



# WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

**July 16th, 2025**

6pm-8pm at Ryders, Wisconsin Rapids

**General Board Meeting**

**General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

**Executive Committee Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

\*no meetings the month of November

**Welcome:** Call to order 604pm

**Approval of previous meeting minutes;** *Laramie motion to approve, Nate seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

**Attendance:** Nic Weiler, Nate Knutson, David Johnson, Amanda Braaten, Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg, Cara Johnson, Amy Weiler, Skye Manning, Tom Mews, Ben Jennings, Dennis Pierce, Eric Millard, Nick Peterson, Kyle Weiler, Emily Weiler, Kalie Abel, Bill Abel, Ashleigh Halverson, John Estok, Nate Strehlau, Laramie Kostyn, Andy Allen, Justin Allen, Alyson Allen

### Reports 5-10 Minutes

1. President: Nic

a. Pitch, Hit, Run Update:

- i. 3 scored over 1000 points, hope to see some of our kids advance to the next level
- ii. Great success: goal for next year is 175 participants, more time to plan next year

b. Quad Contract & Tournament Dates: First two weekends of June secured for 2026 season

c. Fall Ball at the Quad:

- i. Baseball for sure, softball invited if the numbers allow
- ii. 5 week season of double headers at the Quad, lots of local interest

d. Concession Updates:

- i. Lead Off: \$21,000
- ii. Silver Slugger: \$31,000
- iii. YTD: Just over \$87,059 \*this includes the register/square going down, numbers do not include Quad numbers

2. Vice President: Nate

a. Legacy Project: Trees planted by parking lot was our final step, lots of positive feedback from neighbors with the parking lot

b. Field 1 Score Board: needs to be repaired, quote was presented to us, new board can vote

c. Position Description & Key Roles:

- i. August: 1 of 3 Try Out Official, Coach Selection
- ii. Winter: Registration with Sports Engine, set up simple but transactions can be tedious
- iii. Random: score board, propane orders, meetings, etc.

3. Treasurer: David



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- a. \$155,522.36 Operational
  - b. \$11,802.36 BINGO
  - c. \$6,640.59 Tournament
  - d. \$35,536.15 Money Market/Legacy
  - e. Reimbursements are in the works, please reach out tonight if you are still waiting
4. Secretary: Braaten
- a. None to note
5. Baseball Coordinator: John
- a. Position available: will stick around for August try outs
  - b. Volunteers are imperative to our success for Tournaments and Tournament Try Outs; more communications coming. Older groups are well ran, 8's and 9's get squirrely so having parents to wrangle kids up so the drills run smoothly is helpful.
6. Softball Coordinator: Steph & Meghan
- a. Stephanie stepping down but would prefer to just be on the board, players aging out but plans to help for try outs to help. Hoping for a 14u Team

### Upcoming Dates:

Tournament Team Try-outs for the 2026 season will be held the first TWO weeks of August 2025 for both Baseball & Softball. Please keep those two weeks OPEN for your family to allow you child to be in attendance.

*TOURNAMENT TEAM TRY-OUT REGISTRATION WILL OPEN 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO TRY-OUTS*

- BASEBALL TUESDAY AUGUST 5TH
  - 9U @ 5:00PM
  - 11U @ 6:00PM
  - 13U @ 7:00PM
- BASEBALL WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6TH
  - 10U @ 5:00PM
  - 12U @ 6:00PM
  - 14U @ 7:00PM
- FASTPITCH WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13TH
  - 10U @ 5:00PM
  - 12U @ 6:00PM
  - 14U @ 7:00PM

Alternate dates: TBD based on evaluator availability.

### Board Election

REMINDER:

Board Election 2026 Season

- The 2025 Board of Directors will elect the 2026 Board of Directors



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- Current Directors are NOT automatically guaranteed a seat on the board simply because they expressed their desire to return. They must be nominated by an existing director who is present at the annual meeting, then be added to the nomination list alongside new nominees.
- To save time, a current director can “mass nominate” all current directors who have expressed their desire to return and come ready with this list to kick things off.
- Any current director who is present, can then nominate new individuals to be considered for election and add them to the list alongside the returning nominees.
- Once all agree that nominations have concluded, we move to the election of the next Board of Directors
- Each current director casts a minimum of 13, and no more than 25 votes, choosing only from names on the nomination list (we’ll do this with paper to streamline the process)
- The nominees with the greatest number of votes are elected
- If there is a tie that causes the 25-person maximum to be exceeded, a run-off election will occur
- The 2025-2026 WRYSA Board of Directors is established

### Election of Officers

- The newly elected 2026 Board of Directors will elect the Officers of the organization.
- Outgoing Board Members (if they are still present) do NOT vote
- Officers will be elected in the following order:
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Baseball Tournament Director
  - Softball Tournament Director
- Any director who is present may nominate individuals for an officer position
- Each director casts one vote, and the nominee with the most votes is elected
- Tie for President is decided by the past president, if past President abstains, then outgoing VP breaks the tie, if they abstain, then coin flip
- All other ties are decided by the newly elected President

### **General Board Members: minimum 13, maximum 25**

#### Nominations from Current Board:

*Nic Weiler mass nominates the current board that identified they plan to return (see below), Laramie Kostyn seconded, voted & approved unanimously.*

1. *Nic Weiler*
2. *David Johnson*
3. *Amanda Braaten*
4. *Amy Weiler*
5. *Cara Johnson*
6. *Eric Millard*
7. *Will Abel*
8. *Kalie Abel*



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9. *Aly Allen*
10. *Stephanie Lecy*
11. *Meghan Berg*
12. *Dennis Pierce*
13. *Nate Strehlau*
14. *Laramie Kostyn*
15. *Nick Peterson*
16. *Cara nominates Skye Manning*
17. *Nic nominates Justin Allen*
18. *Amy nominates Andy Allen*
19. *Alyson nominates Ashleigh Halverson*
20. *Laramie nominates Ben Jennings*
21. *Kalie nominates Emily Weiler*
22. *Kalie nominates Kyle Weiler*

### **Executive Committee**

1. President: Current Nic Weiler  
No other nominees
2. Vice President: Exiting Nate Knutson  
Nate is willing to help with the transition and mentor; including Try Outs
  - a. *Cara nominated Laramie Kostyn, voted & approved unanimously.*
3. Treasurer: Current David Johnson  
No other nominees
4. Secretary: Exiting Amanda Braaten  
Amanda is willing to help with the transition and mentor
  - a. *Cara nominates Aly Allen, voted & approved unanimously.*
5. Baseball Coordinator: Exiting John Estok  
John is willing to help with the transition and mentor; including Try Outs
  - a. *John nominates Dennis Pierce, voted & approved unanimously.*  
*Will need league coordinator*
6. Softball Coordinator: Exiting Stephanie Lecy & Meghan Berg
  - a. Tabled until August:
    - i. Bill Abel considering
    - ii. Kyle & Emily Weiler considering

*NOTE: If the Vice President and Baseball Coordinator are not filled we will need a substitute so we have 3*

### **Coordinators**

1. Baseball & Softball Equipment: David Bailey
2. Baseball League: OPEN



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3. Softball League (consider joining with Softball Tournament): Bill Abel
4. Maintenance: Eric Millard
5. Concessions: Cara Johnson & Kalie Abel
  - a. Committee will be formed with parents
6. Beer Sales: Andy Allen & Ashleigh Halverson
7. Umpire: OPEN \*one person interested but not present, President will follow up
8. Communication: Amy Weiler
9. Fundraising: Skye Manning
10. Photo Coordinator: OPEN
11. Apparel/Uniform Coordinator (tournament & league): OPEN
12. Field Signs/Marketing: OPEN \*one person may still be interested

### Meeting Schedule for Next Year

3rd Wednesday of Each Month: 6pm

Locations: Tip Up, Jennings, Ryders, Whiskey Rapids

*Nic motions, Nate seconds, voted & approved unanimously.*

### Meeting Schedule for Next Year

2nd Wednesday of Each Month: 6pm

Locations: Tip Up, Jennings, Ryders, Whiskey Rapids

### **Agenda & Addendums to Current Policy:**

1. Tournament Tryout Policy
  - a. Top 6 Rule: currently creates some unnecessary tension
    - i. Proposal: eliminate for 12u+ but keep for younger age groups during times of transition to better align us with other leagues in the area. 12+ would rely more heavily on overall summer performance and organization coach feedback
    - ii. Out of Town Players: other leagues prioritize players that have been in the league, the new player can try out but often spends a year on a lower team to show their performance over time/at least one summer, other leagues have the coaches grade players and that information is shared out to build teams
    - iii. Initially this organization had a top 9 lock
    - iv. Evaluation Scores: current cannot be shared with coaches
    - v. Last year discussion was the expanding of days for try outs, consider doing a scrimmage so you can get a better vision for how the player responds. Game response vs drill response.
    - vi. Discussion for adding more measurables and develop a stronger criteria (maybe even a change) to move forward with
    - vii. Discussion for making try outs more of a celebration of the players



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- viii. Discussion for the players that fall in the middle of the two teams: example a pitcher that isn't skill ready for the higher team but would benefit from the practice of a lower team (even an athlete that advocated to play down), coaches tend to collaborate more at the older ages
- ix. Discussions on players getting the feedback so they know how they stack up
  - x. *Nic motions to strike "The Officials will not share the players evaluation placement with the Coaching Staff. All players that try out will be posted in the final results in alphabetical order." that was added in last season. Eric Millard seconded. Voted & approved unanimously.*
  - xi. *Nic motions to revoke the 'Top 6 lock for 12U +' Policy. Players will continue to try out, coaches will continue to use evaluation through the season, their try out scores, and under the guidance of Try Out Officials to form teams. Cara Johnson seconded. Voted & approved unanimously.*
- b. Concessions & Buy Out Tournament Team
  - i. Proposal: would like this addressed sooner, multiple families did a 'late buyout' which pulled them off the schedule. Once a position on the Tournament Team is built, the family is provided the 'buy out option' with a fee. Players cannot play until the fee is paid. If the family wants to get their money back, they can sign up to work for shifts to be compensated for the fee they paid up front.
    - 1. This year only 5 families worked their shifts in the concession stands from both softball and baseball side
    - 2. Another proposal: increase the amount of raffle tickets for each player to make up the money, concerns with leftover tickets being left on the team
  - ii. *Nic motions to change the Tournament Team Concession Buy Out to be issued as a secondary invoice provided to players and families after they are placed on a Tournament Team. Invoice must be paid to secure the position. If the family wants to be reimbursed they can sign up to work a Home Tournament Concession Shift and be paid as a worker. Seconded by Amanda. Voted & approved unanimously.*
  - iii. Proposal: would like a policy added that specifically addresses the tournament teams. Would like a policy that addresses the field maintenance, janitorial, etc. expectations so that it's more than an email and wants it added to the registration.
    - 1. Tournament Team registration will include Tournament Team Family Expectations including field maintenance, janitorial, score keeping, etc.
    - 2. In August the board will vote on the price for the 2026 Season.
    - 3. Policy may not be needed if we're not going to lay it out specifically upon registration.
  - iv. Another Update: Pepsi Coolers are leased, they were broken and not working, now everything is fixed and ready to go
- c. 13U & 14U Tournament Team Requirements for 2026 Year
  - i. No changes will be made this year, proposed to



