



Rogers Area Youth Baseball Association

Meeting Minutes – September 22nd, 2013

Members present: Scott Fischer, Lynne Jakubic, Derrick Stark, Brian Moss, Jason Sullivan, Don Schuster, Tom Braesch, Leon Lubke, Wayne Jensen, Jeff Daun, Doug Cassady, and Steve Schaupp

Guests: Brien Geerdes and Kelly Schasky

- **Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from the August, 2013 board meeting were approved.
- **Board open positions:** The board nominated and voted Derrick Stark as President on a one year term.
The Board nominated and voted Leon Lubke as Vice President on a one year term.
The Board nominated and voted Brien Geerdes to be added to the Rogers – Otsego Baseball Board, welcome aboard!
We can still have 5 more members join the board and will actively pursue.
Steve will send out an email to the Minors coaches to see if there is any board membership interest.
- **Marketing our Brand:** The board discussed ways to better market the association especially to the parents of younger children.
Setup a Facebook account.
Brien will look into email list possibilities.
Look to keep older kid in baseball by having out of state tournaments.
Partner with someone to get more training opportunities in our community.
- **Logo:** Leon will continue to work on a new logo that will incorporate Otsego into it.
- **Field Maintenance:** Doug will take sole ownership of this position. He gave a status update on all of the fields and the board voted on and approved to spend no more than 8,550.00 on maintenance this fall on this. Doug will also work with ISD 727 on a partnership to repair school outfields with dangerous divots in them. Doug also informed the board on 3 new fields that may be going in at Otsego starting next year.
- **Website:** Scott brought up the need to have all board members add in all action items into the website calendar. This would help in nothing getting missed and the transition of Board members between roles.
Leon continues to enhance the look and feel of the site.
- **Concessions:** Tom put forth a proposal for NYO to buy out the leftover inventory, the board voted to approve this. The contract with NYO went well last year but will look to improve efficiencies for next year.
- **Board positions:** Went through and assigned board duties and this is reflected on the roster.

- **Pitch to Pitch:** The board had a special meeting to go over the proposal from Pitch to Pitch to open a facility in Rogers. Their proposal would be an initial 3 year partnership with the Rogers - Otsego and St. Michael baseball organizations. The partnerships basic terms are a guarantee purchase of a set number of facility rental hours. This same agreement has been done with a facility in the southwest metro with two anchor baseball organizations. Our board members have been in talks with these baseball associations on the success they have had with Pitch to Pitch. St. Michael's board has already approved the partnership.

The board discussed the following: Having a board member run the scheduling of hours to the facility. Having a lawyer review the contract. Will we need additional insurance?

What advantages will this bring to the organization: With the shortage of fields the facility can be used to supplement practice time to work on hitting and pitching. Evaluations can be moved here which would save on the cost of renting the Maple Grove dome. We can have the winter series there without the limitations of the High School Fieldhouse. Players and teams can rent cages at a discounted price.

Funding mechanisms: The board went over possible ways to fund this project and are talking to St Michael and the south metro teams on how they accomplished this.

The board voted on and approved explore a partnership with Pitch to Pitch.

- **Round table:**
- All equipment bags are in!
- Otsego Festival went great despite the weather. This was our first year and we will take what we learned and make enhancements for next year.
- Derrick proposed and the board approved to give the 900.00 we put up front to the city of Otsego's wrestling fundraiser to improve fields in Otsego.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM. The next meeting of the Rogers-Otsego Area Youth Baseball Association Board will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2013 @ 6:30PM at Rogers Community Center.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Moss