

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022
Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School

Attendance: Jill Cavanaugh, Paul Lohman, Sherry Marzofka, Kelsey Helmuth, Kari Vollert, Tex Anderle, Erika Langfoss, Chris Stoflet, Cara Abts, Wes Kurszewski, Keesha Stoflet, Chad Williams, Bill Oswald, Angie Susa

Not present: Josh Freeman, Betsy Borski, Shad Williams, Troy Freeman, Noalee Stublaski, Eric Millard

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Minutes – minutes from the December 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by B. Oswald, second by K. Vollert to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Reports
 - a. President – request for committee chairs to please share meeting dates and agendas a week prior to help promote meetings. Quad update – non-profit in-city user structure is being discussed for both concessions and field usage and we will have final information soon. Registration flyers will go out next week through the schools. Communication continues to be an area of emphasis this season.
 - b. Treasurer – reports were handed out and reviewed. Registrations for home tournaments are coming in while registration money for away tournaments is going out. We have investigated having an outside audit done and, per guidance received, will not be pursuing this. Motion by B. Oswald, S. Marzofka to approve treasurer’s report as present. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Fundraising – sign sponsor letters went out last week and are already starting to come back in. Committee will continue to work on this as well as the bags tournament.
 - d. Softball Tournaments – teams continue to register for tournaments. The home tournament opened for registration the end of December and has had a few teams register.
 - e. Baseball League – committee met last week and will work on contacting age group coordinators from last year to see if they are willing to head up age groups again this season.
 - f. Baseball Tournaments – teams continue to register for tournaments. The home tournament opened for registration the end of December and has had a good response.
 - g. Maintenance – we are looking to purchase tarps for both home plate and pitching mound areas, three chalkers, and a mat drag for a total cost of roughly \$10,000.00. More discussion will be held on this later in the meeting.
 - h. Concessions – order for grillers and fryers came in today. We are out of our Pepsi contract and are looking at consolidation of contracts with the school to see if it would be beneficial for everyone. Anyone interested, the committee is looking for more members.
 - i. Dibs – will go live in early April and will start with concessions and bags tournament for the first year and expand to cover more areas when we are a little more experienced in how to use it.

4. Action to approve baseball and fastpitch travel uniforms – options for uniforms were handed out. Motion by S. Marzofka, second by K. Vollert to go with option #1 colors/design with option #2 cut for softball with addition of American flag somewhere on uniform. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by C. Stoflet, second by K. Helmuth to go with option #2 for baseball. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Discussion on baseball tournament team tryouts – discussion was held on process and if any changes need to be made. Members were encouraged to review current policies for how tryouts are now held and discussion can continue at the committee level if needed.
6. Discussion and possible action on maintenance purchases. Request by K. Vollert to use Doug Schill memorial funds to help cover cost of maintenance purchases. Motion by T. Anderle, second by C. Stoflet to approve up to \$6,700.00 for maintenance purchases with remaining balance provided by memorial fund. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Next meeting –
 - a. Executive board – 6:00 pm, Wednesday, February 2, WRAMS
 - b. Full board – 6:00 pm, Wednesday, February 16, WRAMS.

Adjourn – motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm made by K. Vollert, second by P. Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022
Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School

Attendance: Jill Cavanaugh, Paul Lohman, Sherry Marzofka, Kelsey Helmuth, Erika Langfoss, Chris Stoflet, Cara Abts, Wes Kurszewski, Keesha Stoflet, Bill Oswald, Angie Susa, Eric Millard, Noalee Stublaski, Shad Williams

Not present: Josh Freeman, Betsy Borski, Troy Freeman, Kari Vollert, Tex Anderle, Chad Williams

Guests: 3

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Minutes – minutes from the January 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by A. Susa, second by K. Helmuth to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Possible action to approve new board member – Motion by B. Oswald, second by S. Williams to appoint Carter Hunter to WRYSA board. Motion carried.
4. Reports
 - a. President – Requested dates for quad usage for tournaments was formally submitted.
 - b. Treasurer – reports were emailed out and everyone had time to review. Motion by S. Marzofka, second by K. Helmuth to approve treasurer’s report as present. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Fundraising – signs renewals are coming in nicely and we have nine new sponsors so far. Committee is meeting on February 21 @ 6 pm, Kellner Club.
 - d. Softball Tournaments – a home tournament committee has been formed and registration for away tournaments in almost complete.
 - e. Baseball Tournaments – all away tournaments are scheduled, and the home tournament is almost full.
 - f. Baseball League Coordinator – committee is meeting February 23 @ 6:00 pm, Tip Up. Port Edwards is interested in participating in the 15u league.
 - g. Softball League Coordinator – league rules were reviewed, and modifications will be presented; a code of conduct form was drafted for players and parents; suggestion for wording change in policies will also be provided.
 - h. Concessions – committee meeting will be rescheduled to sometime in March
5. Registration – number are very light right now with only 255 participants registered.
6. Uniforms – Sample pieces for a try on night will be coming in next week. Stores are ready to go as soon as we want to open them. Uniform numbers are being finalized.
7. Draft – Scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 5:30 pm coaches meeting, 6:00 pm draft. Bill will have documents for coaches.
8. Tournament Fundraiser – We will need to look at charging admission at the quad to cover rental costs. Ideas were given on different fundraiser options we could go with. Discussion was held on

whether tournament registration costs will be split equally among all players or between each team. We will look at having an option to pay fees instead of doing fundraiser.

9. Spring clinic – would like to have these the first week of May (May 3 & 5) and see if baseball and softball can be on the same night. Suggestion to have a flyer for clinic created.
10. Policies – policies were emailed to the board earlier today with the request to have them reviewed by April 6. Any thoughts or suggestions for modifications can be given to Bill or Jill.
11. Umpires – anyone with umpire contacts, please share with Keesha so she can compile a contact list.
12. Next meetings
 - a. Executive board – 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 1, WRAMS
 - b. Full board – 6:00 pm, Wednesday, March 16, WRAMS.

Adjourn – motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm made by W. Kurszewski, second by P. Lohman. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022
Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School

Attendance: Bill Oswald, Kari Vollert, Carter Hunter, Shad Williams, Tex Anderle, Sherry Marzofka, Chris Stoflet, Cara Abts, Paul Lohman, Chad Williams, Noalee Stublaski, Wes Kurszewski, Angie Susa, Jill Cavanaugh,

Not present: Josh Freeman, Betsy Borski, Troy Freeman, Kelsey Helmuth, Erika Langfoss, Keesha Stoflet, Eric Millard

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Minutes – minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by B. Oswald, second by S. Williams to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Reports
 - a. President – All areas are starting to kick off which means there are many areas for people to get involved.
 - b. Vice President – moving forward with redoing fields this spring, should take about 1 week once they can start.
 - c. Softball league – Port & Nekoosa are going to be involved with league, committee is looking into ideas to build skill and interest at the younger age groups so we can have those kids involved longer. 8u will have 4 WR teams and 1 Nekoosa team; 10u is 3 WR, 2 Nekoosa, and 1 Port; efforts will continue for how the 12/14/16u looks.
 - d. Baseball league – draft went well, slight changes to rules for kids to pitch 2 consecutive innings. Also focus on teaching baseball rules at a younger age (get lead runner) and keep score in 8u for interleague tournament play.
 - e. Baseball tournament – most age groups are almost full with the exception of 11u.
 - f. Fundraising –Bags tournament planning is going well. B. Oswald is also working with Rafters on 50/50 raffle nights.
 - g. Treasurer – reports were emailed out and everyone had time to review. We need to be intentional with our planning and investing in our facilities. We currently are sitting well financially and are working on various projects including lighting, green space, additional parking, security lights, increasing bandwidth. Motion by B. Oswald, second by K. Vollert to approve treasurer’s report as present. Motion carried unanimously.
 - h. Concessions – Discussion continues on possibility of Pepsi contract through the schools, menu and concession workers are being looked at and the committee would love to have more members.
4. Registration – currently have 444 participants registered, there are a few more tournament kids that need to register.
5. Softball tournament – currently have 11 teams plus Rapids teams. Proposal from P. Lohman is to move postpone June tournament to October and focus efforts for fall tournament. Discussion on business cards that tournament coaches could hand out at other tournaments. Code of conduct was discussed and will be looked at in April.

