

River Falls Youth Baseball Organization Minutes

Part 1: January 26, 2010

Part 2: February 1, 2010

Location: Aaron Cudd's

Time: 6:00pm

Registration/Uniform

- Deb updated the form for registration.
- Board decided to not raise the cost this year.
- Only change will be a charge for pants this year.
- Deb contacted Chippewa, and requested samples for registration. She also requested to fix the hat problem we have different brands and sizes. She would like all the same brand and what is it going to be?

Equipment

- **Aaron will inventory all equipment. Email will be sent out to coaches requesting they turn in any equipment they might have, back to Aaron so we can get it all ready for the new season.**
- **Only items needed are baseballs and some First Aid kits and new ice packs. It would be good to have them for concession stand.**

Tournaments

- **Received notice that our 14AA and 15AA tourney will be a MBL qualifier, Aaron will update MBL website and Mike will update RYBO website.**
- **Wendy and Mike will send out emails to our coaches and all teams that registered in our previous 2008 Early Bird Tournament and let them know about all our tournaments this year.**
- **As we receive registrations for tournaments, Wendy and Aaron will update the Board.**
- **River Falls Day tournament will not be decided exactly until we get a better idea of our teams and divisions. Otherwise, all other tourney are set.**
- **The Early Bird this year will be 2 age groups on Saturday and 2 age groups on Sunday.**

Team Selection/Ages: 10 and 11

All Board present at time of meeting except: Ryan Bishop and Mike Peterson. Both members talked with Aaron Cudd and shared their opinions and placed a vote.

Team Selection: Our discussion this evening was to decide on whether the 10's and 11's should be divided into two equal teams or do we split them into A/B. This was a hard decision mostly because; we had to base a lot of assumptions. Are we going to have enough players for two or three teams at the 10 and 11 levels? Also, what division, will each team play in? Looking back at the complaints from last year,

concerning the 10's, and how they were split, the board felt some changes needed to be made. Some of the complaints were the dilution of the 10's and if we would have cut the "third" team, these problems would not have happened. But, if we would have done that, we would have sent 12 additional kids with the four we already sent back to Park and Recreation. Also, at the end of the season, the Board decided, that only one Head Coach with an Assistant would be allowed for each team. We will not allow additional requests. Parents will not be allowed to request a coach, for any reason.

10's: It was discussed, decided and voted:

- If there is a total of 24 players that are evaluated, they will be divided equally into two teams, playing in AA division.
- If we have totals that equal up to three teams we will chose (looking at evaluation numbers/coaches evaluations from previous year) top twenty four players and divide the teams equally, both playing AA division. The remaining kids in a single A division and play for either Gopher or MBL. **It was never finalized if the Board would prefer to have the third team play at a single A level or placed back in Park and Rec. or even possibly the new league that St. Croix Valley is trying to get started for the 2010 season. A lot will be determined, when we get a better idea of the amount of players registering this year.**
- During evaluations, all players ages 9 and up will be evaluated equally and will not be cut on age but, on where they are placed in evaluations.

Part 2

All members present with exception of Ryan Bishop and Cindi Danke

11's Team Selection

It was decided that we would keep the current bylaws into place. According to the bylaws, Cindi and Ryan Bishop have a vote of the Board. In the bylaws it states, that if five members are present a vote can be placed on a particular subject. Due to the importance of the vote (keeping the 11's split equally or splitting the A/B) the Board again decided to table the vote and have a meeting in two weeks when all members are present.

10's Evaluation Process

There will be the three pre-evaluation clinics and then the one hour evaluation. The next two weeks, the coaches and players will practice all together and then a draft will be done to fill rosters. Then the coaches will call their players and let them know what team they are on. Note: Remember, only one head coach and an assistant will be allowed, no other requests.

Financials/Sponsorship/Advertisement

- **Balance as of February 1st: \$7300**
- **Wendy provided a list of sponsors that have a received a letter for consideration of sponsorship. Wendy will update when appropriate.**
- **Wendy has also sent an email with an attached sponsor invitation letter this can be used for any other businesses a member would like to send a letter too.**

- **Advertisements:** The Board decided to advertise in the Buyers Guide this year, and the activity book. We have already received clinic registrations from Hager City, it seems it is working.
- Wendy has also been working with Elementary Schools to get the word out about our program.
- Signs?? John Humphrey provided last year, we will contact him and see if he still has the signs.

Fields

New High School Field: Budget for field will be \$3,000-\$4,000

- Home Run Fence-Priority
- Apron
- Dugouts/chain link or concrete? (might not get done this year)
- Aaron will contact Brian Weiss on what we need to finish apron and pricing on fence.

Wunrow Field: Budget for field up to \$2000

The Board decided that we would need to prepare and maintain Wunrow, due to how many tournaments we have this year using this field.

- Dugout Painted
- Fill
- Pitching Mound
- Backstop Fencing
- Possible, temporary home run fence for tournaments (cost will be a factor)

Kinni Field on JJ

- Shave infield
- Need fill
- Put up fencing that is at field right now
- The Board needs to look at who can benefit from this field. Possibly, softball...

Fundraising

- **Golf Tournament:** Aaron will talk with Kilkarney and look into a Monday toward the end of July.
- **Raffle:** Need to look into non-profit/raffle license. If we can get all paperwork ready before registration, we will have a raffle for a four wheeler. Each family will be required to sell 10 raffle tickets at 10 dollars a ticket. The raffles will be handed out a registration and numbers will be put on form. Each family will be given until a certain date (not determined) to hand in tickets. Deb Morgan offered to collect money from families. The drawing will take place at the RF days Tournament. As we work out details we will discuss more.