year he got us covered last minute and we only had 2 at the JV fields, it was not enough and FULL...and gross
 - d. Request to have one left there for October for coaches that do not have keys to our bathrooms. Approved.
 - e. Assuming we are not currently under contract for the porta pottys, we would switch pumping services to Palm.
 - f. *Nate motion to approve, Kalie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

Concession/Beer Sales Update: Nick & looking for a committee

1. Nate has stepped down, we are looking for another person willing to co-coordinate concessions and/or beer. This is a huge part of our funding, do we want a small committee formed instead of putting this on two people? Open for conversation.
2. Need to Vote: Concession Buyout costs so this can be added to our registration
 - a. Concession Buyout League: can stay at \$25
 - b. This would include one griller each league night getting hired for \$20 hour
 - i. Grillers still must be 18 years old
 - c. This includes the supervisor position being paid \$15/hour
 - d. If players are not offered a league to play in, they are not responsible for league obligations such as working concessions, buy out of concessions fees, or fundraising: you would be responsible for tournament league obligations.
Braaten motion to approve, Nate S seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.
3. Consider internship opportunities for league nights, opening weekend, home tournaments, etc rather than supervisors for each shift. We need someone to take the lead for each shift so coaches can coach.

Discussion previously had will need vote soon-ish:

1. Ultimate Weekend Concessions: WRYSA fundraiser with no parent involvement
2. Home Tournament Concessions: buy out by parents, consider costs vs revenue
3. Consider:
 - a. Having kids sell food and parents sell beer



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- b. Important to do the buy out early and schedule in advance
4. Tournament Buyout Proposal to consider for voting:
 - a. Parents can buy out of concessions but would still be responsible for other duties such as beer, park clean up, field duties, etc.
 - b. This allows parents to enjoy the weekend, Nate would schedule beer and concessions to ensure consistent workers and service provided. It will overall create a better customer experience, less waiting for food and more consistent product.

Communication Update: Jamie

1. Position Available: Communication Coordinator for the 2025 season
2. Position Available: Fundraising Coordinator for the 2025 season
3. Position Available: Baseball Coordinator for the 2025 season
4. Position Available: Concession & Beer Co-Coordinator ASAP

Fundraising Update: Jamie & All Included

1. BINGO: Donations are at about \$2100
 - a. Bingo Workers are Needed as followed:
 - i. 2 people selling BINGO cards (5:00-7:00)
 - ii. 2-3 people selling food (5:00-7:30)
 - iii. 2-3 people selling 50/50 (5:00-8:00)
 - iv. 3-4 people bartending (if the new bar owners allow us to manage the sales as we have in the past - 5:00-8:30)
 - v. WATCH EMAIL FOR SIGN UP
 - b. Still able to use the same location (October 24th, 2024-April 17th, 2025)
 - c. Still looking for donations of water and cookies
 - i. Consider Water Works for water donations
 - ii. Few feelers out on donated cookies, looking for 50-75 cookies
 - d. Other Updates coming in March/April : league season raffle for bat bag, Gun Raffle extension, Calendar Raffles, 10 liners for a bat in concessions
 - e. Watch facebook for more food nights.

Clothing/Apparel Coordinator Update: Alyson

1. 2025 Jerseys: Alyson will cover for this year. Many tourney jerseys are being reused from last year. Historically had March deadlines.

Photo Coordinator: Kalie

1. Previous photographers, other opportunities for this coming season

Ongoing Concern: Indoor Space for Jan-March, any updates?

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. Review League and Tournament Rules; consider and vote on any changes



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2. Fundraising; considering calendar raffles, league season raffle for bat bag or other top gear, gun raffle extension to get money from travel teams in our home tournaments, 10 liners for bats and other gear, etc.
3. Need a guideline or policy for duplicated and/or overlap in numbers; consider if you move up and you're a duplicate you need to choose a new number
4. Consider bat bags for tournament teams
5. Clothing/Apparel: inventory in concession stand
6. Vendors at Home Tournaments; lacing gloves, printing shirts, other gear. Placement considered for each entrance: Consider Darcy at CC Graphics for Opening Weekend at WRYSA
7. Big League Dream Day for Baseball; play at American Family Field. Any time on the field would be beneficial. Can make this a WRYSA thing for renting a pavilion and tailgating, final bring us all together: Consider for 'graduation from organization'
8. Bill from the Rafters, hoping to get a tournament at Witter for our older kids. This is important to our league.
9. Fall Ball and Tournament Ideas for Fall use of facilities
10. Umpire update: Running cash out of the concessions has been messy; can we look at envelopes by game to make it a more simple process for the concession crew who is expected to manage it
11. 8u softball and 10u softball co-op with Port Edwards

Motion to Adjourn at 810pm: *Jeb motioned to adjourn, Laramie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*