6. Uniforms – baseball league shirts are ready to be ordered now that draft is done, softball should be ready shortly. Tournament uniform order windows needs to be longer next year.
7. Draft – baseball went well. Softball will be next week for 8u/10u.
8. Tournament Fundraiser – E. Millard is going to handle tournament fundraiser. Will look at gun raffle similar to last year.
9. Spring clinic – potential dates of 5/3 (8u baseball), 5/4 (softball), and 5/5 (10u baseball)
10. Policies –Any thoughts or suggestions for modifications can be given to Bill by April 6. Board will have at least one week to review policies before voting.
11. Code of Conduct – will review this in April.
12. Parent Meeting – scheduled for March 24 at 6:00 pm. Will cover dibs, concessions, fundraising, field improvements, partnership with Port and Nekoosa for softball.
13. Travel team coaches meeting – need to provide information on reserving fields and dibs system.
14. Opening Day – will include bake sale, flag raising by legion, National Anthem before 11:00 am games, Wheelers test drives, first pitch thrown by various major sponsors, 50/50 raffles
15. Dibs – discussion on if by family or by athlete, credit for head coaches and 1 assistant coach.
16. Next meetings
 - a. Executive board – 6:00 pm, Tuesday, April 6, WRAMS
 - b. Full board – 6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 20, WRAMS.

Adjourn – motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm made by A. Susa, second by T. Anderle. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022
Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School

Attendance: Shad Williams, Tex Anderle, Sherry Marzofka, Chris Stoflet, Cara Abts, Paul Lohman, Wes Kurszewski, Angie Susa, Betsy Borski, Troy Freeman, Kelsey Helmuth, Erika Langfoss, Keesha Stoflet, Eric Millard, Lee Graf

Not present: Bill Oswald, Kari Vollert, Carter Hunter, Josh Freeman, Chad Williams, Noalee Stublaski, Jill Cavanaugh,

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Minutes – minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by W. Kurszewski, second by T. Anderle to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports

a. President – No president’s report.

b. Vice President – moving forward with redoing fields this spring, should take about 1 week once they can start; doing 1 field at a time to still be able to hold team practice on other fields— plan to be done and ready for Opening Day.

c. Maintenance - Kelsey: Maintenance equipment and tarps came in. Some ball carts and L screens are put together. Field clean-up list: put together remaining ball carts and L screens, tear off & reshingle 2 gazebo roofs, trim trees/brush around fields, put up batting cage nets, clean out/organize maintenance and equipment sheds.

d. Raffle tickets - Eric: 800 tickets printed, will be sold at Bags Fundraiser event first then remaining tickets split between Tourney teams with drawings held on Opening Day. Working with Ace Hardware on having additional guns for raffle prizes at Bags Tourney.

e. Equipment - Tex: Still waiting for team gear bags and Tourney catching equipment to come in; may have to hand out old gear and replace as new equipment arrives.

f. Baseball tournament - Betsy: 13U white team only has 8 kids now, looking for players to complete team. 9U white needs 3 more players. 8U only has 9 players available for 2 of the tournaments. Discussion about how to recruit players to fill teams. White teams each have 4 tournaments scheduled.

g. Fundraising - Erika: Bags tournament planning is going well and ready for this weekend. Majority of signs printed and ready to hang during Field Clean Up.

h. Treasurer – Angie: reports were emailed out and everyone had time to review. Paying for tournaments as well as refunding some team cancellations. Have a credit with Holiday Wholesale which we should use since we still haven’t heard much from school about ordering.

Other items: Tourney uniforms should be in prior to May tournaments that some teams have. Kwik Trip cards for League will be available for pickup at Bags Fundraiser. Obtained 60 First Aid kits - one for each League and Tourney team. Have a Mada order option coming out soon in addition to CC Graphics order. Looking into having an online store to have an option to order throughout the year.

i. Concessions - Sherry: Discussion continues on possibility of Pepsi contract through the schools, but need to place order to have items ready for Opening Day so likely will continue to work with Holiday Wholesale. Established Concession worker criteria: 15 year+, active WRYSA family, sign Code of Conduct Agreement. Training nights will be 4/27 and 4/30. Worker list will be made available the first week of May.

j. Dibs - Cara: 1 unclaimed spot for Bags Fundraiser and some open shifts for Opening Day. Discussion about what to do for those families that fail to sign up to complete their dibs.

i. Umpires - Keesha: Still having difficulty securing umpers for the home tourneys as well as League. Working with Coach Gawlitta as well as Shane Steltenpol to find contacts. Discussion about additional outreach contacts, fee structure. Continuing to email and post on Facebook to draw attention to students for league umpires.

Policies – Documents emailed out today but not enough time to review and discuss the edits/comments. Review and provide comments to Exec board. Will need to review and finalize at the next board meeting.

Next meetings

a. Executive board – 6:00 pm, May 4th at WRAMS

b. Full board – 6:00 pm, Tuesday, May 17 @ Kellner Ball Fields.

Adjourn – motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm made by T. Anderle, second by K. Helmuth. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by, Erika Langfoss

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022
Kellner Ball Fields

Attendance: Bill Oswald, Kari Vollert, Carter Hunter, Shad Williams, Tex Anderle, Sherry Marzofka, Cara Abts, Paul Lohman, Wes Kurszewski, Angie Susa, Jill Cavanaugh, Betsy Borski, Troy Freeman, Kelsey Helmuth, Erika Langfoss, Eric Millard