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2. Review Current Card Holders and ensure transition plan
  - a. President
  - b. Treasurer
    - \*has 2, one is for grounds crew
  - c. Maintenance Coordinator
    - \*no card was picked up but Eric will get set up for a new card
  - d. Baseball Tournament Coordinator
    - \*no card was picked up but Dennis will get set up for a new card
  - e. Softball Tournament Coordinator
    - \*current will hold on to the card until the position is filled
  - f. Proposal for Concession Coordinators to have access to one
3. Review Policy for Families that do not follow through with commitments such as concessions
4. Fall Ball:
  - a. There is a lot of local interest, currently our teams are going to
  - b. 1 ump for each field, competitive (not rec league)
    - 3 weeks of double headers, Bracket play end of season
    - Coaches would set up their teams
    - Cost to rent field for 5 games \$750 per field
    - \$200 break even cost, could charge \$500/600 (previously went to mauston for almost double)
  - c. Concessions could be open to high school teams, Quad would be used to eliminate rain concerns, field maintenance concerns, etc.
  - d. Registration and Insurance: same as our tournament team
  - e. Entry Fee per Team needs to be determined
  - f. Target goal for First Year: 6 Teams
  - g. Softball discussion is had: not confident there is enough interest and concerns with too much conflict
  - h. *Nic motions to move forward with a Fall Ball Baseball League hosted by WRYSA at the Quad for the 2025 Fall Season. Laramie seconded. Voted & approved unanimously.*
5. Expectations for 2026 Season:
  - a. Agenda needs to be followed, want to stick to our time constraints (goal 1.5-2 hours)
  - b. Reach out before 2nd Wednesday of the month with what you would like on the agenda

**Motion to Adjourn at 845pm by Laramie, Andy seconded.**

### **Parking Lot for Next Meeting:**

- Open Positions:
  - Softball Tournament Coordinator
  - Baseball League Coordinator
  - Umpire Coordinator
  - Photo Coordinator



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- Apparel/Uniform Coordinator (tournament & league)
- Field Signs/Marketing
- Softball Tournament Try Outs: looking for policy change for grandfather rule
- Tournament Team Concession Buy Out Fee
- Concession League Policy Updates
- Discussion about Fundraising to support players fees to play
- Follow Up Nekoosa & Port Edwards engagement for League and Tournament Teams (softball specific)



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**Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

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**Welcome: Call to order 6:10pm**

**Approval of previous meeting minutes; Laramie motion to approve, David seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.**

### Reports 5-10 Minutes

#### 7. President: Nic

- a. Beer License Status Update: good through 2025 season, just need to renew before deadline for the 2026 season: will get it in by May 30th for the next season
  - i. If you have a copy of your license please provide that
- b. Field Update:
  - i. New bases have been delivered
  - ii. Rigid dragger currently; consider purchasing another for \$400ish
  - iii. Sprinklers: should be checked before tournament
  - iv. Gas Filled: Amerigas contact
- c. Purchase Updates:
  - i. Tournament bags were delivered
  - ii. Still working on 4 way hitting net with Beacon
- d. Vote: on purchase of new iPad; one for concessions is, not needed but *David J motions to approve the purchase of up to \$800, seconded by Jamie B. All in favor.*
- e. Vote: Spray for Mosquitos
  - i. \$800 one time or \$1500 two sprays
    1. 1 spray lasts for 30 days  
*Motion by Laramie to spray twice, seconded by Cara. All in favor.*
    2. To be completed by 5/16, stay off fields until 530pm
- f. Vote: Bat Holders for each dugout (12)
  - i. 12 CNC/aluminum made with WRYSA logo \$1690  
*Jamie motioned, seconded by Laramie. All in favor.*

#### 8. Vice President: Nate (not present)

- a. Need to confirm all 15u players were updated.

#### 9. Treasurer: David

- a. Raffle License Updated (was due May 31st)
- b. \$41,295 in tournament fund



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- c. \$7,531 bingo account
- d. \$150,899 in operations account
- e. Money Counter; remove human error
  - i. No vote due to low cost but everyone agrees it's a good purchase

### 10. Secretary: Braaten

- a. Background Checks Link is LIVE <https://wrysa.sportngin.com/register/form/811340225>
  - i. ONLY COACHES SHOULD FILL OUT THIS LINK

### 11. Baseball Coordinator: John

- a. Nekoosa shaved ice company reached out to set up at Silver Slugger tournament
  - i. Going to pass on the opportunity since we have slushy machines at both locations
- b. Consider adding 'Park at your own risk' signage behind field 1 RF and field 3 RF/LF
  - i. Nic will check on requirements/benefits of doing so with insurance
  - ii. Do we also want to consider signage for spectators to be aware of fly balls within the complex?
- c. Tournaments are almost ALL the way full: 113 filled/116 available
  - i. Need to purchase ring boxes, will likely snag from amazon
- d. Follow up on 3rd place games: No 3rd place games for 13u and 14u ages during both tournaments
- e. Specialized Jersey Update
- f. Equipment or Field Updates
  - i. Consider sprinkler tutorial ahead of tournament for all tourney coaches
    - 1. Should coordinate soon
    - 2. Do we train all coaches or select a few who will operate during the tournaments?
  - ii. Two field lights are out behind field 1 and field 4
    - 1. Reach out to Justin Jaminski or E-Con for repair
- g. Insurance Sheets: should be uploaded on the drive for access and print
- h. Ump Update: need updates from Jeb
- i. Should start planning Tryouts for 2026 to help support new coordinator coming in

### 12. Softball Coordinator: Steph & Meghan

- a. Tournament Team number update:
  - i. 10u & 12u are full
  - ii. 8u has three teams; consider changing to one day tournament
  - iii. Changing rules to coach pitch only, not player/coach
    - 1. Approve the change with current registered teams and then recruit 2-3 more with updated rules
  - iv. In need of gift bags; looking for donations

### 13. Ump Update: Jeb

- a. Next week will be difficult for staffing league umpers due to school events including football meetings, etc.



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- b. Couple of tournament ump cancellations but numbers are still good
- c. 33 umps have been trained for the 2025 season
- d. Ump gera needs to be checked before Saturday
  - i. Including clickers
  - ii. Approve for Jeb to purchase what is needed from Dunhams and reimburse
  - iii. Umps will turn in clickers each night with their sign off sheet for payment
- e. Discussion on umpire payment process
  - i. Payment collected from umpire envelope in concessions
  - ii. Cooridnators will lead this process

**Friendly Reminder: Parents of tournament players please remember we need all hands on deck for field care and score keeping.**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

1. Tournament Clean Up Days need to be scheduled
  - a. May 29th at 5pm until complete
    - i. John E typically spends the day preparing the fields on Friday but let's plan for a good clean up and preparation each Thursday
  - b. June 5th at 5pm until complete
  - c. List coming
    - i. Spray for bees by porta potties near tractor garage
    - ii. Add 3 porta potties for each tournament
      1. Price with Andy \$130 per unit per weekend
  - d. Sign Hang up either Thursday or Friday (Adam completed on 5/15)
    - i. Concession signs

### **Legacy Project: Nate & David**

1. More to come

### **Maintenance Coordinator Updates: Laramie**

1. Thank you for all the help at field clean up!
  - a. Watch for field clean up for tournament teams!
2. See President Notes:
  - a. Sprinklers are good to go
  - b. Old Time Chores Field Treatment done opening weekend
  - c. Gas Filled / Amerigas
  - d. Spray for mosquitos (see above)
3. Mower (good shape) and Drag Maintenance
  - a. Used yesterday, sounds rough.
  - b. Need quotes and get ahead of this. Looking for donations.



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4. Green space will be fertilized Thursday 5/15

### **Concessions: Amy & Cara**

1. Update:
  - a. Freezers on, food delivered; Pepsi delivered last week
  - b. Grills & fryers are cleaned
2. Signs Mess : Rapids Signs
3. HS Workers Concession Stand 54 last year, 27 this year
  - a. Contacts Made
  - b. Lots under the age of 14 but that is not allowed
4. Concessions: 3 windows vs 4 windows to support efficiencies
5. Beer Windows: installed May 23/24
  - a. Looking for wooden bats to go with project
  - b. Eric will get the outlets in beer concessions as well as concessions table this week
6. Need to transport beer from Ryders to the field prior to Saturday
  - a. Steph and Meghan offered to help on Thursday
7. More Beer will be picked up from Richards Liquor
  - a. Amy Nic and David to complete Thurs/Fri
8. Buns will be picked up Friday from KT; Cara will need help
9. No response from King Cone
10. Pretzel warmer was updated and slushy machine was added to beer concession: donated and delivered by Holiday
11. Concessions exempt list:
  - a. Exempt the following people from working or buying out of tournament concessions
    - i. Concession coordinators, tournament coordinators, concession committees (Amy, Steph, John, Cara, Jen J, Bri R, Ashley M)  
*Motion by Nic, seconded by Laramie. All in favor.*
  - b. Coaches are not exempt from tournament concession responsibilities (same as 2024)

### **Marketing: Amanda Lawery**

1. Previous Notes:
  - a. Rapids Signs:
    - i. \$190 signs for entrances “No Carry Ins”
      1. Also needs to be moved to another location since we started selling alcohol
    - ii. Larger signs will require longer contracts
    - iii. Some signs do not have a history: while we create new contracts we need to also promote our local sponsors more frequently online
  - b. School District (Ron Rasmussen) Approved naming rights to the fields without board approval
  - c. Field Sponsors \$2000
  - d. Entrances (2 posts with overhead sign): cost TBD



