



## **Rogers - Otsego Youth Baseball Association**

### **Regular Meeting - November 9th, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Rogers-Otsego Youth Baseball Association was called to order by President Derrick Stark at 6:30pm on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

**Members Present:** Derrick Stark, Jeff Daun, Lynne Jakubic, Brien Geerdes, Steve Schaupp, Tom Braesch, Dustin Amundson, Chris Kane, Brandon Anderson, Ben Emmrich, and Rick DeValk

**Members Missing:** Doug Cassidy, Brian Moss, Kirby Welle, Scott Fischer, Mark Orwoll, Cliff Banks, and Leon Lubke

**Also Present:** Brian Harapat, Rogers High School Varsity Baseball Coach  
Jim Davidson, Rogers Dugout Booster Club

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Tom Braesch moved and Brandon Anderson seconded to approve the October 12, 2014 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Old Business**

**P2P Training Facility** - The contract for the training facility has been signed and the first installment of \$10,000 has been delivered. The next step is city approval on November 25<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraging board members to be in attendance to show their support.

**Field Maintenance** – Town & Country Landscaping has completed work on the area fields and payment of \$9,800 was sent by Lynn.

**Board Member Duties** - Derrick gave everyone an updated board duty roster and asked them to review and get back to him with any updates. Derrick also suggested that all ROYBA job descriptions be written down and completed by September 2015. This document will be stored on ROYBA's website as a reference tool for board members.

## **New Business**

**Varsity Field** - The varsity field had some improvements done this fall and the remaining to be completed next summer. The total cost will be \$16,000. The Rogers Dugout Booster Club requested \$8,000 from ROYBA toward funding the project. Derrick Stark moved and Ben Emmrich seconded to donate \$8,000 to the Rogers Dugout Booster Club in two installments of \$4,000 each; payable in November 2014 and July 2015. All in favor, motion carried.

**Expansion of Prairie Park** – We reviewed ROYBA's financial position and decided to table the \$100,000 commitment for the Prairie Park expansion until late next summer or early fall. We didn't feel that we could handle that along with the P2P facility all in one year. We need to get a handle on our revenue streams from the facility before we can commit to a project of that scale.

**Apparel and Uniforms** - ROYBA put out an RFP to six vendors for its apparel and uniform needs. R&D Sales, Inc. presented the following package options. The house player package will consist of a hat, jersey, pants, belt, and socks. The cost for ROYBA would be \$20 and the cost to the parents would be an additional \$20 which would have to be added to registration. The travel package would remain the same as last year with the exception of the pants. Rawlings is discontinuing our current pant so we would have to replace with one that is similar. The total cost for the travel uniform is \$85. ROYBA's cost would be \$20 and the parents cost would be \$65 which would be separate from registration. There is also a la-carte option as in the past. The travel package will consist of a hat, jersey, pants, belt, and socks. Ben Emmrich moved and Tom Braesch seconded to approve R&D sales, Inc. as our new uniform supplier. Brien Geerdes-nay. Motion carried by majority vote. Jeff Daun was not present for this discussion.

**Dibs** - We discussed ways on how to improve the Dibs process for the upcoming year. We need to ensure that families receive credit for their volunteer commitment within a reasonable amount of time. In addition their volunteer checks need to be shredded at the same time so they are not accidentally cashed. Lynn and Tom were going to work together to implement a process for this to happen. Lynn also suggested that each participant in our organization be given a unique identification number. This number needs to be entered on the memo of the volunteer check so proper credit can be given. Brandon is going to research with Sport NGIN to see if the system assigns a unique number at registration.

**Travel Update** - Scott has met with all but one travel coach and provided feedback from the year end parent surveys.

Sometime within the next few weeks Scott will send out a notice for 2015 travel coach applications.

The Maple Grove dome will still be used in some capacity for tryouts/evaluations next spring.

**Website and Social Media** - The high school team has expressed interest in sharing our website. A one-stop shop for all things Rogers-Otsego baseball. Brandon is going to research and have more information at next month's meeting.

Brandon also requested that all board members keep him up informed with any upcoming events and important dates so they can be communicated to our parents.

**Financial Report** – Derrick prepared some initial financial projections for 2015. These projections will be updated and reviewed again at December's regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM. The next meeting of the Rogers-Otsego Area Youth Baseball Association Board will be held on Sunday, December 14th 2014 @ 6:30PM at the Prairie Center in Otsego.

Respectfully submitted,  
Derrick Stark