Not present: Josh Freeman, Keesha Stoflet, Chris Stoflet

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.
2. Minutes – minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by S. Williams, second by K. Helmuth to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Reports
 - a. President – Menu boards will be coming in shortly; freezer did go out and was fixed. Question was asked if the notification systems for the freezer is working and who the contact person is. This needs to be looked into. Team hats are also here and will be given out opening day. Security system cameras are still be investigated with Solarus.
 - b. Vice President – Fields will need to be put on hold until fall. Gravel continues to be put down throughout complex.
 - c. Softball league – everything is ready to go for league
 - d. Fundraising –Rafters 50/50 nights will be June 22, June 25, July 13, July 28, August 6, August 11, and August 12. Fundraising committee will handle July 13 and 10u/13u boys will handle 8/11. Other softball and baseball tournament teams need to be contacted to see if there is any interest in running one of the open nights. New sponsor signs are up but do have an issue with the protective covering on them. Rapids Signs should be here tonight to see what can be done. Bake sale is planned for opening day.
 - e. Treasurer – treasurer’s reports were sent out earlier for review. Recommendation and proposal from A. Susa to open a second checking account solely for regular maintenance and emergency concessions with signors being B. Oswald and A. Susa. This will help alleviate the pre-paid cards and provide better tracking and easier usage for Kelsey and Sherry. Motion by W. Kurszewski, second by K. Vollert to move forward with second checking account. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by B. Oswald, second by S. Marzofka to approve treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Concessions – discussion held on concessions at the quad. Product has been ordered through Holiday and we will continue to work with them. Pricing has changed on various things to help cover cost increases. Fryers and grills are here and installed. Training was done and minor repairs inside were also addressed. People do need to be aware of getting garbage and recycling out after last games on Tuesdays and containers redistributed around complex before early games on Wednesdays.
 - g. Maintenance – we need more people in this area. Discussion on approving dibs credits for mowers and agreement is that weekly, regular mowers will count towards dibs.
 - h. Dibs – discussion held on how dibs is going and what consequences are for not signing up. Plan is to announce families have until June 8 to sign up for dibs or shifts will be assigned for them.

4. Discussion and possible approval of purchase for a Public Address system at Kellner Complex – presentation was given on possible options for a system. Quoted cost not including electrical outlet is \$15,395.00. System would be housed in concessions. Questions were asked and answered. Motion by B. Oswald to approve system and 50% deposit required, second by B. Borski. Motion carried with three dissenting votes (C. Abts, W. Kurszewski, K. Vollert)
5. Opening Day – flag raising, and National Anthem will be at 10:50 with first pitch to follow. Wheelers will be offering car test drives and we hopefully will be able to run a 50/50.
6. Uniforms / Apparel – 90% of the uniforms are here and we are sitting in a good spot.
7. Home Tournament – We are still in need of umpires for the baseball tournament. Discussion on payment for each age groups. Lower ages are \$50.00 and upper groups are \$55.00. Brackets are starting to be built.
8. Quadplex update – still lots of questions on how the baseball tournament will go using the complex. Families are going to have to be flexible and willing to help to make sure all things are covered that we may not realize need to be covered right now.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve Quadplex (RASC) facility usage and practice fees. The 12-14 age groups are able to practice at the quad twice before the home tournament with WRYSA paying the \$25.00 fee. All other age groups will need to pay fee amongst themselves. Coaches are currently contacting Betsy for scheduling.
10. Policies Discussion – on hold for now. Will have to pick back up when time allows.
11. Good of the Order / Future agenda items – Discussion on code of conduct. Can this be done separately from policies? Are we able to email out to board for review and vote?
12. Next meetings
 - a. Executive board - TBA
 - b. Full board – TBA
13. Adjourn – motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm made by T. Anderle, second by S. Marzofka. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Jill Cavanaugh, Secretary

WRYSA Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022
6:00 pm
Kellner Ball Fields

Present: Jill Cavanaugh, Betsy Borski, Bill Oswald, Wes Kurszewski, Chad Williams, Paul Lohman, Kari Vollert, Cara Abts, Noalee Stublaski, Sherry Marzofka, Chris Stoflet

Guests: 8

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Minutes from September 21, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion by B. Oswald, second by B. Borski to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Reports - no committee reports at this time.

Mower - K. Helmuth and A. Susa were looking at costs for a new mower. Item tabled until next meeting.

2023 Board elections - Brendan Norris, Nic Weiler, Cara Abts, Wes Kurszewski, Betsy Borski, Sherry Marzofka, Chris Stoflet, Paul Lohman, John Estok, Rochell Homann, Chad Williams, Jamie Brown, Peggy Jaminski, Jena Millard, Angie Susa, Noalee Stublaski were presented to express their willingness to serve. Kelsey Helmuth, Justin Jaminski, Eric Millard, Erika Langfoss were not present but notified others of their willingness to serve.

Executive Board

President - Peggy Jaminski

Vice-President - Wes Kurszewski

Secretary - Cara Abts

Treasurer - Angie Susa

Baseball Tournament Coordinator - John Estok (assisted by Chris Stoflet)

Softball Tournament Coordinator - Justin Jaminski (assisted by Paul Lohman)

Other positions

Baseball League Coordinator - Chris Stoflet

Softball League Coordinator - Brendan Norris

Concessions - Sherry Marzofka

Maintenance - Kelsey Helmuth

Fundraising - Erika Langfoss

Umpire Coordinator - Keesha Stoflet (baseball tournament and league) Noalee Stublaski (softball tournament)

Baseball Equipment - Tex Anderle did last year. Need to confirm if he is willing to again this year

Softball Equipment - Chad Williams

Uniform/apparel (league & tournament) - Noalee Stublaski

Communications - Jamie Brown

League Schedules - OPEN

League registration - Wes Kurszewski (assisted by Rochelle Homann)

Volunteer Coordinator - OPEN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm by B. Oswald, seconded by S. Marzofka

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Cavanaugh, Outgoing secretary

WRYSA Executive Board Minutes – November 7, 2022 6:30 PM

Location: The Fallback

Attendees: Peggy Jaminski, Wes Kruszewski, Cara Abts, Angie Susa, Chris Stoflet, John Estok, Tex Anderle, Erika Langfoss

1. **Welcome**
2. **Call to order** (at 6:37 pm)
 - a. Discussion about making it a point to have agendas and minutes for executive board minutes.
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - Motion made by Angie. Peggy/Wes seconded.
4. **Reports**
 - a. President (Peggy) - Volunteer coordinator and League schedule positions still unfulfilled. Received notification from Babe Ruth that they have a new leader. Peggy and Angie will work on completing the charter and getting the insurance for 2023.
 - b. Vice President (Wes) - Reached out to Tex to talk about baseball equipment and texted Shad about other things. Nothing much to work off of on the greenspace project. No quotes or documentation for that project. There was a verbal agreement with Dan Fink for less than \$5k for the sprinkler system. Angie asked if we could put a down payment to get ahead of the list so the work can be done ASAP in the spring. Wes will reach out. We have no permission in writing to do anything in the woods in the southwest quadrant of 85th & South Park. Shad responded that the complex has been winterized but the coolers are still running.
 - c. Softball Tournament Director (Justin) - *not present*
 - d. Baseball Tournament Director (Chris/John) -
 - i. Asked what the cost of the Quadplex was or will be. There is a meeting on November 16th. Peggy was told the rental price was going to go down for 2023.
 - ii. Chris asked what the allocation for tournament awards would be. There was discussion about getting nice medals that can be used for multiple years.
 - iii. Chris asked if our tournament costs our teams money. No, they do not.
 - iv. Chris asked about whether teams are going to sign up by dollar allocation or number of tournaments. It's going to depend on the team, but they can come up with a reasonable amount. The teams will have to pay above that amount once they start looking at the available tournaments. At present, we'll go with 5 tournaments (which include the home tournament) OR \$2,000 per team, whichever comes first. After that, parents pay for any additional tournaments.
 - v. John talked about the Silver Tournament and lowering the cost. If we can have it filled with multiple age groups, Angie is more than fine with that.
 - vi. The base/pitching distance for the age groups will be set by the Baseball Tournament Committee.
 - vii. When it comes to accommodations for away tournaments, the consensus was to designate one person per team to handle setting up blocks of rooms.
 - viii. John asked about insurance. Angie says we pay it and we provide it for tournaments. Tex asked what insurance covers. Angie will dig it up to share.
 - e. Treasurer (Angie) - The organization is currently sitting at about \$78k and just about square on everything. Angie asked that we get an online version of Quickbooks (\$55/mo or less annually), which would allow us to do more and have better access. Chris made

a motion to get the updated software. Peggy seconded.