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- i. Eric offered to help with digging for posts
- e. Dugout Sponsor \$500

### **Clothing/Apparel Coordinator Update: Alyson**

1. There is also a handful of gloves and other equipment: COACHES if you have a player in need of updated equipment please check the equipment sheds
2. Have not yet received reimbursement check from Mada
3. Looking for suggestions on styles and designs to start cc graphics store

### **Communication Update: Jamie**

1. None to note

### **Fundraising Update: Jamie**

1. Thank You cards for Tournament Umps will happen
2. 50/50 planned at Kellner and Witter on Saturday 5/17
3. Approval for \$500 spend for coach appreciation event
  - a. *Motion by David J, seconded by Laramee. All in favor.*

### **Photo Coordinator: Kalie**

1. Primelight needs parent and coaches email addresses to schedule

### **Motion to Adjourn at 815pm**

*Laramee motioned to adjourn, Dennis seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### **Parking Lot for Another Meeting:**

- End of the Year Party; Coach Appreciation
- Beer Tax: more to come



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**Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

*\*no meetings the month of November, considering December for 2025*

**Present:** Nic Weiler (President), David Johnson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary), Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg, Nick Peterson, Laramie Kostyn, John Estok, Amy, Cara, Amanda Lawery, Dennis Pierce

**Welcome: Call to order 6:07pm**

**Approval of previous meeting minutes;** *Laramie motion to approve, Amy seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### **Reports 5-10 Minutes**

14. President: Nic

- a. Beer License Status Update: good through 2025 season, just need to renew before deadline for the 2026 season: will get it in by May 30th for the next season
- b. Quad Agreement Finalized & Paid
  - i. Book through Scout as years past
- c. End of the Year Event
  - i. Last year Coaches Appreciation
  - ii. This year with the Brewers: Aug 9th and 10th is being considered (after ball and try outs) \*dates are still being worked out, everyone will be communicated with
    1. \$30-\$50 ticket (final cost would need to be paid up front and then
    2. Email will come out with more details to schedule/set something up
    3. Plan would be then to post flyer for leftover burgers and brats for WRYSA
    4. Long term plan: our program working together with the Brewers
    5. "Family Sunday" being considered
- d. Discount Code: see email sent
  - i. Dunhams: set up by Wes
- e. \$1000 Donation to WRSYA from Chevy Youth Baseball to be used for any needs
  - i. We were also given 250 'points' to get some free equipment
  - ii. 3x8 Chevy Banner for the season
  - iii. Instructional clinics are coming soon!

15. Vice President: Nate (not present)

- a. Late Registration Updates
  - i. Less than previous years but still difficult to navigate
- b. Tournament Buyout Concessions



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- i. Create a buyout, open for 2 weeks for tournament teams to allow plenty of time for scheduling workers for concessions
- ii. \$50 per player, per weekend
- iii. Will consider reaching out to some workers from last year with experience to return this year
- iv. Consider having a parent or parent group put in charge of finances at the end of each night so teens are not in charge of that
- v. Hoping to open SportsEngine Registration 4/20/25-4/30/25 \*reminder that we need
- c. 15u Baseball Team still looking for a coach!
  - i. We have enough players but still need a coach.
  - ii. There will not be a team if we do not have a coach.

### 16. Treasurer: David

- a. **SEE MESSAGE FROM DAVID WITH NUMBERS**
- b. Working on marketing funds and field sponsors funding
- c. All bills are paid
- d. Tournament budgets have been shared out

### 17. Secretary: Braaten

- a. Streamlining to SportsEngine
  - i. Previously \$11/background check: single year, can upgrade to 7 counties
  - ii. Proposed \$25/background check: includes 2nd year re-scan for returning coaches, statewide
- b. Streamlining creates 'coach memberships' so we can track their background check and training sections to be completed. I would need to track rerunning checks for their 2nd year in our program.

*Laramie motion to approve, Amy seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### 18. Baseball Coordinator: John

- a. Tournaments are almost ALL the way full: 113 filled/116 available
- b. Follow up on 3rd place games
- c. Jeb wants pink jerseys for his team: follow up coming for all coaches wanting specialized jerseys
- d. Base updates: need some replacement bases and safety bases
  - i. Amazon has good prices
  - ii. John is requesting 2 new sets (\$171 per set, two were purchased last year) and 3 new safety bases (price unknown); price would be under \$800. No vote is needed but no one is opposed since this is a safety concern.
- e. Insurance Sheets: should be uploaded on the drive for access and print
- f. Ump Update: need updates from Jeb

### 19. Softball Coordinator: Steph & Meghan

- a. Tournament Team number update:
  - i. Still need two 8u Players



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- ii. 10u team and coaches are set up and ready to go
- b. Port Edwards asking for a 'Rules Meeting' as we've done in years past, No Nekoosa Team this year: this will be scheduled by Steph & Meghan
- c. Equipment:
  - i. In need of facemasks: it is required for our infield
  - ii. In need of bow nets: requesting one for each tournament team  
*David motions that WRYSA reinvest \$1500 into the softball program so we can update equipment including face masks, bats, and catchers gear. John seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
- d. Raffle ticket questions are trickling
- e. June Bug:
  - i. 12u Full
  - ii. 10u One Spot Open
  - iii. 8u Five Spots Open
- f. Opening Day: no softball due to dance recital and lack of players available to play
- g. Ump Update: need updates from Jeb

**Friendly Reminder: Parents of tournament players please remember we need all hands on deck for field care and score keeping.**

### Upcoming Dates:

- 2. April 17th: BINGO at Ryders Roadhouse
- 3. April 24th: Field Clean Up
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- 6. Tuesday, May 6th, 6pm: 8u Softball, 10u Softball & 10u Baseball
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- 7. May 5th & 6th 530pm-630pm: Concession Training (sign up genius coming)
- 8. Sunday, May 11th 4pm & 5pm: Ump

### Legacy Project: Nate & David

- 2. More to come



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### **Maintenance Coordinator Updates: Laramie**

5. Sprinkler update & water turn on update: getting turned on Friday
6. Old Time Chores Field Treatment
7. Mower (good shape) and Drag Maintenance
  - a. Used yesterday, sounds rough.
  - b. Need quotes and get ahead of this. Looking for donations.
8. Propane is getting followed up on
9. Field Clean Up: Paint concession shed, Inventory of field dry and chalk, Check bathrooms, etc.
  - a. List will be emailed out to the board to review and then shared out
10. Consider spraying for mosquitos: get some quotes

### **Concessions: Amy & Cara**

12. Confirm date that freezers will be turned on: must be done by company, cannot be done by us
13. Check on Griller and Fryer and Hook Ups
  - a. Fryers still need to be cleaned up
14. Update on propane tank concerns from last year
15. Concession Training Date: May 5th & 6th 530pm-630pm
16. Concession window concerns with safety and traffic efficiencies:
  - a. Will need updated signs for

### **Marketing: Amanda Lawery**

2. Rapids Signs:
  - a. \$190 signs for entrances “No Carry Ins”
    - i. Also needs to be moved to another location since we started selling alcohol
  - b. Larger signs will require longer contracts
  - c. Some signs do not have a history: while we create new contracts we need to also promote our local sponsors more frequently online
3. School District (Ron Rasmussen) Approved naming rights to the fields without board approval
4. Field Sponsors \$2000
5. Entrances (2 posts with overhead sign): cost TBD
  - a. Eric offered to help with digging for posts
6. Dugout Sponsor \$500

### **Clothing/Apparel Coordinator Update: Alyson**

4. League Order placed on the 10th
5. Mada Order just closed: 84 orders
6. Jerseys for Teams are set
7. Older Clothing and Shirts and Hats: follow up with how to post them for sale (Opening Day)



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- a. **There is also a handful of gloves and other equipment: COACHES if you have a player in need of updated equipment please check the equipment sheds**

**Communication Update: Jamie** (not present)

2. BINGO Tomorrow! Stop on Out!!

**Fundraising Update: Jamie** (not present)

4. Raffle ticket updates from Eric

**Photo Coordinator: Kalie**

2. April 29th, April 30th, May 1st scheduled
3. If we move outside of these dates there will be extra fees (\$25 pre-pay)
4. Primelight needs parent and coaches email addresses to schedule

**Motion to Adjourn at 827pm:**

*Amy motioned to adjourn, David seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*



# WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

**March 18th, 2025**

6pm-8pm at Mickey's Tip Up, Wisconsin Rapids

**General Board Meeting**

**General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**  
**Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

\*no meetings the month of November, considering December for 2025

### **Present:**

Nic Weiler (President), Nate Knutson (Vice President), David Johnson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary), Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg, Nate Strehlau, Nick Peterson, Laramie Kostyn, Jeb McKinney, Shannon Scheunemann, Amy, Cara

### **Welcome: Call to order 603pm**

**Approval of previous meeting minutes; postponed to next meeting Laramie, Amy**

### **Reports 5-10 Minutes**

1. President: Nic
  - a. Vendor Space for Opening Day or Tournament Day
    - i. Example: Local Coffee Shop 10x10 spaces
    - ii. 10 Total Tents, allow generators  
*Nate motion to approve, Laramie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
2. Vice President: Nate
  - a. Draft Night: Be sure to go over league level rules
  - b. Draft Night: Red/White/League variations are required
3. Treasurer: David
  - i. None
4. Secretary: Amanda
  - i. None
5. Baseball Coordinator: John (not present)
  - i. Umps are all set
  - ii. Team Evaluations April 22nd
6. Softball Coordinator: Steph
  - a. Tournament Team number update:
    - i. Still need four 8u Players
    - ii. Still need four 10u Players
      1. Need a 10u tournament coach
    - iii. 12u is Full
  - b. Still need 5 Umps for Softball



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### Rule Changes:

1. 8u Softball:
  - a. Remove strike outs from league ball
  - b. 5 player pitches, 3 coach pitches, then the tee
  - c. All infield must have a mask  
*Nick motion to approve, Nate seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
2. Baseball:
  - a. Shifting No Longer Allowed for 10u and 12u
  - b. Remove Pitcher Re-Entry for 10u and 12u Baseball  
*Nate motion to approve, seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### Purchases:

