



Rogers Area Youth Baseball Association

Meeting Minutes – October 20th, 2013

Members present: Scott Fischer, Lynne Jakubic, Derrick Stark, Brian Moss, Jason Sullivan, Leon Lubke, Jeff Daun, Steve Schaupp, and Brien Geerdes

Members Missing: Tom Braesch, Don Shuster, Wayne Jensen, Doug Cassady

- **Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from the September, 2013 board meeting were approved.
- **Combining Rogers and Otsego Minors and Majors:** We discussed the pros and cons of combining the two leagues. This could help to make more even teams. Starting in 4th grade the teams are combined so what do we gain by having them split in the younger ages? In years past we did this to keep practices closer to the player's homes and at the Minors we try and form teams by where the kids live. Commissioners will send out emails to coaches to get their feedback on this.
- **Update on Pitch to Pitch and Training:** Still actively working with them, does not look like it can be available by January 1st. Projected to be ready August 2014. We also need to decide how we want to promote Pitch to Pitch, Solid Foundation and the like. We need to make sure the training committee gets opportunities lined up and advertise them.
- **Website and Logo:** Create space on the website for Commissioners to post everything that needs to be done leading up and during the baseball season. We need to get a why choose Rogers- Otsego Baseball on the front page. Add a section on what we do to improve the community and develop baseball fields. Leon will try and get the new logo process going or hand it off to another member. This will also affect our upcoming advertising for 2014.
- **Travel:** Scott brought forth the idea of having a couple non-board members on the coach's selection committee. He will explore the idea more and see if there are some qualified people who may be interested. Board members make sure you put on your calendars to be available for evaluations and tournaments! Get the deadline out on the website for travel coach applications.
- **Uniforms:** When we get the new logo will we start to phase in new uniforms?
- **Round table:**
- Voted on and approved the selling of the pitching machines from Majors.
- Derrick will pick two winners for a free year of baseball from the Otsego festival and the city thanks us for the 900.00 donation
- Brien brought up the idea of funding of a scholarship for graduating seniors, we will look at the idea in future meetings.
- Scott brought up the idea of commissioners having coaches do peer evaluations. Gopher State is promoting additional teams at the A level.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM. The next meeting of the Rogers-Otsego Area Youth Baseball Association Board will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 @ 6:30PM at Rogers Community Center.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Moss