- f. Other discussion - Peggy will look into who gets notified about the cooler alarms.
5. **Mission Statement (Peggy)** - Peggy sent out a new version of the mission statement. This will be brought to the full Board on Wednesday.
6. **Babe Ruth Charter: due in January 2023, who does this?** - This was talked about in Peggy's report.
7. **Special Projects (e.g., lighting, more green space, batting cages, security lights, increasing bandwidth for security cameras and PA system, sprinklers. Wes to talk to Shad Williams)** - The updates are in the Vice President update. The "greenspace" project (adding batting cages, warm up space and parking), and lights are important. We are committed to the sprinklers and the PA system (Bill Oswald would be the contact for that). We will need to contact Shad about replacing the fencing that had been rolled back. Tex questioned if there was a cost associated with that. He also asked about removing the fencing around the batting cages. Lighting should be priority 1. We should put in a grant for it through the Legacy Foundation. Cara suggested Sunny Wilson as someone who could put together the grant. We need to have all the pieces in place before we submit a grant for all the projects we want funded.
8. **Review quotes and approve new lawn mower or sub-compact tractor and drag (Kelsey & Peggy)** - Several quotes were received for lawn mowers and a tractor. Toro is comparable to the others (\$6.4k), but it comes with 3 years of maintenance. There was discussion about spending money on a mower or a tractor (much more expensive). We will bring the recommendation of the Toro to the Board on Wednesday.
9. **Annual Budget and Allotments for annual expenses (Angie & Peggy)** - *tabled*
10. **New equipment needs for 2023** (still waiting on catcher equipment from last year, this needs follow up) - Tex has received everything for catching equipment. He's looking for catcher's helmets, bow nets, and baseballs for 2023. Wes passed along that Chad Williams (softball) would like a few tees and bow nets. Wes will ask him for quotes. Looking at ~\$2.5k this year for equipment (not including balls).
11. **League Registration: February 1, 2023 to March 1, 2023 (Wes & Rochelle)** - Cara mentioned that Jill Cavanaugh suggested holding the draft later in March to allow for those. Angie suggested opening registration in the middle of January and end it in the middle of February, and we leave until the end of February to do a full closure by March 1st. Do draft at the middle of March (to allow for enough time for shirt ordering).
12. **League and Tournament team apparel needs for 2023** - Peggy said she may have a lead on a sponsor of league T-shirts. We talked about Jan. 16 through Feb, 17, with flyers ready to send home to students by Jan. 9 (flyers being handled by Jamie Brown). Peggy will follow-up about the sponsors, as long as they're dry fit. Tournament uniforms will be the same as last year.
13. **Tournament Dates: June 2-4th Baseball, June 9-11th Silver Sluggers, June 16-18th Softball** - There was discussion earlier about keeping these dates going forward so families know and will stay around to assist. Angie asked about when they would be posted. John said the Red tournament will be posted after the Quad meeting. The Silver Sluggers tournament can be posted ASAP.
14. **Need to organize committee to decide on any revisions to tryouts for Tournament Teams in August (Peggy, Chris, Justin)** - *tabled*
15. **Umpires** (Tournament umps are \$50 per game and food. League umps are \$20 per game or \$45 for both games. Jeb McKinney to train league umps) - Chris said Jeb is willing to do it 2-3 nights. He also asked if parents can do their Dibs by selecting it at registration and they attend the training. Cara asked that the discussion of Dibs be tabled. For the tournaments, the younger

kids are 7 games/day at \$50/game. 13s/14s umps get paid more (\$/game).

16. **Team Liaisons: 8U-10U, 11U-12U, 13U-15U for Baseball, one liaison for Softball - Process in place through Coordinators, need to review current process, update if needed, and get in front of parents** (Chris) - what is the policy/process - *tabled*
17. **Beer Sales, bartender license, Eric Millard chair, need to check on insurance requirements and necessary permits (Eric & Peggy)** - Town of Grant is going to talk at another time about it (\$50 permit for opening day/tournaments). Do we need additional coverage with our insurance if we sell beer? We will need licensed bartenders, and the school board's approval in writing.
18. **Volunteers: Recommend \$100 per family, revise requirement from 2 to 4 dibs per family. The \$100 check will not be cashed unless the requirement is not met. Check is given on uniform pick up date and returned after Dibs are completed. Dibs are 1.5 hours each.** - Cara spoke about her experiences with running Dibs last year and reiterated that she and Sherry think that paying for concessions obligations up front and having a general sign-up open to teens and parents will result in a fully staffed stand (instead of the issues we ran into at the end of the season and many no-shows). The other items (maintenance, field prep, etc.) will need to be spelled out for parents during sign-up. There will need to be a separate meeting with the Volunteer Coordinators that will need to take place before the December Board meeting.
19. **Concessions: Pepsi contract through the school district, Develop list of high school students who will volunteer each night for tips. Also discuss the need for a parent "supervisor" each night to do the things that Sherry always does (Angie for Sherry)** - This is something that will be added to the volunteer discussion.
20. **Expectations for committees: Need a list of the chairs and members, meetings and report outs (Peggy)** - *tabled*
21. **Signs, new and replacements: any needs for 2023 (Erika)** - Erika says we are in a pretty good place with a few more replacement signs needed. She doesn't need help with anything else right now.
22. **Tracking important dates: Registration, clinics, meetings, fundraising, Rafters 50/50, etc. (Jamie Brown)** - *tabled*
23. **Fundraising: what additional opportunities are available, 50/50 raffles at tournaments (Erika)** - Erika has a good committee and is looking for a couple of meetings this year. She's thinking about not doing 50/50 raffles for the home tournaments.
24. **Mentor program: Volunteers to be trained for Concessions, Maintenance, and Fundraising, what else?** - *tabled*
25. **By-laws, policies, code of conduct: Revisions in place by year end?** - *tabled*
26. **Opening day: Saturday May 20, 2023 – Jamie B will communicate** - No one present got the email Jamie apparently sent.
27. **Parent Meeting: April timeframe** - Cara suggested this shouldn't be just for parents new to WRYSA. Volunteer expectations could be discussed at that time.
28. **Spring Clean-up: League teams will do Spring end of April 2023, Tournament teams will do fall end of September. Done by team members with a list of instructions and check list when items are complete** - *tabled*
29. **Apparel for league and tournament teams year-round: WRYSA Store (Angie Susa & Kelly Jaminski)** - *tabled*
30. **Spring Clinic: Week of May 1, 2023, conducted on Monday and Wednesday evening, free to players. WRYSA Volunteers/Coordinators run the clinic** - *tabled*
31. Next Meetings:

- a. Executive Board – Wednesday December 7th, 6:30 @ The Fallback
 - b. Regular board meeting – Wednesday, November 9th, 6:30 @ The Fallback (following: Wednesday, December 14th, 6:30 @ The Fallback)
 - c. *We'll be continuing with Exec Committee meetings on 1st Wednesday and Full Board meetings on the 3rd Wednesday.*
32. Adjournment - Peggy made the motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm and Wes seconded.