1. Four Way Hitting Net, slightly over \$1000
  - a. May need to expand road base  
*Laramie motion to approve, Jeb seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*
2. Fungo Racket, approx \$520  
*Laramie motion to approve, Jeb seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*
3. Tournament Bag Gear Bag for Catchers Gear \$60/each
  - a. On sale on Amazon, one per team (14)  
*Laramie motion to approve, Jeb seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*
4. Need a new drag; will vote at next meeting or email vote

### Upcoming Dates:

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  - b. Jersey and Candy Bar Pick Up
4. Sunday, May 11th: Umps
  - a. 4pm and 5pm

### Maintenance Coordinator Updates: Laramie

1. Newman & Jaminski will be helping us again for another year of field clean up/maintenance
2. Spring Clean Up:
  - a. Chris R & Business will spray and fertilize, we will spray along fences
  - b. Backside of Concessions need to be painted (facing Grant School)
    - i. Consider painting entire thing



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- c. Signs may need to be re-hung
- d. Batting Cage felt was tore up
  - i. All nets were taken down last year, will need to be put back up; huge task
3. Moving forward with windows for Beer Shed Coming Soon
  - a. Looking for a name as well

### **Concessions: Amy & Cara**

*Jeb motion to approve, Laramie seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*

1. Form Provided:
  - a. Adding shredded pork as an option
  - b. Honey mustard added for sauce
  - c. Laffy taffy rope instead of laffy taffy rope
  - d. Price differences/changes provided
2. King Cone will absorb cost to keep prices the same for this year
3. DQ more follow up on Dilly Bars
4. Pepsi needs more follow ups
5. Slushie Machine coming soon for lemonade too
  - a. Consider a different colored cup
6. Seroogy's Candy Bars
  - a. Kept in freezer/fridge, ordered 6 last year
  - b. After draft night reimbursements will be given to coaches
  - c. Ordering 12 boxes this year for concession stands
7. Ryders will continue to keep our stuff

*Jamie motion to approve, David seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*

8. Discussion previously had will need vote next meeting:
  - a. Ultimate Weekend Concessions: WRYSA fundraiser with no parent involvement
  - b. Home Tournament Concessions: buy out by parents, consider costs vs revenue
  - c. Consider:
    - i. Having kids sell food and parents sell beer
    - ii. Important to do the buy out early and schedule in advance
  - d. Tournament Buyout Proposal to consider for voting:
    - i. Parents can buy out of concessions but would still be responsible for other duties such as beer, park clean up, field duties, etc.
    - ii. This allows parents to enjoy the weekend, Nate would schedule beer and concessions to ensure consistent workers and service provided. It will overall create a better customer experience, less waiting for food and more consistent product.
9. Change Rule to lower the bottom line Card Limit

*Amy motion to approve, Laramie seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*

**Marketing: Amanda Lawery**



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*Jeb motion to approve, Laramie seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*

1. Plans to meet for signs
2. Need to follow up with Grant to ensure what we can/cannot do for naming rights

### **Clothing/Apparel Coordinator Update: Alyson**

1. Follow up to come:
  - a. Kickback from CC Graphics?
  - b. Mada for bulk early bird?
2. CC Graphics will do League Shirts
3. There will be an open shop online for everyone all summer regardless
4. Hat Conversation
  - a. Girls are not
  - b. Greenway is providing hats this year, we just have to choose which kind/style, youth vs adult, snapback is preferred, total donation \$2500 to use their vendor
  - c. The remainder will be paid by us not to exceed \$2000

*Laramie motion to approve, Jeb seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*

### **Legacy Project: Nate & David**

1. No Major Updates until Spring:
  - a. Parking Lot last item
  - b. Truckload of boulders update: Shannon
  - c. Trees planting and top layer scraped off: Eric Millard
  - d. Still Need 30'x300' section scraped, trees planted (approx \$4000 & already scheduled) and parking lot indicators installed before spring

### **Communication Update: Jamie**

1. Position Available: Communication Coordinator for the 2025 season
2. Position Available: Fundraising Coordinator for the 2025 season
3. Position Available: Baseball Coordinator for the 2025 season

### **Fundraising Update: Jamie**

1. BINGO: WRYSA BINGO Night @ Ryders Roadhouse - Thursday April 17th, 2025 - 5:30-8:30PM
2. Seroogy's Candy Bars: will be sold at concessions again and used for general fundraising
  - a. Buyout is still an option

### **Photo Coordinator: Kalie**

1. No Updates

### **Motion to Adjourn at 815pm:**

*Nic motioned to adjourn, David seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*



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## MEETING MINUTES

### February 2025

6pm-8pm at Mickey's Tip Up, Wisconsin Rapids

#### General Board Meeting

**General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**  
**Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

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#### Present:

Nic Weiler (President), Nate Knutson (Vice President), David Johnson (Treasurer), Eric Millard, Jeb McKinney, Nate Strehlau, Dennis Pierce, Nick Peterson, Shannon Scheunemann, Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg, Jamie Brown, Allison Allen

Amanda Braaten (Secretary) not present

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

**1. Welcome: Call to order 6:07 pm**

**2. Approval of previous meeting minutes:** *Dave J motion to approve, Laramie seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*

**3. Reports:**

**a. President: Nic**

- i. Will email suggested draft rules and updated rule changes for 2025 to vote on by email
- ii. Insurance and Chartering is paid for 2025
- iii. Currently \$472 less than 2024 by updating number of teams
- iv. Gun Raffle will need to be discussed today
- v. POS computers were collected and passed to Concession Coordinators (Amy Weiler and Cara Johnson will team up for the 2025 season)

**b. Vice President: Nate**

- i. 215 registration to date
- ii. Jamie will share message about extended deadline
- iii. Late fee will be removed

**c. Treasurer: David**

- i. Liability insurance was paid
- ii. Beer Tax was not paid; this is a work in progress
- iii. Thursday Legacy Fund move with Paper Cities
  1. \$166k Operating Budget
  2. \$9200 Bingo
  3. \$4100 Tournaments
- iv. Debit cards will be mailed, everyone should have received an encrypted email before cards are sent



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1. No on received; Dave will reach out, again

**d. Secretary: Amanda** (not present)

**e. Baseball Coordinator: John** (not present)

- i. Lead Off Tourney 51/60
- ii. Silver Slugger 54/56
- iii. 14u White Update

1. Review numbers after League Registration to confirm team then contact parents

iv. Baseballs will be ordered for tournament and league

*Motion by John to order as many balls as necessary for 2025, seconded by Dave Bailey. Voted and approved unanimously.*

v. 2025 and 2026 Awards were ordered today

**vi. Umps: Jeb McKinney**

1. Short on umpers for Silver Slugger, confident this will be resolved

**f. Softball Coordinator: Steph**

- i. Lost a 10u Coach
- ii. Still in need of girls to register to fill up teams
- iii. Propose list of requirements for Port/Nekoosa (league rules)

1. Nic will follow up with Port contacts following their registration

**4. Legacy Project: Nate & David**

a. No updates until Spring other than funds (see Treasurer report)

**5. Maintenance Coordinator Updates: Laramie**

- a. Beacon Athletics quoted \$1700 for 4 sided hitting net for by batting cages
- b. Still need the cost for the additional road base and installation
- c. Millard will till area by parking lot in the spring for planting of trees around the lot
- d. \$4500 left on this project to be paid

**6. Concession Coordinators: Amy & Cara**

**7. Communication Update: Jamie**

- a. Position Available: Communication Coordinator for the 2025 season
- b. Position Available: Fundraising Coordinator for the 2025 season
- c. Position Available: Baseball Coordinator for the 2025 season
- d. Position Available: Concession & Beer Co-Coordinator ASAP

**8. Marketing:**

**a. Eric Millard:**

- i. Sell naming rights to each field with backstop signage; has one contractor interested for approx \$3000
- ii. Potential to trade portion for labor to add windows to beer sales window
- iii. Need to develop a cost associated with set price for sponsor level
- iv. Jenna Millard managed this in 2024, Amanda Lowery will take over for 2025
- v. Renewal letters are needed for new signs

**9. Fundraising Update: Jamie & All Included**



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- a. BINGO:
  - i. Donations are at about \$2100
  - ii. Bingo Workers are Needed as followed: WATCH EMAIL FOR SIGN UP
  - iii. Still able to use the same location (October 24th, 2024/April 17th, 2025)
  - iv. Still looking for donations of water and cookies
    - 1. Consider Water Works for water donations
    - 2. Few feelers out on donated cookies, looking for 50-75 cookies
- b. Gun Raffle Sales
  - i. Conversations around budget and ensuring we have enough since we're opening it up sooner so we can sell tickets at tournaments
  - ii. Need a date to start sales; stay tuned
  - iii. Plan to provide 10 gun/gift cards or more depending on budget
  - iv. Will draw winner the Sunday of the Silver Slugger
  - v. *Jamie proposes to increase budget from \$5500 to \$7000, Jeb seconded, Voted and Approved Unanimously*
- c. Other:
  - i. More to Come: league season raffle for bat bag, Calendar Raffles, 10 liners for a bat in concessions
  - ii. Watch facebook for more food nights.

