

River Falls Youth Baseball Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Time: 6:00

Location: Aaron Cudd's, House

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: Cindi Danke and Josh Cleveland

2009 Rosters

- Mike Peterson and his brother in law have stepped up to coach the 14AAA for this season.
- Still looking for 15A coach, some possible names were suggested and Ryan will contact possible coaches and see if they are interested.

Financials

Sponsors

- Confirm sponsors-Wendy created a list for Board Members
- Wendy, will continue to check PO Box and we will wait a couple more weeks before we place the T-shirt with Liz
- Aaron will talk to Ryan Bishop about selling the RF hats this year.

Stipends for Non Parent Coaches

- **Policy**-It was decided we would pay 500.00 dollars to Head Coaches and 250.00 for Assistant Coach
- Wendy will send checks to 2009 evaluators

Update on Financials

- Wendy was not present during this portion of meeting. We will be updating financials at next meeting. She did forward financial update to all board members.
- Stacy will talk to Wendy about contacting accountant about financial questions. Such as, nonprofit questions. (Wendy was not present this portion, Stacy will update)

Coaching Coordinator

- Bret Norman will be the coaching director for the 2009 season. He will communicate with all of the coaches on scheduling meetings, coaches clinics and meetings.
- Bret will look over the evaluation form for the coaches and make any changes needed.
- We will have two evaluations of players this year. Mid Season and end of the season. Bret will collect all of this info from the coaches. This will help with the evaluation process next year.
- If there are any tournament requests, he will forward to appropriate teams.

Fields

- Ryan Bishop, informed Board that the HS fields will be available May 20th, with exception of the 21st, and 26th. Should verify again, what days they still have games.
- It was suggested we schedule away games first, in order to utilize the JV fields.
- Aaron received our Glover schedule and it wasn't the same as last year. Fred will be contacting them and seeing if we could return to last years, schedule. We would prefer to have the same days every week.
- Fred will create a May and June calendar for coaches to have during scheduling. This will show them what fields they will be able to schedule games at.
- Chris will do an inventory of chalk and other equipment needed for this season
- Wendy has already ordered additional chalk and will be in soon.
- Chris also was wondering about dirt needed for Kinni Field?
- At next meeting we will have a better understanding of the fields and what they will need to be in good shape for the season.

Concession

- The frame is up for the new concession stand, inside storage will be 7X5 deep. This will give us an area to keep equipment and other supplies needed. We will look into purchasing a refrigerator, Soozie Halling knows is for sale.
- Ryan Bishop suggested we no longer use Coke Products bought directly from the Coke Distributor. It is overpriced and our cost for a, single bottled water is 1.02. We will purchase in bulk from Sam's.
- We will discuss in more detail at next meeting, as the concession continues to be built.
- The board sees no problem with staffing the concession, with all the families involved this year.

Tournaments

- Aaron Cudd will be contact this year for tournaments.

- Home tournaments are covered by the organization and we decided a **700.00 budget** for additional tournaments our teams wish to play in. An average tournament this year is around 300-350 dollars. This budget will provide enough to play in two additional tournaments.
- The association will pay for State tournament when one of our teams, qualify. If a team qualifies by default. The team will be responsible for payment.
- **Wendy will be the tournament coordinator.** She will organize with the managers of the teams, the staffing and supplies for the concession. We will also make sure field maintenance volunteers will be available.
- **Photography-** we have not made a final decision on the photographer. Wendy will let JC Motivation we will not be using them this year.
- **Metals-**Wendy will order metals. After a discussion of what was appropriate this year. We decided: 1st place will receive large trophy and individual trophy. 2nd and 3rd will receive individual metal.

Equipment

- Bats- Fred will have available in 2-3 weeks.
- 15's will need catchers equipment
- We will do an inventory at any storage areas we put things last year and see what we will need for any additional teams.

Website

- Wendy will send out an email on the website garage sale. Parents can sell different equipment to other families. They can make the transaction themselves.
- Mike will have the link set up on our webpage.

2010 Tryouts

- All of the board members present acknowledged that we have room for improvements on the tryout process. With more players than in previous years and they additional 10 team. Many questions have been asked about the evaluation process and team selection. We do know that a lot of what we do does work but, some things we want to change. After discussing parents and coaches concerns and all agreeing we want this organization to represent a positive and fun environment for all kids and parents. These are some of the changes we will make for next year. We will discuss further as this year comes to an end.
 - **2 evaluators at each station**
 - **All coaches present**
 - **No parents allowed in evaluation**
 - **Possibly, we will leave out the speed in next evaluation**
 - **We need to have coaches confirmed before teams are chosen**

- For the 10's and 11's we will have a draft. Coaches will be able to pick their assistant coach and no other requests will be allowed next year. Unless it is a medical situation, no parent request will be considered.
- Bret Norman will obtain all evaluations from the 2009 season and we will have present at 2010 tryout selection
- We still need to determine, how players will be notified. We know that the kids are excited about hearing from their coach. Some kids were not notified soon enough. Parents actually called different board members they new inquiring about their child. We will not let that happen again. Mike suggested putting them on the website. Possibly, their number could be posted under the team and coach they will have for that season or first name. Then this will give coaches a day or two to contact their team.