Items tabled for future meetings:

1. **Annual Budget and Allotments for annual expenses (Angie & Peggy)**
2. **Need to organize committee to decide on any revisions to tryouts for Tournament Teams in August (Peggy, Chris, Justin)**
3. **Team Liaisons: 8U-10U, 11U-12U, 13U-15U for Baseball, one liaison for Softball - Process in place through Coordinators, need to review current process, update if needed, and get in front of parents (Chris) - what is the policy/process**
4. **Expectations for committees: Need a list of the chairs and members, meetings and report outs (Peggy)**
5. **Tracking important dates: Registration, clinics, meetings, fundraising, Rafters 50/50, etc. (Jamie Brown)**
6. **Mentor program: Volunteers to be trained for Concessions, Maintenance, and Fundraising, what else?**
7. **By-laws, policies, code of conduct: Revisions in place by year end?**
8. **Spring Clean-up: League teams will do Spring end of April 2023, Tournament teams will do fall end of September. Done by team members with a list of instructions and check list when items are complete**
9. **Apparel for league and tournament teams year-round: WRYSA Store (Angie Susa & Kelly Jaminski)**
10. **Spring Clinic: Week of May 1, 2023, conducted on Monday and Wednesday evening, free to players. WRYSA Volunteers/Coordinators run the clinic**

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2022 6:30 PM – The Fallback

Attendees: Peggy Jaminski, Wes Kruszewski, Cara Abts, Angie Susa, Tex Anderle, Jamie Brown, John Estok, Kelsey Helmuth, Rochelle Homann, Justin Jaminski, Erika Langfoss, Sherry Marzofka, Jena Millard, Chris Stoflet, Nate Strehlau, Nic Weiler, Chad Williams

Not present: Betsy Borski, Paul Lohman, Eric Millard, Brendan Norris, Keesha Stoflet, Noalee Stublaski

Other attendees: none

1. **Welcome**
2. **Call to order @ 6:36**
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - Angie moved to approve, Kelsey seconded.
4. **Reports**
 - a. President (Peggy) - Peggy introduced herself to the board. She's from a baseball family and has been retired for the past four years. If she says she's going to do something, she will, but she's open to constructive criticism. Honesty and open communication are very important to her. Peggy asked for opinions about the executive board meeting minutes. Erika opined that they would be good to have available for transparency. All non-closed session minutes will be posted on the WRYSA website going forward. She mentioned that we would like each tournament team to have a "team manager" to communicate information such as room blocks, etc. It would be up to the teams to decide who that individual will be.
 - b. Vice President (Wes) - Wes said hi and introduced himself.
 - c. Softball Tournament Director (Justin) - He is going to try to get the tournament going again this coming season.
 - d. Baseball Tournament Director (Chris/John) - Nothing to report.
 - e. Treasurer (Angie) - Angie reported that the organization stands at about \$78k. The numbers are still fluid for 2022, but she's trying to wrap it up and get expense reports out at the December meeting.
5. **Mission Statement agreement**
 - a. Current: To Teach Baseball and Softball skills in a positive environment.
 - b. Proposed: Wisconsin Rapids Youth Sports Association provides an opportunity for youth to learn the games of Baseball and Softball while inspiring confidence, sportsmanship, and interpersonal skills in a positive environment.
 - c. This was accepted by the group and will go up on the website.
6. **Prioritized Special Projects** - Peggy says we don't have agreements in writing for any of these projects and that's a priority before they can get going. We need someone to head up each of these projects and form a committee for each. Angie indicated that Shad Williams has been working on the greenspace/parking lot/batting cages. He's been working with the school district, and he is willing to continue on it if there is someone on the board willing to take it over. Wes will continue to work with Shad on this. There are many options and could probably take up an entire meeting on its own.
 - a. Field lighting - Justin is going to get a quote from Current Technologies. Eric Millard might be able to get some information as well. Kelsey noted that we're going to need two quotes - one for quick fixes and one for replacing all field lights in the complex.

- b. Greenspace - This is one overall project that can be completed in phases. We need to find out what Shad has in writing so far.
 - i. Tree cutting
 - ii. Additional parking lot
 - iii. Additional batting cages - Kelsey will look into quotes on a range of options.
 - c. Increase bandwidth for security cameras and PA system - Committed project
 - d. Sprinklers - Committed project
 7. **Approve new lawn mower** - The executive board has recommended a 54" zero-turn Toro lawn mower which will come with 3 years of maintenance from Rapids Rental. Mike Knuth has kids in the program and is willing to do some of the maintenance himself. Erika moved to purchase the Toro lawn mower, Kelsey seconded. No objections.
 8. **New equipment needs for 2023 – Limit set at \$2,500** - Tex and Chad will work with Angie on that.
 9. **League Registration: January 16, 2023 through February 17, 2023** -
 - a. These dates are two weeks earlier than in the past. The registration will stay unofficially open until the end of February. The draft will be some time in March. We are still trying to figure out some volunteering things, etc. Chad asked how long it's been since we raised registration fees. Angie and Wes seemed to think that it was about two years ago. There was discussion about raising league fees, raising tournament fees, and what other organizations cost for participation.
 - b. There was a lot of discussion about volunteering (see item 10), and fundraiser options versus a buyout. The fundraising committee will discuss this at their meeting on Monday, November 14th.
 - c. Chris asked about draft night later in the meeting. March 21st at 6 pm was selected as the date and time. Peggy is going to contact Nate Zuelke to see if we could use The Fallback since he donates to the organization.
 10. **Committee needs to be formed regarding Volunteers** - Peggy will chair. Sherry, Cara and Jamie are willing to be on the committee.
 11. **League team apparel 2023** - Peggy is working with a sponsor who may be willing to donate league shirts in exchange for adding their logo. Wes brought up hats and if they would be donated again this year. Jamie is going to reach out to the Rafter's about it.
 12. **Tournament Dates** - Wes asked if Chris and John had access to InfoSports. Not yet, but Wes will show them. The costs for those tournaments were discussed. If we use the Quad, we'll need to charge more (which is why the tournaments haven't been posted yet). Justin said it wouldn't be a problem to use Robinson for one-off tournament needs, though we couldn't use the concession stands and it's unlikely Assumption would let us use Robby South. There will be a meeting next week (Wednesday, 6:30 pm, LHS room 187) to discuss the Quad's fees and use by WRYSA and other organizations. This meeting will be open to all and WRYSA parents are encouraged to attend.
 - a. June 2-4: Rapids Leadoff Classic - TBD on Quad use. Thinking \$350 for 8U, \$450 at Kellner for 9/10/11, \$600 at Quad for 12/13/14. 3 game minimum.
 - b. June 9-11: Silver Sluggers - was \$400 last year, thinking lower for this year if there are more teams.
 - c. June 16-18: Softball - thinking about \$500 this year (going rate locally). 4 game minimum.