### **10. Photo Coordinator: Kalie**

### **11. Uniforms/Clothing/Apparel Coordinator Update: Alyson**

- a. 2025 Jerseys: Alyson will cover for this year. Many tourney jerseys are being reused from last year. Historically had March deadlines.
- b. Team Sporting Goods: 5 week turnaround on uniforms, closes March 9th
- c. League Jerseys: Hazard Shop or CC Graphics
  - i. Confirm youth/adult pricing and turnaround time for each then decide at next meeting
- d. Greenway donated \$250 for hats and will provide them from Design Monkey in Auburndale

### **12. Rule Changes: more to come**

### **13. Coach Ryan:**

- a. Presented opportunities for open gym, coaches, clinics, youth camp and youth day oppornites at varsity games
- b. Dates are TBD

**Motion to Adjourn at 800pm:** *Dave motioned to adjourn, Shannon seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*



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## MEETING MINUTES

**January 15, 2025**

6pm-8pm at Mickey's Tip Up, Wisconsin Rapids  
**General Board Meeting**

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**Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

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### AGENDA ITEMS:

**Welcome: Call to order 605pm**

**Approval of previous meeting minutes 12/18/2024**

*Jeb motion to approve, Nate seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### Reports 5-10 Minutes

**President: Nic**

1. HOLIDAY FLYER/Important Dates Flyer: Need to vote to approve
2. JERSEY SPONSORS: Looking to bring in more vendors to partner for hats for league ball. This years considerations are Greenway, Mark Motors/Toyota, Rafters have historically provided our hats
  - a. Mark Motors/Toyota match, Greenway wanted to sponsor jerseys as well; offering sleeves and hats
  - b. Jill Woller (Stone Bridge sponsor from previous years also reached out)
    - i. 8u and hats could use the Rafters ones, 10u up get another sponsor
    - ii. Softball wants visors
    - iii. Hats will be black no matter what, red reserved for our tournament teams
    - iv. Consider other donations for field and backstop again
  - c. VENDORS: reviewing Lease Agreement to consider vendors for our home tournaments. Thought is that they can set up at all the entrances.
  - d. PROJECT: Beer Sales overhead/garage door opening. Someone needs to take this project on before it gets too late, sometimes doors can be special order and take weeks/months to come in. Can we try to get someone to work on this project during the offseason?
    - i. Window with a roll up OR half door in existing location
    - ii. If we hire someone they would need to be insured

**Vice President: Nate**

1. January 26th-February 23rd League Registration Open
  - a. More registration; see below
2. March 19th League Draft Night; Need Head Coach & Assistant Coach
  - a. 6U softball option will be provided
  - b. 13U league is optional
  - c. 8u baseball
  - d. 8u and 10u softball tournament players needed, will be asked if they're interested at sign up



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- e. Will also ask for interest in tournament fall ball \*baseball only
  - f. 'How did you hear about us' will also be added including other questions to help us identify who are tournament players
  - g. Age group move request will be on there as well
3. Our goal is to order jerseys by April 1st

### **Treasurer: David**

1. Banking issues are still an ongoing concern: treasurer is still locked out, issues with transferring funds
  - a. Paper City allows e-signing
  - b. Moving forward with cards for coordinators for our upcoming season and registration
2. Still working to follow up with Waste Management; they are claiming we owe them money but have not had services since August
3. \$250 donation from Associated Bank; Shout out to David for making this happen
4. Need quotes for balls so we can vote and order ASAP
5. Equipment inventory should be taken and order what is needed for the upcoming year
6. BUDGET REMINDER: We also want/need to keep a surplus or back up fund in the maintenance category to ensure we're prepared for how the weather will impact our fields and our home tournaments \*\*our home tournaments concessions bring in a LOT of revenue
7. PLEASE email the executive committee with suggestions of gear/supplies that need to be replaced; if you include quotes for reference EVEN BETTER!!
  - a. EXAMPLES: pitching machines, gear bags, softball catcher gear, left handed catcher gloves
8. Access to indoor facility is major need for all ages; Port YMCA is \$60 per hour and local
9. Clinics: Brewers, UWSP, softball pitching clinics, Scheels... let's start gathering information (prices, locations, ages) Please email executive committee with suggestions

### **Secretary: Amanda**

1. New background check option for this coming season: SportsEngine
  - a. No vote needed, everyone agrees in streamlining with registration
2. Working to create one singular document with yearly tasks and descriptions of volunteer positions to support transitions as athletes and families age out of our organization.

### **Baseball Coordinator: John (not present)**

1. Looking to fill this role for the 2026 season to start in August of 2025 for tryouts; now is the time to express interest so you can shadow the position before the position is yours
2. Tournament dates for the 2025 season
  - a. Lead Off May 30th-June 1st
  - b. Silver Slugger & June Bug together June 6th-8th
  - c. Most are filled or fairly full
  - d. Will be posting soon, currently created and the previously attending teams get access until October
3. Umps are not set up yet but Jeb is working on that for baseball and softball
4. Will need 40 dozen tournament baseballs, unsure on current practice balls available
  - a. Practice balls are league balls



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- b. David Bailey may have what we need but Nic will follow up
5. 14u White we have 13 players that still want to play
6. UMPIRE UPDATE: Running cash out of the concessions has been messy; can we look at envelopes by game to make it a more simple process for the concession crew who is expected to manage it

### **Softball Coordinator: Steph**

1. Tournament Team number update:
  - a. Still looking for 8u and 10u players, did get one hit off facebook. Please keep sharing!
  - b. Still in need of at least 2, 3 would be ideal
2. 10u with Port Edwards; Port is worried about costs for tournament team as they typically do not pay for their own gear
3. Need to look into insurance options; consider scholarship so they can play under us and our insurance.
4. Questions about fees and fundraising
5. 8u Update:
  - a. Didn't have tryouts but we planned to circle back in the spring to see if there was interest; sounds like 3 on the team currently
  - b. We have a potential coach but also TBD
  - c. Consider going to the same local tournaments (Rudolph, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Nekoosa) and combine our 8u teams as well

### **TOP PRIORITY: REGISTRATION FOR 2025**

1. Need to Vote: registration forms
2. Concession Expectations: see below
  - a. Looking for a concession coordinator and/or committee
3. Registration Fees: \$60 7u and older: same as last year, \$25 6u t-ball: same as last year
4. Need to Vote: Age cut off for tournament 2025 existing or modify as other programs in the area are doing
5. For our June Bug tournament for the 2025 season we will allow teams to follow the new age cut off for 9/1 to register: *Steph motion to approve, Jeb seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
6. This year:
  - a. No more parent meetings for league or tournament team
  - b. Coaches are encouraged to call parent meetings as needed for the team
  - c. Communication will go out in video form to parents after registration is complete
  - d. Clinics: board will be on site to answer questions
  - e. Pick up jerseys from coaches
  - f. Seroogy's fundraising pick up
  - g. 14u may dissolve; parents will be contacted in case they want to pursue other options for tournament ball
7. New this year: late registration after our cut off will have a \$15 late fee to help cover costs.  
*Nic motion to approve, Nate seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### **Legacy Project: Nate & David: No Major Updates until Spring**

1. Truckload of boulders update: Shannon



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2. Trees planting and top layer scraped off: Eric Millard
3. Still Need 30'x300' section scraped, trees planted (approx \$4000 & already scheduled) and parking lot indicators installed before spring
4. Flickering lights if that is still an issue? Do we have lights on Field 6? Old Lights location?
5. \$15k sustainability deposit is needed by end of the year, working to find out what/when we can pull from these funds to support the organization

### **Maintenance Coordinator Updates: Laramie**

1. Do we have a date(s) for field clean up? April 24th
2. Palm Septic: Andy Palm
  - a. Donate 3 porta pottys for the season
  - b. Pumping for the holding tank would be a charge, quote for last year was similar to what we were previously paying but Andy has offered to check our tanks and manage the pumps during the day so we do not have this happening during a tournament
  - c. June Bug last year he got us covered last minute and we only had 2 at the JV fields, it was not enough and FULL...and gross
  - d. Request to have one left there for October for coaches that do not have keys to our bathrooms. Approved.
  - e. Assuming we are not currently under contract for the porta pottys, we would switch pumping services to Palm.
  - f. *Nate motion to approve, Kalie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### **Concession/Beer Sales Update: Nick & looking for a committee**

1. Nate has stepped down, we are looking for another person willing to co-coordinate concessions and/or beer. This is a huge part of our funding, do we want a small committee formed instead of putting this on two people? Open for conversation.
2. Need to Vote: Concession Buyout costs so this can be added to our registration
  - a. Concession Buyout League: can stay at \$25
  - b. This would include one griller each league night getting hired for \$20 hour
    - i. Grillers still must be 18 years old
  - c. This includes the supervisor position being paid \$15/hour
  - d. If players are not offered a league to play in, they are not responsible for league obligations such as working concessions, buy out of concessions fees, or fundraising: you would be responsible for tournament league obligations.  
*Braaten motion to approve, Nate S seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
3. Consider internship opportunities for league nights, opening weekend, home tournaments, etc rather than supervisors for each shift. We need someone to take the lead for each shift so coaches can coach.

### **Discussion previously had will need vote soon-ish:**

1. Ultimate Weekend Concessions: WRYSA fundraiser with no parent involvement
2. Home Tournament Concessions: buy out by parents, consider costs vs revenue
3. Consider:
  - a. Having kids sell food and parents sell beer



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- b. Important to do the buy out early and schedule in advance
4. Tournament Buyout Proposal to consider for voting:
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### **Communication Update: Jamie**

1. Position Available: Communication Coordinator for the 2025 season
2. Position Available: Fundraising Coordinator for the 2025 season
3. Position Available: Baseball Coordinator for the 2025 season
4. Position Available: Concession & Beer Co-Coordinator ASAP

### **Fundraising Update: Jamie & All Included**

1. BINGO: Donations are at about \$2100
  - a. Bingo Workers are Needed as followed:
    - i. 2 people selling BINGO cards (5:00-7:00)
    - ii. 2-3 people selling food (5:00-7:30)
    - iii. 2-3 people selling 50/50 (5:00-8:00)
    - iv. 3-4 people bartending (if the new bar owners allow us to manage the sales as we have in the past - 5:00-8:30)
    - v. WATCH EMAIL FOR SIGN UP
  - b. Still able to use the same location (October 24th, 2024-April 17th, 2025)
  - c. Still looking for donations of water and cookies
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  - d. Other Updates coming in March/April : league season raffle for bat bag, Gun Raffle extension, Calendar Raffles, 10 liners for a bat in concessions
  - e. Watch facebook for more food nights.

### **Clothing/Apparel Coordinator Update: Alyson**

1. 2025 Jerseys: Alyson will cover for this year. Many tourney jerseys are being reused from last year. Historically had March deadlines.

