

River Falls Youth Baseball Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, Feb. 16th 2009

Time: 6:30

Location: River Falls High School Room D101

Attendees:

Fred Barr-President	Mike Peterson-Vice President	Wendy Stocker-Treasury
Stacy Norman-Secretary	Ryan Bishop-High School Coach	Chris Krueger-General Rep
Ryan Johnson-General Rep	Sue Halling-General Rep	Deb Morgan-General Rep
John Humphrey-General Rep	Joshua Cleveland-General Rep	Cindi Danke- RF Park and Rec
Aaron Cudd-Traveling League Commissioner Bret Norman and Matt Graetz-Committee Coordinators		

Meeting Minutes-Absent: Deb Morgan and Cindi Danke

I. New Committee Members

- Aaron Cudd as Traveling League commissioner
- Aaron will assist Fred Barr in the 2009 tournaments. Fred also suggested, Aaron go to some Metro and Gopher State meetings
- Bret Norman and Matt Graetz will assist all members in any area needed this year.

II. **Financials**

Sponsorships

- Tom Jones/Medtronics gave, 600.00 total
- Sylla/Westridge gave, 600.00 total
- H&F gave 50.00 in a donation
- Cudd's Mobile Home gave 300.00 total

Noted, that we need to know exactly how sponsors would like to have their name on website and also, on the T-shirt this year. **Aaron will contact Westridge and Wendy will email Tom Jones.**

Noted, if board receives a donation of less than 300.00, they will receive a thank you letter and name on website

New T-shirt and Logo

- T-shirt will be gold, new logo and writing will be blue
- Stacy or Deb will order T-shirts from Liz after all sponsors are verified and orders have been placed by the players
- The t-shirts can have up to twenty sponsor on the back this year

Checking Account Update

- Balance in Checking account is 22,391.00, out of that balance we need to set aside 9000.00 for the fence project at the High School.
- After , Wendy cashed in CD, we earned about 100.00 dollars
- Wendy paid the Town of Troy 100.00 dollars
- Wendy gave Fred a copy of the insurance policy

1st Annual Golf Tournament-June 8th 2009

- Aaron Cudd will lead this golf tournament with the help of Bret and Matt
- It was determined that the golf tournament will be held on June 8th and Aaron will lock in date with Kilkarney
- Kilkarney will charge us 55.00 dollars and we will charge 75.00 dollars this will include, a round of golf, cart, lunch and dinner, we also brought up the idea of having games at different holes and trying to get businesses to sponsor holes, possibly a 50.00 a hole sponsorship
- Aaron will email all information to Wendy and Soozie and they will produce fliers and advertisement for the paper which we will run a few times
- We will have a table at registration that will provide families with information on the golf tournament and they will be able to sign up at registration.
- Mike Peterson will put the date on the website and also an area for them to sign up.

III. Website

- Recap: Mike will enter all sponsors on website. He asked to make sure we know how they want their name on the site.
- Mike will look into the cost of additional software form Go Daddy.

IV. Registration

- This year we will have Chris Krueger check into pricing for signage around town to promote Traveling Baseball Registration
- Sign will say something like: Registration for River Falls Traveling Baseball Soon, and we will give the website and in "small letters" give Fred Barr phone number for a contact
- These signs will be placed in busy locations around town
- Soozie will make and distribute fliers that will give the dates of events for 2009 baseball,
- Wendy and Soozie will also contact schools to put in newsletters
- We will also check to make sure that the mandatory volunteer hours is placed on the registration form, and double check that all other info is correct

This year all prices will remain the same, we will again provide the hats and pants and the families are responsible for socks, belts and jerseys. They also will be able to buy the t-shirt on the order form.

Note-We will look into a pre-tryout date for players who cannot attend the March 28th tryout date. We decided we will wait for parents to contact us, if they are not able to make the actual tryout. We will look into asking two of the evaluators to be there for the pre- tryout.

Uniforms

- Stacy met with Jody and will be taking over the uniform process with the help of Deb Morgan
- Deb, Stacy and Jody will be at registration to assist in the uniform ordering, and then will place the order with Chippewa (which will take up to 3wks to receive)
- We will have a table set up by bathrooms for players to try on different sizes
- Deb, Stacy, Wendy, and Soozie will meet at the March 1st clinic to discuss further details concerning the registration process

V. Clinics and Tryouts

Clinics

- Ryan has asked High School players to assist in clinics
- Fred and Aaron will plan on attending clinics

Tryouts

- We will use the same procedures as last year for tryouts. Mike Peterson will provide the numbered stickers for all players. Each stations will be run by an adult parent
- Possible evaluators, Fred and Wendy will contact-Ben Fraser, Anthony Rubus, Josh Eidem.

VI. High School Updates

- Chris Krueger will be in contact with Brian Weiss on the completion of the new field fence. Once the ground thaws, the backstop will be put in and then the fence. Again we have set aside 9000.00 for this project.
- Ryan as requested during River Falls Days which is July 10-12, he wants all fields being used at the High School that weekend. The board guaranteed him we would use the two fields available that weekend. Ryan suggested a five team round robin on one field and further discussion will take place at next meeting.
- Mike will put dates on website to see what teams are interested.

VII. Coaching

- Table will be set up with fliers about coaching seminar and application for coaching in 2009.
- Ryan has scheduled a coaching seminar on March 30th from 6-8pm, all coaches and assistants are required to attend. This seminar will be presented by University of St. Thomas Baseball

VIII. Equipment

IX. Teams and Tournaments

- Ideally...10's and 11's will have two teams, who will play in AA. After open discussion on remaining teams this year, we would like 12's and 13's to have one team each who will play in AAA. We also discussed if previous year a team placed high in their league, it would be beneficial to move up to another division. We will be discussing this further at the next meeting. After registration we will be able to determine more, when we see how many players are trying out for each age group.
- Soozie will make sure all fields are reserved for tournaments this year. She will contact Nancy.
- We will have further discussion what league to play in this year, MYAS or MBL.

X. Other

- John Humphrey met with City Board about Kinni fields. He is waiting to hear word on the stimulus package, and hoping we receive some money to go toward these fields and other projects.
- Fred called city about the FF Field Project and found out that no one is really even working on this project. He has made a few calls in hope that we can get some buzz going again about this important project.