- d. Additional discussion - if the Quad is used, field 1 at Kellner becomes warm-up space. Tournament fees should cover umps, awards, and balls at a minimum.
- 13. **Need to organize a committee to decide on revisions to tryouts for tournament teams in August (Peggy, Chris, Justin)** - The purpose of this committee will be for putting a recommendation forward to the Board. This will be done and discussed at a later meeting.
- 14. **Umpires – Tournament Umps are \$50 per game and a meal. League Umps are \$20 per game or \$45 for both games. Jeb McKinney to train league Umps** - Sherry mentioned that there were 15U players who skipped their own games to umpire. Angie mentioned that umps for the older age groups are paid more.
- 15. **Beer Sales for Opening Day and Home Tournaments** - This will be a test for future concessions sales during League. Sales will have to be at a separate location than the concession stand. Sherry requested that the concession stand be fully staffed before opening up the beer sales volunteer schedule.
 - a. Bartender licenses - We will have to have someone on the grounds with a bartender license during sales.
 - b. Conditional use permit from the Town of Grant - \$50/event.
 - c. Insurance requirements - Angie will check on this.
 - d. Documented permission from the School District - They apparently don't have a problem with this, but we need this in writing.
 - e. Eric Millard to chair
- 16. **Concessions: Pepsi contract through the school district** - Sherry said it's been an improvement. We were supposed to get new coolers with this, but we didn't receive them. Bill Oswald was the contact between the school district and Pepsi.
- 17. **Open Coordinator – League Schedule** - Angie is willing to do this, but would appreciate help, especially from a new Board member.
- 18. **Tracking important dates. Registration, clinics, meetings, fundraising, Rafters 50/50, etc.** - Jamie will be doing this and publicizing the information. Angie said Tracy Graff is willing to help.
- 19. **Fundraising: what additional opportunities are available, 50/50 raffles at tournaments, Amazon Smile, upcoming meeting with Erika** - Next meeting will have more updates since the fundraising committee will have a meeting on Monday.
- 20. **Opening day – Saturday May 20, 2023** - Mark your calendars!
- 21. **All Parents Meeting, April (Peggy)** - Peggy said she'd be willing to have multiple meetings to reach more parents. Cara suggested having a virtual option, possibly recorded.
- 22. **Field Clean-up – League teams will do Spring end of April 2023, tournament teams will do Fall in September. Done by team members with a list of instructions and a check list when items are complete** - Peggy suggests the age groups that use each field take care of that field. There will need to be a coordinator and lists. Spring clean-up: Monday, April 24 with a rain date Wednesday, April 26. There was the suggestion to have field maintenance training nights. Wes is willing to help Kelsey and Tex come up with some plans for what this will look like.
- 23. **Spring 8U/10U Baseball Clinic**
 - a. Week of May 1, 2023 (tentatively conducted on Monday and Wednesday evenings), and will be free to players.

- b. WRYSA Volunteers/Coordinators run the clinic - Cal Homann might be able to help out.
- c. Chad brought up that LHS players are not able to help with clinics per WIAA rules (at least on the softball side).
- d. Nate ran an 8U softball clinic during one of the baseball clinics last year.

24. Questions/Answers and Help needed

- a. Chad brought up that the collaboration with Nekoosa and Port Edwards for 14U softball wasn't worth it. This can be discussed at a softball committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for the end of November (Brendan Norris, Softball League Coordinator, wasn't present).
- b. There should be discussion at the next baseball committee meeting to eliminate the 15U baseball league.
- c. Justin asked about the tournament refund policy. Wes said that's up to the tournament coordinators. Angie asked that whatever the policy will be, that she would appreciate being informed.
- d. Chris asked if the softball tournament has the same budget for awards. Justin has some ideas (like championship rings), but there are fewer teams in the softball tournament. Kelsey suggested a championship photo background.

25. Next Meetings -

- a. Executive Board – Wednesday December 7th, 6:30 @ The Fallback
- b. Regular board meeting – Wednesday, December 14th, 6:30 @ The Fallback

26. Adjournment - Wes made a motion to adjourn at 8:35. Tex seconded. Meeting adjourned..

WRYSA Executive Board Minutes – December 7, 2022 6:30 PM

Location: The Fallback

Attendees: Peggy Jaminski, Cara Abts, Angie Susa, Chris Stoflet, John Estok, Justin Jaminski

1. **Welcome** -
2. **Call to order** - @ 6:34 pm. Peggy said she's working on a holiday email to send to past league families. This will explain in detail some of the changes coming and costs.
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** -
4. **Quad Plex update** - It sounds like things aren't settled. We are planning on having the 12U-14Us at the Quad for the leadoff tournament, but there needs to be some negotiation of fees.
5. **Insurance coverage update (Angie)** - She's got calls out about our policies. There was a long discussion about league participation at the older age groups and participating on competing travel teams.
6. **Concession Stand Cooler update (Peggy)** - She got a contact and she sent him an email, asking him to have the three large coolers delivered to us by the end of April.
7. **Babe Ruth Charter: due in January 2023 (Angie & Peggy)** - They are going to work on this together.
8. **Special Projects update (Wes)** - Sprinklers: working to coordinate work with the spring cleanup. Field fencing: Shad thought it was done already and it wasn't. Registrations: helped set it up for the three tournaments and will be working with Rochelle for league registration. Greenspace: worked to get a topographic map. We don't have anything else in writing yet and we shouldn't be going forward with any of this project until we have it. Peggy has the thought about turning the parking lot by field 5 into greenspace. Justin talked about going out to the fields to take a look at the lighting and come up with three levels of quotes (fix, upgrade on existing, brand new).
9. **Annual Budget and Allotments for annual expenses (Angie & Peggy)** - Angie is going to close out 2022 and get things to Peggy. Angie is going to order Quickbooks based on the approval in the last Exec committee meeting. Peggy reported that the new lawn mower has been ordered and Mike Knuth has been out to take a look at our existing equipment. The three-wheeler will need about \$300 for tune-ups. One mower needs \$450 worth of work and the other will need \$750. The Toro zero-turn Titan will need \$630 worth of work. Chris is going to have a contact look at the needs and see if they can do it for less.
10. **League Registration: January 16, 2023 to February 17, 2023 (Wes & Rochelle)** - Discussed above.
11. **League team shirts for 2023 update (Peggy)** - No updates.
12. **Need to organize a committee to decide on any revisions to tryouts for Tournament Teams (Peggy, Chris, John, Justin, Others)** - Justin doesn't want to be involved but suggested Eric Millard and Kelsey Helmuth. Angie suggested that a committee be formed from Board members and meetings be advertised. There was a long discussion about various changes that could be made for baseball tournament team tryouts, and the pros/cons of each. Justin and Cara agreed that the softball tryouts don't have the same issues.
13. **Team Liaisons: 8U-10U, 11U-12U, 13U-15U for Baseball, one liaison for Softball** - Process in place through Coordinators, need to review current process, update if needed, and get in front of parents (**Chris, John**) - Goes back to the policy for chain of command for complaints.

Justin proposes a 24-hour cooling off policy for parents. Wes has been working on those codes of conduct, but we need to get them actually put into policy.