### **Photo Coordinator: Kalie**

1. Previous photographers, other opportunities for this coming season

### **Ongoing Concern: Indoor Space for Jan-March, any updates?**

### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

1. Review League and Tournament Rules; consider and vote on any changes



# WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

2. Fundraising; considering calendar raffles, league season raffle for bat bag or other top gear, gun raffle extension to get money from travel teams in our home tournaments, 10 liners for bats and other gear, etc.
3. Need a guideline or policy for duplicated and/or overlap in numbers; consider if you move up and you're a duplicate you need to choose a new number
4. Consider bat bags for tournament teams
5. Clothing/Apparel: inventory in concession stand
6. Vendors at Home Tournaments; lacing gloves, printing shirts, other gear. Placement considered for each entrance: Consider Darcy at CC Graphics for Opening Weekend at WRYSA
7. Big League Dream Day for Baseball; play at American Family Field. Any time on the field would be beneficial. Can make this a WRYSA thing for renting a pavilion and tailgating, final bring us all together: Consider for 'graduation from organization'
8. Bill from the Rafters, hoping to get a tournament at Witter for our older kids. This is important to our league.
9. Fall Ball and Tournament Ideas for Fall use of facilities
10. Umpire update: Running cash out of the concessions has been messy; can we look at envelopes by game to make it a more simple process for the concession crew who is expected to manage it
11. 8u softball and 10u softball co-op with Port Edwards

**Motion to Adjourn at 810pm:** *Jeb motioned to adjourn, Laramie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*



# WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

**DECEMBER 18th, 2024**

6pm-8pm at Mickey's Tip Up, Wisconsin Rapids  
**General Board Meeting**

**General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**  
**Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

\*no meetings the month of November

### AGENDA ITEMS:

**Welcome: Call to order 607pm**

**Approval of previous meeting minutes 10/16/2024**

*David motioned to approve October Notes, Laramie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### Reports 5-10 Minutes

**President: Nic**

1. Insurance & Chartering Status Update
2. Who has keys for the Quad? Jamie?

**Vice President: Nate**

1. League Registration will open the week of January 30th
  - a. *January 26th-February 23rd league registration motioned by Laramie, second by Nate S, Voted and approved unanimously.*
  - b. *March 19th League Draft Night motioned by Nate S, second by Laramie, Voted and approved unanimously.*
2. Friendly reminder that 13U League is optional

**Treasurer: David**

1. Debit Card process for Laramie and Nate Z moving forward
2. Mark Motors contributed \$2500 for League Jerseys
  - a. Possible match coming from Toyota unknown
3. BINGO Despoit was \$3816
4. Waste Management is still billing us; Nic/David will continue attempts to reach & rectify
5. \$15k sustainability deposit is needed by end of the year, working to find out what/when we can pull from these funds to support the organization
6. \$230 invoice from Red Run update
7. Beer Sales Reported were \$13602; we need to confirm this is accurate and pay sales tax as required

**Secretary: not in attendance**

**Baseball Coordinator: John**

1. Looking to fill this role for the 2026 season to start in August of 2025 for tryouts; now is the time to express interest so you can shadow the position before the position is yours
2. Tournament dates for the 2025 season



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- a. Lead Off May 30th-June 1st
  - b. Leadoff tournament has 42 of 60 available registrations filled
  - c. Silver Slugger & June Bug together June 6th-8th
    - i. Silver Slugger has 42 of 56 available registrations filled
  - d. Will be posting soon, currently created and the previously attending teams get access until October
3. Will need 50 dozen tournament baseballs, unsure on current practice balls available
- a. Increase of 10 dozen since last discussion. DBR1
  - b. Collaboration with David Bailey to proceed, what is else is needed for the entire league.
  - c. Practice balls are league balls
4. 8U Tournament Team: currently 19 registrants
- a. Will continue to pursue getting more with a goal of 22-24 so there can be two teams
  - b. Player Evaluations will take place in the spring to determine team placement
  - c. Coaches & Baseball Committee Members will determine attendance to establish two teams
  - d. Each team will have 3-4 tournaments to assure playing opportunities
  - e. 1 Tournament for each coach to add for their team
- Motion to move forward with this plan by Allison, seconded by Jeb. Voted and approved unanimously.*
5. 14U white is now down to 3 players due to exiting families  
*Motion to fold/close 14U white, once confirmation of participant intent is confirmed by Laramie, seconded by Nate. Voted and approved unanimously.*
6. Notification of canceling will be provided once lack of participants is confirmed after registration has concluded. More communications to come.
7. Rafting with the Rafters tournament is FULL.
8. We will see \$2,950 deposited into the tournament fund but that amount will be withdrawn for facility rental, ump, and awards. This event will break even in its first year.
9. Will need league medals for 2025
- a. Tournament Rings also needed; will order 2 years worth to qualify for quantity discount
10. 7 of 13 WR travel teams have completed tournament registrations for 2025 tournaments are filling fast so we encourage teams to register ASAP

### **Softball Coordinator:**

1. Tournament Team number update:
  - a. Still looking for 10u players, did get one hit off facebook
  - b. Plan to follow up with Port Edwards
2. Please keep sharing!
3. Still in need of at least 2, 3 would be ideal

### **Legacy Project: Nate & David**

1. No Major Updates until Spring
2. Parking Lot last item
  - a. Truckload of boulders update: Shannon



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- b. Trees planting and top layer scraped off: Eric Millard
- c. Still Need 30'x300' section scraped, trees planted (approx \$4000 & already scheduled) and parking lot indicators installed before spring
- d. Flickering lights if that is still an issue

### **Communication Update: Jamie**

- 1. Position Available: Communication Coordinator for the 2025 season
- 2. Position Available: Fundraising Coordinator for the 2025 season
- 3. Position Available: Baseball Coordinator for the 2025 season

### **Fundraising Update: Jamie & All Included**

- 1. BINGO:
  - a. Donations are at about \$2100
  - b. Bingo Workers are Needed as followed:
    - i. 2 people selling BINGO cards (5:00-7:00)
    - ii. 2-3 people selling food (5:00-7:30)
    - iii. 2-3 people selling 50/50 (5:00-8:00)
    - iv. 3-4 people bartending (if the new bar owners allow us to manage the sales as we have in the past - 5:00-8:30)
    - v. WATCH EMAIL FOR SIGN UP
  - c. Still able to use the same location (October 24th, 2024-April 17th, 2024)
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    - i. Consider Water Works for water donations
    - ii. Few feelers out on donated cookies, looking for 50-75 cookies
  - e. Other Updates coming in March/April : league season raffle for bat bag, Gun Raffle extension, Calendar Raffles, 10 liners for a bat in concessions

### **Concession Update: Nate**

- c. Discussion with intent to vote at next Board Meeting:
  - i. Ultimate Weekend Concessions: WRYSA fundraiser with no parent involvement
  - ii. Home Tournament Concessions: buy out by parents, consider costs vs revenue
  - iii. Consider:
    - 1. Having kids sell food and parents sell beer
    - 2. Important to do the buy out early and schedule in advance
- d. Buyout Proposal to consider for next meeting:
  - i. Parents can buy out of concessions but would still be responsible for other duties such as beer, park clean up, field duties, etc.
  - ii. This allows parents to enjoy the weekend, Nate would schedule beer and concessions to ensure consistent workers and service provided. It will overall create a better customer experience, less waiting for food and more consistent product.
  - iii. Last year we did a \$30 buy out for the Ultimate Tourney Weekend. Overall very successful.



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- iv. Proposal is \$75 for tournaments would create a profit. Think on this and let's vote in December.

### **Clothing/Apparel Update: Alyson**

- e. Mada, CC Graphics, Creative Design
  - i. Mada: not great pricing, \$1500 minimum for 10% profit margin.
  - ii. Creative Design: Close by Nov 10th.
  - iii. CC Graphics: Darcy great examples and local. Concerns with restriction of colors and material. UA is not an option.
- f. Consider looking at Badger Sports.
- g. Jerseys: Alyson will cover for this year. Information to come for teams. Many are being reused from last year. Historically March deadlines.
- h. Still in need of League Sponsor Duties.
- i. Motion to work with Mada and for shipping to home.

*Jamie motioned to approve, William seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

**Ongoing Concern: Indoor Space for Jan-March:** may have a lead on this

### **Final Notes:**

#### **j. NEXT MEETINGS:**

- i. Consider Mickey's for the next meeting December 18th at 6pm
- ii. Exec Committee 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm as needed
- iii. Will vote on the following:
  - 1. Concession buyout
  - 2. Registration
- iv. Still in need of the following:
  - 1. League shirt/uniform sponsors
- v. NIC: Big League Dream Day for Baseball; play at American Family Field. Any time on the field would be beneficial. Can make this a WRYSA thing for renting a pavilion and tailgating, final bring us all together.
- vi. JOHN: Bill from the Rafters, hoping to get a tournament at Witter for our older kids. This is important to our league.

**Motion to Adjourn at 9pm.** *Nic motioned to approve, John seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*



# WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

**OCTOBER 16th, 2024**

6pm-8pm at Jennings (upstairs), Wisconsin Rapids  
**General Board Meeting**

**General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**  
**Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location Jennings**

\*no meetings the month of November

**Present:** Nic Weiler (President), Amanda Braaten (Secretary), John Estok, William Abel, Alyson Allen, Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg, Jamie Brown, Eric Millard

### AGENDA ITEMS:

**Welcome**

**Call to order 613pm**

**Approval of previous meeting minutes 9/18/2024**

*Laramie to approve, Stephanie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

**Reports 5-10 Minutes**

**k. President: Nic**

- i. Tournament Bat Update: U Trip Bats & Insurance update: WE ARE GOOD TO GO
- ii. Still waiting to hear from Scout about keys
  1. Jamie has the list of who has keys
- iii. Winter Ready/Field Clean Up
  1. Updates on flickering lights on Field 1
  2. Green Space Water Pump waiting to hear from Red Run (Laramie)
  3. Water Off already
  4. Cooler does have mold that needs to be addressed
  5. Signs removed from field 1
  6. Septic empty before winter, unknown just make sure done before Spring
  7. May need consider plugs for bases again before snow flies

**l. Vice President: Nate (not present)**

**m. Treasurer: David (not present)**

- i. [2025 Annual Budget PROPOSAL](#)  
*Nic motioned to approve, Eric seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
- ii. Reminder Surplus Funds: We also want/need to keep a surplus or back up fund in the maintenance category to ensure we're prepared for how the weather will impact our fields and our home tournaments \*\*our home tournaments concessions bring in a LOT of revenue
  1. PLEASE email the executive committee with suggestions of gear/supplies that need to be replaced; if you include quotes for reference EVEN BETTER!!  
EXAMPLES:



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- a. pitching machines, gear bags, softball catcher gear, left handed catcher gloves
  - b. Access to indoor facility is major need for all ages; Port YMCA is \$60 per hour AND local, Place in Plover will be pursued (keep in mind we are not their priority)
  - c. Clinics: Brewers, UWSP, softball pitching clinics, Scheels... let's start gathering information (prices, locations, ages) Please email executive committee with suggestions
2. Eric has ideas for some larger items from Beacon for hitting stations
  3. Roll top doors for storage/concession/beer area to simplify the process for tournaments especially

**n. Secretary: Amanda**

**o. Baseball Coordinator: John**

- i. Looking to fill this role for the 2026 season to start in August of 2025 for tryouts; now is the time to express interest so you can shadow the position before the position is yours
- ii. Tournament dates for the 2025 season
  1. Lead Off May 30th-June 1st
  2. Silver Slugger & June Bug together June 6th-8th
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- iii. Will need 40 dozen tournament baseballs, unsure on current practice balls available
  1. Practice balls are league balls
  - 2.

**p. Softball Coordinator:**

- i. Tournament Team number update:
  1. Still looking for 10u players, did get one hit off facebook
  2. Please keep sharing!
  3. Still in need of at least 2, 3 would be ideal
- ii. Consolidation update from Port Edwards or others
  1. They are currently consolidating their own so they may not even coop based on their numbers for 8u and 10u
- iii. Consideration for Tball Level
- iv. Softball Home Tournament suggestion for 8u that may not have a team; consider advertising at the beginning of the season/registration, consider more of an ALL STAR approach than travel ball to take away the fear, not obligation heavy, will need a coach, this will also play into 'joint' practices to ensure equitable coaching to support a solid rebuild
- v. Considerations for 8U Registration for the 2025 Season:
  1. Split boys from the girls at a t ball level (6u baseball, 6u softball)



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2. Tball for Boys Only
3. Girls ages 5-7 years old go to 8U Softball (break out leveled players from there, ages 5-6 and 7-8)
4. Joint practices to run drills and scrimmage needs to be talked about when teams are built
5. Older girls want to host camp and help teach/coach younger players, plan to do this again
  - a. Consider doing this on a rotation with older girls coming down to younger teams to support this and promote the sport/team from within our organization
6. Continue to share out camps that are local
7. Language in Registration for the 8U Softball (decision tree/suggestions for parents to consider about their player at the time of registration)
8. PROPOSAL today and consider vote today so December meeting can focus on last minute registration topics.
9. If there are a lack of numbers this next year we can reconsider each year. Right now the goal is addressing the concerning softball numbers.
10. Restructure of 6u for registration for 6u baseball (tball) and 6u softball.  
*Eric motioned to approve, Meghan seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### **Legacy Project: Nate & David**

- q. No Major Updates until Spring
  - i. Parking Lot last item
    1. Truckload of boulders update: Shannon
    2. Trees planting and top layer scraped off: Eric Millard
    3. Still Need 30'x300' section scraped, trees planted (approx \$4000 & already scheduled) and parking lot indicators installed before spring
- r. Overdue invoice of \$2500 to Current Technologies
  - i. Invoice located and check sent today 10/16
- s. Will follow up with Justin about flickering lights if that is still an issue

### **Field Clean-Up Day Update: Nic**

- t. Will need more plugs for bases, may need to be dug out a bit better
- u. Field Clean Up Day:
  - i. Newby and John were not impressed with how they were treated by people that were there that night, both ended up leaving with no intentions to return if that is how things will be.
- v. Sprinklers taken care of today!
- w. Covered in Legacy

### **Communication Update: Jamie**

- x. Position Available: Communication Coordinator for the 2025 season



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y. Position Available: Fundraising Coordinator for the 2025 season

z. Position Available: Baseball Coordinator for the 2025 season

### **Fundraising Update: Jamie & All Included**

aa. BINGO:

- i. Donations are at about \$2100
- ii. Thank Yous will be posted on social media and mailed directly
- iii. Will be purchasing about 100 daubers to sell at the event
- iv. Rocky's will be ordered for the event
  1. Looking for donations of cases of water at event
  2. Looking for donations of cookies to sell at event
- v. Bingo Workers are Needed as followed:
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### **Final Notes:**

#### **jj. NEXT MEETINGS:**

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- vi. JOHN: Bill from the Rafters, hoping to get a tournament at Witter for our older kids. This is important to our league.

**kk. Motion to Adjourn at 740pm.** *Braaten motioned to approve, Eric seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*



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## MEETING MINUTES

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### AGENDA ITEMS:

**Welcome**

**Call to order 604pm**

**Approval of previous meeting minutes 8/21/2024**

*Nate motioned to approve, Laramie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

**Reports 5-10 Minutes**

**1. President: Nic**

a. UTrip Bats & Insurance update: is being looked into with insurance

**2. Vice President: Nate**

**3. Treasurer: David**

a. [Operating Budget](#)

b. [Profit Loss Year to Date](#)

c. Reports Proposed: Budget, Actual, Proposal for Next Year

i. Reports will be shared out this weekend for review

ii. Next meeting there will be a vote on the budget

d. Surplus Funds: We also want/need to keep a surplus or back up fund in the maintenance category to ensure we're prepared for how the weather will impact our fields and our home tournaments \*\*our home tournaments concessions bring in a LOT of revenue

1. PLEASE email the executive committee with suggestions of gear/supplies that need to be replaced; if you include quotes for reference EVEN BETTER!!

a. EXAMPLES: pitching machines, gear bags, softball catcher gear, left handed catcher gloves

2. Access to indoor facility is major need for all ages;

a. Port YMCA is \$60 per hour

b. Place in Plover will be pursued

3. Clinics: Brewers, UWSP, softball pitching clinics, Scheels... let's start gathering information (prices, locations, ages) Please email executive committee with suggestions



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4. Only a few teams asked for additional funds

### **ll. Secretary: Amanda**

#### **mm. Baseball Coordinator: John**

- i. Tournament dates and fees for the 2025 season
  1. Lead Off May 30th-June 1st
  2. Silver Slugger & June Bug together June 6th-8th
- ii. Fees need to increase:
  1. Silver Slugger
    - a. 13/14 increase from \$400 to \$450
    - b. 9/12 increase from \$325 to \$350
    - c. 8U increase from \$250 to \$300
  2. Leadoff Tourney:
    - a. 12/13/14 increase from \$500 to \$550
    - b. 9/11 increase from \$450 to \$475
    - c. 8U no increase
  3. *Braaten motioned to approve, William seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
- iii. Looking to fill this role for the 2026 season to start in August of 2025 for tryouts; now is the time to express interest so you can shadow the position before the position is yours
- iv. Tournaments Umps; consider increase to match surrounding areas by \$5
  1. \$50-60 is the current range, consider increase by \$5 for each age level
  2. Certifications;
    - a. WRYSA Certified for 8/9/10
    - b. 1 Certified for age 11+
  3. *Laramie motioned to approve, John seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
- v. Medals and Rings will need to be voted on at another time, this is John's last year and he is willing to order for another year to pass the torch (expecting a \$10k expense)
- vi. Fees: need to consider increase

#### **nn. Softball Coordinator:**

- i. Consolidation with other location organizations such as Port Edwards : CoOp?
- ii. Still looking for 10u Girls, will be posting on website, need at least 2-3 more
- iii. May need to increase the budget for funds, tournaments cost more and we want our teams to play more if they want to play more
- iv. Agrees that we need to split the boys from the girls at the tball level. Consider the following:
  1. 6u baseball, 6u softball
  2. Tball for boys only
  3. 5-7 year old girls go to 8u softball



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4. 8u high and low for league (ages 5-6 softball, ages 7-8 softball) and ensure our coaches know when it comes to league games \*don't want to create the same issue
5. We will vote at a later date and advertise on facebook
- v. June Bug softball tournament there was a lot of requests for t shirts and sweatshirts
  1. Consider UA shirts, not heavy cotton
  2. Stickers from the tournament were a huge hit (and donated, Thank You Darcy!)
  3. Girls love shirts more than boys may
  4. The design MATTERS
- vi. Tournament Fees will remain the same due to struggling numbers
  1. Reducing to \$475 for ages 10-12
  2. Reducing to \$300 for 8u
    - a. *Braaten motioned to approve, William seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
  3. Considering adding Friday, considering 5, 630, and 8
  4. Keep in mind turf vs fields

### **Legacy Project: Nate & David**

- oo. No Major Updates until Spring
- pp. Overview of Legacy Project Budget - Jake/David
  - i. Deadline Extension: Jamie
  - ii. Parking Lot last item
    1. Truckload of boulders update: Shannon
    2. Trees planting and top layer scraped off: Eric Millard

### **Field Clean-Up Day (Mon Sept 23rd) - All**

- qq. Laramie will start a list of things that need to be completed: [LINK HERE](#)
  - i. Practice at home field is better than going elsewhere
  - ii. Field can be used after field clean up day
  - iii. Lights on Field 1 need to be checked; flickering
    1. Under warranty
    2. Birds will be addressed
  - iv. Sprinkler work can be done anytime; need update
  - v. List of duties will be sent out over the weekend
  - vi. Consider adding this to the Master WRYSA doc
- rr. ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND TO SUPPORT WRAPPING UP OUR END OF THE YEAR CLEAN UP.

### **Communication Update: Jamie**

- ss. Position Available: Communication Coordinator for the 2025 season
- tt. Position Available: Fundraising Coordinator for the 2025 season
- uu. Position Available: Baseball Coordinator for the 2025 season

### **Fundraising Update: Jamie & All Included**



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## MEETING MINUTES

- vv. BINGO: Still able to use the same location (October 24th, 2024-April 17th, 2024)
  - i. Still looking for volunteers
  - ii. Specifically looking for someone to call numbers
- ww. Consider Adding: League season raffle for a bat bag or other top gear, Gun Raffle extension, Calendar Raffles, 10 liners for a bat in concessions
  - i. Bat raffle would be a huge hit! We have a connection that may be able to get 30% discount
    - 1. Consider having multiple or trade in policy
    - 2. Talk about in March/April again

**Concession Update: Nate** (not present, more to come)

- xx. Discussion with intent to vote at next Board Meeting:
  - i. Ultimate Weekend Concessions: WRYSA fundraiser with no parent involvement
  - ii. Home Tournament Concessions: buy out by parents, consider costs vs revenue
  - iii. Consider:
    - 1. Having kids sell food and parents sell beer
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**Ongoing Concern: Indoor Space for Jan-March:** may have a lead on this

**Final Notes:**

**yy. Motion to add Alyson Allen to the General Board. Alyson would like to switch roles with Kalie Abel (photographer and apparel). Laramie motioned to approve, John seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.**

- i. Welcome Alyson!!! THANK YOU!!**

**zz. NEXT MEETINGS:**

- i. Jennings is great but also want to keep our meetings going around town to support local businesses. Next meeting will still be at Jennings.
  - 1. 3rd Wednesday of each month; 6pm will continue
- ii. Exec Committee 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Jennings.