14. **Beer Sales update (Peggy)** - No updates yet, as we're waiting on the Town of Grant.
15. **Volunteer committee update (Peggy)** - Peggy and Cara discussed the idea of collecting money from parents to form the tip fund. Angie needs to think how we can do that. There was discussion about the additional needs like field set-up and take-down. The idea is that it would be included on a field checklist. Things worked when the coaches assigned families to work in the concession stand.
16. **Fundraising update (Peggy)** - Next Thursday, there will be reindeer at the Ridges and WRYSA will be selling cookies, hot chocolate, etc., as a fundraiser.
17. **Mentor program: Volunteers to be trained for Concessions, Maintenance, and Fundraising (Peggy)** - Skipped.
18. **Policies, code of conduct: Revisions in place by year end (Angie)** - Angie is going to work on some of what we've done, so we can take care of updating the little stuff. Then committees can work on the bigger, more controversial stuff.
19. **Opening Day: Saturday May 20, 2023 - What activities can we do to make it fun and entertaining for the kids?** -
20. **Parent Meeting: April timeframe. Video emailed to all parents** - TBD.
21. **Spring Clean-up: League teams will do Spring clean-up April 24, 2023, Rain date is April 26.** Tournament teams will do Fall, end of September. Done by team members with a list of instructions and a checklist. Sprinkler work will be done during Spring cleanup -
22. **Spring Clinic: Week of May 1, 2023, what is required and what communication is needed (Chris, Brendan Norris)** - 8U and 10U baseball. 8U softball.
23. **Handicap accessibility** - This is something we need to look into. According to the ADA, accessible surfaces must be firm, stable, and slip-resistant.
24. **Practice Field Considerations** - This will need to be discussed. There was an accompanying discussion about the utility of our app.

Meeting concluded at 8:50 PM

Next Meetings:

Executive Board – Wednesday January 4 2023, 6:30PM @ The Fallback

Regular Board meeting – Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 6:30 PM @ The Fallback

League draft has been reserved at The Fallback for March 21, 2023 6 PM

WRYSA Board Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2022 6:30 PM – The Fallback

Attendees: Peggy Jaminski, Tex Anderle, Jamie Brown, John Estok, Kelsey Helmuth, Rochelle Homann, Justin Jaminski, Kelly Jaminski, Erika Langfoss, Jena Millard, Nate Strehlau, Nic Weiler, Chad Williams

Not present: Wes Kruszewski, Cara Abts, Angie Susa, Sherry Marzofka, Betsy Borski, Paul Lohman, Eric Millard, Brendan Norris, Keesha Stoflet, Noalee Stublaski, Chris Stoflet

Other attendees: none

1. Welcome

2. Call to order @ 6:30

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – 1st approval: Kelsey Helmuth 2nd approval: Chad Williams

4. Reports

a. President

- Green Space – shared 3 options.
 - Per Ed Allison, WRYSA does not need to go to the school board for parking project approval.
 - Need something in writing
 - The board voted to move forward with cutting down trees behind field 2 & using half the parking by fields 5/6 as 'green space'. Keep half the parking in that current location. And then try to get a parking area across 85th Street and behind field 1 if Ed Allison/School board is agreeable. Kelsey made a motion to approve, Jamie Brown seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Beer Sales – need school board approval in writing and from town of grant.
 - No one in opposition of moving forward.
 - Peggy to work on school board approval and town of grant
- Quickbooks membership - \$55/month. Feel this option is best and easiest for treasurer and organization.
- Bank Account authorization – motion to allow Peggy Jaminski to be put on WRYSA checking account. Erika Langfoss 1st motion to approve, Kelsey seconded motion. Motion carried.
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b. Vice President – not in attendance, report given by President

- Sprinklers and Fencing project to happen in April/May prior to league opener
- VP has topo maps for green space project

c. Secretary – not in attendance

d. Softball Tournament Coordinator – no news

e. Baseball Tournament Coordinator - no news

f. Treasurer – not in attendance

5. Quad Plex Update

- The meeting @ LHS in Nov did not give us any answers about quad plex pricing.
- Need to negotiate better pricing.
 - Sustainability (for turf replacement, \$1800), personnel *(\$2000), field fee – total of \$6000
 - Chris Stoflet said he will negotiate pricing.

- If we can negotiate pricing, and feel good about playing there, GREAT. If not affordable, can't play.
- Peggy will talk to Chris about moving forward with the negotiation process, John Estok willing to help. Need to set up an official meeting, not just talk about setting up a meeting. Can't wait until the next meeting set for February, need to know sooner.
 - Peggy to reach out to Brian Wendt – prices for Raptors? Ask him what they pay
- Currently WRYSA is Slotted for all 3 tournament weekends
 - Need to let quad plex leadership know that softball & silver slugger tourney do not want to use for their weekends. Will likely only need for Red tournament – need to negotiate pricing.
 - QP Willing to let us play scrimmages and weeknights if there is a high-school game going on – could potentially play for free, need verification on this process from QP leadership
- Port & Nekoosa already opted out of playing at QP, can't afford it.
- Increased red tourney registration by \$100 per team to account for quad plex cost

6. Concessions cooler update

- Concessions needs new coolers, waiting for a response from rep.

7. Babe Ruth Charter due in January

- This will be taken care of in January, President has not received information yet.
- Question – Kelsey asked 'what is benefit of being part of Babe Ruth' – will follow-up with Angie Susa related to this.
- Question – Kelsey asked, 'can we use USSSA bats with Babe Ruth insurance and new 50/70 12u mound/base distances?'

8. Special project update:

- Lighting
 - Justin Jaminski getting 3 quotes from his boss @ current technologies. The weather has impeded their efforts to get onsite for quotes so far. Other quotes will come from E-Con and Home Run Electric
- Green Space
 - See president's report – 4a.
- New Parking
 - See president's report – 4a.
- Sprinklers
 - See Vice President's report – 4b.

9. Annual Budget

- Want to set up budget for 2023, Angie Susa working on and will get numbers to board soon.

10. New Toro Lawn Mower purchased/ordered

- Purchased, got an extra \$100 off due to full price payment upon purchase
- Drag needs \$300 in repairs/maintenance
- John Deere Tractors needs \$450 and \$750 in repairs
- Titan needs \$670 in maintenance
 - Tractor/lawn mower repairs/maintenance are belts & parts needed to function

11. Need Committee to review and recommend revisions to Baseball Tournament Tryouts

- Who is interested in being on this committee? Volunteers: Chris Stoflet, Peggy Jaminski, Kelsey Helmuth, Eric Millard (appointed by Jena Millard), Tex Anderle (appointed by Kelsey Helmuth), Cal Homann (appointed by Rochelle Homann), Nic Weiler, Nate Strehlau, John Estok, and Jamie Brown.
 - Meetings will be posted on FB by Jamie Brown
 - Chad Williams asks committee to consider parents NOT being allowed to attend tryouts for softball