**aaa. Motion to Adjourn at 750pm. Nick motioned to approve, John seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.**



# WRYSA GENERAL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

**August 21st, 2024**

530pm-730pm at Kellner Ball Fields  
**General Board Meeting**

**General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD  
(no meeting in November)  
Executive Committee Meetings: TBD**

**Present:** Nic Weiler (President), Nate Knutson (Vice President), David Johnson (Treasurer), Amanda Braaten (Secretary), John Estok, Eric Millard, Nate Strehlau, Nick Peterson, Laramie Kostyn, Jeb McKinney, Shannon Scheunemann, Kalie Abel, William Abel, Stephanie Lecy, Meghan Berg

### AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome**
2. **Call to order 539pm**
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes 7/17/2024**  
*Larmie motioned to approve, Eric Millard seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
4. **Reports 5-10 Minutes**
  - a. **President**
  - b. **Vice President**
  - c. **Treasurer**
    - i. [Tryout Profit & Loss](#)
    - ii. Tryout Profit & Loss
    - iii. [Profit & Loss YTD](#)
    - iv. [Legacy Project Budget](#)
  - d. **Secretary**
5. **Baseball Tryout Review - John E. & All involved**
  - a. **Quick overview of number of teams/players/coaches**
    - i. only (2) 10u were cut, (1) drop out from 14u, numbers are good
    - ii. We had others from surrounding communities attend tryouts and make our teams
    - iii. Concerns with one head coach (family issues/conflict); concerns with losing players/team
  - b. **Feedback on tryout format**
    - i. Consider time trials/pace of running and see their throwing (just for reference/form check) not to be an official scoring point
    - ii. Softball uses it as a 'tiebreaker'
    - iii. Consider not going in numerical order (start on #8 for fly balls, start on #4 for batting)
    - iv. Consider 2 practices for each try out so you can get a full sample of the players ability to make decisions in the moment vs a formal try out...



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- v. Consider removing the 6 player selection and following the lead of other organizations in regards to try out format and how to get a good sample of each players ability
  - 1. Consensus is that others observe players and choose their own teams
- vi. Feedback on coach & player selection process
  - 1. Concerns with how players move from 13 to 14; Parents reached out about 14u White
  - 2. Concerns with some chatter that other players will quit as they are not happy with the team placement
- vii. Board members will be reaching out to discuss concerns
- viii. It's important that players and families understand that there are policies in place that determine the decisions made; policies can be made/changed. Everyone is encouraged to attend General Board meetings and make proposals/express concerns.
- ix. Nic for follow up at a later meeting:
  - 1. suggesting that evaluators have access to the rankings and will be discussed as we move forward
  - 2. No identifying logos; some players have WRYSA logos on their helmets
  - 3. Tournament Committee: consider predetermined cut amount (example 26 players, each team will get 13) set it up ahead of time so no one is shocked when it's released after tryouts
  - 4. Consider cage hitting vs field hitting

### 6. Softball Tryout Review - Stephanie L. & All involved

- a. Quick overview on number of teams/players/coaches
  - i. 10u and 12u (1 of each)
  - ii. Need to recruit for 10u; few short
- b. Not enough for 14u
- c. Not enough for 12u: 4 cuts
- d. One 10u team
- e. Only a few interested for 8u; need to recruit in
- f. Concerns with girls be chosen before tryouts for tournament
- g. Concerns with all tournament girls being on one league team for the 2024 season
  - i. Concerns with losing girls to travel ball; how do we retain players for league?
  - ii. Consider reaching out to local organizations to coop (Port especially)
  - iii. Consider pitching clinics
  - iv. Consider joint practices for 8u (and others) so help with conflicts like dance
  - v. We need to recruit early on; consider age 6 girls playing 8u rather than t-ball
    - 1. Currently parents have a choice but do they know their choices/what's best for developing players
    - 2. How can we get support from local schools/coaches
- vi. Feedback on tryout format
  - 1. Added base running; huge help & tiebreaker



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2. Speed pitching exists but not scored; all in comments
- vii. Feedback on coach & player selection process
  1. Timing of try out was slower
- viii. Moving forward with tryouts there will not be an alternate day; if you can't make it you go to coach pick after tryouts
  1. We could move sooner than travel ball teams with tryouts but some are okay with being later so girls that don't make the other teams can still play with us
  2. Concerns with how does this make us competitive

### 7. Legacy Project Update

- a. Parking Lot - Nate
  - i. Rip Rap Add-On Quote; aka rock
    1. "Not required but suggested" you can do rock and weeds
    2. 119 yards fabric and rock \$7775.00 (rock was \$4400)
    3. If we choose to leave it with just weeds it will need to be mowed and kept short
    4. Bike trail in Rapids used as example; one year later not looking good
    5. General consensus is to keep weeds
  - ii. Signs/Parking Spot Indicators
    1. Need to consider chaining off for winter at least
    2. Boulders for new parking lot just like the current parking lot
    3. Shannon will get a quote for boulders
  - iii. Trees/Shrubs for Screening Update
- b. Overview of Legacy Project Budget - Jake/David
  - i. Funds will run out and we will need to consider how to fund the final steps of this project
  - ii. Covered in treasurer's report
- c. Do we need to ask for a deadline extension - Jamie will follow up

### 8. Field Clean-Up Day (choose a date) - All

- a. Practice at home field is better than going elsewhere Field can be used after field clean up day
- b. Lights on Field 1 need to be checked; flickering
- c. Sprinkler work can be done anytime
- d. Garbage cans need to be cleared out by next Tuesday
- e. Laramie will start a list of things that need to be completed
- f. ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND TO SUPPORT WRAPPING UP OUR END OF THE YEAR CLEAN UP. *Jeb motioned to approve Monday, September 23rd at 530pm, Nate K seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### 9. New Board Member Contact Info, Communication & Access - All

- a. Chris & Keesha Resignation
  - i. Jeb is willing to take over all umpire duties for baseball
  - ii. Softball league coordinators will be add this to their list (Estok has contact info)

### 10. BINGO



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- a. Still able to use the same location: October 24th, 2024 & April 17th, 2024
- b. *Eric motioned to approve, Nate K seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### 11. Communications:

- a. Collect a full contact list & email to Board
- b. Equipment Coordinator; consider joining softball and baseball
- c. **Still looking for Fundraising Coordinator and Field Signs Coordinator**
- d. Softball needs catching gear; needs it to fit
- e. Email/SportsEngine/Bank Access for new Exec Committee Members
  - i. Updated after official transaction

### 12. Fall Tournament Teams - Nic/Nate

- a. Do we consider allowing these to form under WRYSA instead of leaving players/coaches to seek options elsewhere?
  - i. Consider interest survey
  - ii. Insurance needs to be checked but it's covered for 12 months
  - iii. WRSYA families have paid \$450 for a handful of fall tournaments
  - iv. Do we consider a fall tournament?

### 13. Indoor Space for Jan-March

- a. Few local possibilities that would allow us to use our current nets and other gear that can be set up at an internal facility

### 14. Set Date for 2025 tryouts

- a. Has always been the first week of August to help prevent families from missing for vacation however there was conflicts with Raptors
- b. Publish that tryouts will be first two weeks of August

### 15. Confirm dates for Lead Off, Silver Slugger, and June Bug tournaments.

- a. Lead Off May 30th-June 1st
  - i. *Nate S motioned to approve, Nate K seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*
- b. Silver Slugger & June Bug together June 6th-8th
  - i. *Shannon motioned to approve, David J seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

### Final Notes:

- ComfortAire will shut down soon
- Rapids Rental lawn mower maintenance will be completed  $\frac{2}{3}$  year contract completed
- 2 weeks in July for tournament to separate WRYSA from them
  - July 12-13 & July 19-20
  - He will reserve a spot for our Red teams (A Level)
    - Our coaches need to know it's optional
  - Consider fundraising with our HS workers paid by WRYSA rather than supported by parents to pay the HS workers
  - Gate Fee concerns; going to suggest registration fees rather than Grandma
  - WRYSA taking a lot of feedback because there is confusion about WHO runs it
- Adjourn 833am: *David motioned to approve, Nate K seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*



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### Master Date

6pm-8pm at Mickey's Tip Up, Wisconsin Rapids  
General Board Meeting

**General Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**  
**Executive Committee Meeting As Needed: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6pm, Location TBD**

\*no meetings the month of November, considering December for 2025

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### Welcome: Call to order

Approval of previous meeting minutes; *need to vote*

### Reports 5-10 Minutes

20. President: Nic

- a. Vendor Space for Opening Day or Tournament Day
  - i. Example: Local Coffee Shop 10x10 spaces
  - ii. 10 Total Tents, allow generators

*Nate motion to approve, Laramie seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*

21. Vice President: Nate

- a. Draft Night: Be sure to go over league level rules
- b. Draft Night: Red/White/League variations are required

22. Treasurer: David

i.

23. Secretary: Amanda

i. None

24. Baseball Coordinator: John (not present)

- i. Umps are all set
- ii. Team Evaluations April 22nd

25. Softball Coordinator: Steph

- a. Tournament Team number update:
  - i. Still need four 8u Players
  - ii. Still need four 10u Players
    1. Need a 10u tournament coach
  - iii. 12u is Full
- b. Still need 5 Umps for Softball



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### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Maintenance Coordinator Updates: Laramie**

**Concessions: Amy & Cara**

**Marketing: Amanda Lawery**

**Clothing/Apparel Coordinator Update: Alyson**

**Legacy Project: Nate & David**

**Communication Update: Jamie**

**Fundraising Update: Jamie**

**Photo Coordinator: Kalie**

### **Motion to Adjourn at 815pm:**

*Nic motioned to adjourn, David seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.*