12. Volunteers

- Will have 2022-23 Holiday WRYSA letter sent out 1st week of January 2023 which will discuss volunteer responsibilities, so parents are aware prior to registration.
- Will have parent meeting which will include the need for volunteerism at ALL age groups – not just new t-ball parents. Dates: May 9th & 10th.
 - All agreed coaches cannot be responsible for parents' volunteerism
 - Will keep concessions volunteering separate from 'other duties'
 - Parents will be required to pay \$40 towards their volunteer hours (2-2 hour shifts \$20 each) when they pick up their child's jersey @ Parent Meeting. If unable to make either parent meeting, then jersey pickup and \$40 payment will be expected on Opening Day – will have jerseys and money taken @ bake sale table.
 - Parents will tell WRYSA if they want to work their two shifts and earn back their \$40, or if they'd rather donate the \$40 and allow a high-school student to work in their place and earn that money.
 - \$40 is PER child
 - Head Coaches are not required to pay volunteer fee
 - Asst Coaches only required to pay \$20 for one shift
 - People who coach multiple teams – case by case basis for what's owed for volunteerism.
- Dugout Pre & Post game checklist – will post in dug out with duties assigned to home and guest teams
 - Want to encourage coaches to make kids and families accountable to help with field prep and cleanup after games.
 - Kelsey suggested having a QR code made with instructions on how to turn on scoreboards and lights – an idea for Traci Graf to help create this.

13. Registration fee breakdown

- Not doing in person registration at Solarus this year, only online registration available.
- Registration fee being raised from \$55 to \$60 – all in agreement
- Add checkbox for "If financial assistance is needed check-box" – Peggy Jaminski agreed to be contacted if this checkbox is selected.
- Waivers:
 - Remove covid waiver
 - Keep concussion waiver
 - Add something about photo approvals – need an opt in or opt out option for parents who do not want their child's photo taken or posted on WRYSA Facebook page.
 - Keep Code of Conduct for Parents on registration
 - Player Code of Conduct will be discussed with players by coaches at first practice – Peggy Jaminski to edit Parent & Player documents and get to Rochelle for registration and coaches prior to practice start dates.
- WRPS School contacts for WRYSA registration flyer
 - Discussed not to send home paper flyers with students
 - Will get contacts from each school and ask to be added to their monthly newsletter email instead – Jamie to ask for Grant, Rochelle for Woodside, Jena for Washington, Kelly for Rudolph. Need contacts for: Mead, Howe, Grove, Assumption, & Immanuel.

14. Fundraising update

- League Fundraiser – Seroogys or Kwik Trip. Board chose to go with Seroogys this year.
 - \$96 to purchase case of 48 chocolate bars OR \$50 for buyout – will be on registration payment.
- Reindeer Event 12/15 – made \$850
- Gun Raffle – Justin Jaminski suggests getting more tickets and more guns on raffle for 2023 – Need to follow up with Eric Millard
- Community Food nights:
 - Jan 16th – Papa Murphy’s – donating 20%
 - March 7th – Qdoba – donating 25%
 - April 19th – Papa Murphy’s – donating 20%
 - June 5th – Taco Johns – donating 20%
 - Still trying to get date confirmation from Panda Express and Dairy Queen
- Pending Events:
 - BINGO with Elks Club – working on date of May 4th
 - Golf Outing @ Ridges – GLOW Golf, night golf. Date in August TBD. Jamie Anderle and Jamie Brown to work with Todd, Michelle, and Max at the Ridges to confirm date/pricing/food.
 - Online Traveling Tailgater Raffle – working on obtaining donated items for raffle; need:
 - Cooler, tent, wagon (Jon & Peggy Jaminski), chairs, grill, drinks, snacks, gift certs
 - Already donated: Bag-Boards (Nic Weiler), Folding table (Jamie Brown)
 - Will have raffle tickets for sale March 1-30th, plan to draw winner on MLB opening day March 30th.
- 50/50 Raffles @ the Rafters. Asked for 6 nights. The Fundraising Committee will assign dates to teams. Will be mindful of tournament weekends/dates when assigning dates.
- Ideas: Chad Williams - Have a ‘goal’ board posted so the community knows we have a fundraising goal and how close/far we are away from it?

15. Opening Day

- Roscoe Rafter confirmed to be in attendance on opening day
- Wheelers – Cal Homann will reach out to ask if they want to continue their test-drives on opening day.
- Beer Sales – Peggy Jaminski working on getting approval

16. Practice field considerations

- Sign up Genius in 2022 worked okay. Would like to use again with some modifications:
 - Only allow 4 sessions to be booked at a time before signing up for any more
 - Have sign-up genius for all summer, not just league – have it go through August.
 - Should have rules on sign-up genius about younger leagues using smaller fields – ie: 8u & 9u use fields 5 & 6.
 - Ask Betsy Borski to take this duty on again if willing – Jamie Brown will ask her.

17. Handicap accessibility

- President states we need to figure out how to get better pathways for wheelchairs, walkers, etc.
- Kelsey thought maybe we could flatten/roll out the gravel somehow – A1?
- Will be asking for grant money related to this issue from community sponsors – Peggy Jaminski working on.

18. Beer Sales update – see President report section 4a.

19. Mentors

- Need someone to take over concession stand; Sherry has one person in mind to mentor
 - Idea – ask DECA Mr. Siler to see if his students could help somehow – Tex Anderle to ask?

- Kelsey – this will be his last year; President asks that he begins to mentor someone to take over for him

20. Parents Meeting -see volunteer section 12.

21. Team Liaisons – not discussed

22. Code of conduct – see Registration fee breakdown section 13.

23. Policies

- This was started in 2021 and is a huge undertaking. Exec board working on little by little. Will complete section at a time and post.

24. Important Dates

- League Registration – January 16 through February 17, 2023
- Draft Night – Tuesday March 21, 2023 @ The Fallback 6:00 PM
- Parent Meeting – Wednesday April 12, 2023 @ The Fallback 6:30 PM
- Field Clean up – Monday April 24, 2023 @Kellner 5PM, rain date Wednesday April 26
- Opening Day – Saturday, May 20, 2023

25. Next Meetings:

- Executive Board – Wednesday January 4, 2023, 6:30PM @ The Fallback
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26. Misc:

- Kelsey Helmuth: 12u league needs to go to 50/70 mound-bases. Would need to buy 2 new pitching mounds.
 - New mounds = \$1500 each x 2 = \$3000
 - Have an old fiberglass mound from field 1 we could sell for \$2000-3000 to offset cost?
 - Kelsey to get official quote from Beacon Athletics for new mounds
- John Estok: Do we want to have a 13, 14, 15u league this year? Very poor involvement and quality of play last year 2022.
 - Board discussed talking about need for 13-15u league with coaches affected (Cal Homann, Nate Strehlau, and Bill Oswald)
 - Need decision by Jan 4th Exec Meeting
 - Jamie Brown will get 13-15u league registration numbers to Rochelle Homann ASAP from sportsengine 2022 registration spreadsheet.
 - Factors to consider: this age group of kids can play school ball at WRAMS. 9th grade and older have WIAA rule they cannot play summer ball until school ball is over.
- Nic Weiler: idea to have close community baseball programs do a 'tournament-team' league – Point, Plover, Rapids, etc.
 - Discussion about who gets registration fees?
 - Would discourage non-tournament team kids from playing in WRYSA if all tournament team kids were playing elsewhere. Overall caliber of play and learning opportunities would suffer.

27. Meeting Adjourned @ 9:20pm