



Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Agenda

Monday, April 17

6:30PM

Location: Hot House Tavern, Menomonee Falls

Board Officer Attendees: Brandon Duke, Joletta Kerpan, Mike Klumb, Harry Susman, Rob Peters (late), Chris Ross (after appointment)

Coordinators/Special Guests: Lauren Boldt, Jen Gettelman, Jessica Mazur, Nicki Miller, Danielle Eichenberger, Jeremiah Reinwand, Davide Swanson, Rob Tanner, Chris Ross, Ryan Butzke (left early)

Minutes by Chris Ross, Secretary

Start Time/Roll Call – 6:30PM

Approval of March 20 Minutes – DELAYED Until Updated by all in attendance at meeting

Approval of April 17 Agenda – **Brandon motion to approve, Harry 2nd, all approved**

Open Forum to Public – **Nothing from the group**

New Business

- Appointment of new Secretary - appointment & vote by officers – **Chris Ross, Harry makes motion, Joletta 2nd, all approved**
- Appointment of new Marketing Coordinator - appointment & vote by officers – **Joletta motion to appoint Sarah Susman, Harry 2nd, all approved**
- Logan Creegan - Eagle Scout Project – **Logan Troop 139, Installing public access AEDs in Richfield parks. Changing weather and theft prevent these AEDs from being made available at all parks, box keeps secure and protected from weather. Wants to install 2 AEDs at Heritage Park, one at each concession stand. Fireman's Park and Nature's Park 2 additional locations. Logan to build the boxes, each location would cost \$3500 (\$14,000), deadline of 5/15/2023, Logan started account with \$750 from Scout account. Has already met the goal for Heritage Park. Request we share with our network both the goal and his Go Fund Me page.**

President Update - **Joletta Kerpan**

- Applied for raffle license - Raffle should be released in May – **nothing more to update**

Vice-President Report - **Harry Susman**

- **No updates**

Treasurer Report - **Rob Peters** Balance is **XXXXX in process of getting checks to coaches for umpire fees**

- Umpire Payments for Each Team **Going out this week for league play**
- Big Game Squares Communication and received all money?
- Tournament Medals invoice paid?
- Accountant update
 - **New accountant all on board**

Secretary Report – **Open Nothing to add**

Director RAGE Baseball & Fastpitch - **Scott Walworth**

- U16 Game at Wisconsin Brewing Company Park on 7/20
 - Rental License Agreement requires
 - Insurance Requirement - A \$1,000,000 General Liability Policy with both DC RE Holdings and the Lake Country Dockhounds listed as Additional Insured.
 - **Ryan Butzke to share the details and board to vote**
 - **\$150annually for blanket policy, which avoids the need to have to do this for each event throughout the year.**
 - **Jolitta motions to approve blanket policy, Brandon 2nd, all in favor.**
 - Discuss with Board the options for RYBSA
 - Ryan Butzke to share the details and Board vote needed
- Scoreboard Remotes
 - Should we order New Ones for each field, including Field 7 – **Approved by board previously**
 - **Decision made at previous meeting to order 2 remotes**
- Background Checks **Brandon hosted coaches meeting last week**
 - RYBSA Coaches
 - This was initiated on 4/13
 - 32 Coaches need Background checks this year
 - 26 Coaches had Background checks last year and returned for this season

RYBSA - **Brandon Duke 220 players anticipate 225 as total players. Scheduling coordinators need to connect to ensure schedules are complete. Brandon has dates, Ryan to input it into master calendar.**

- RYBSA Rec League Team Count: 17-20 Teams (Last Year: 19 Teams)
 - **Rookie Girl:** 2 Teams – LY: 2
 - **Junior Girl:** 1 Team (really close to making it 2 teams) – LY: 1
 - **Major Girl:** NO Team – LY: 0
 - **Rookie Boy:** 3 Teams (possibly 4 teams) – LY: 4
 - **A Boy:** 2 Teams (possibly 3 teams) – LY: 3
 - **AA Boy:** 1 Team – LY: 1
 - **AAA Boy:** NO Team – LY: 0
 - **TBall:** 3 Teams (of 6-7 players) – LY: 2
 - **Coach Pitch:** 5 Teams – LY: 6
- RYBSA Important Dates
 - Umpire Clinic - Sunday, April 23 - 1pm-5pm **CONFIRMED**

- Picture Day - Monday, May 15 - 5pm-8pm (Behind Town Hall)
CONFIRMED
- Coaches Meeting - Wednesday, April 12 - 5:30pm-7pm
- RYBSA Family Day - Saturday, July 15 - 10am-3pm
- Field Usage for scheduling games
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Fields, Grounds, THOR & Equipment - **Mike Klumb** -

- Ordering 2 scoreboard remotes (emailed varsity) \$200-\$495 *Will order tomorrow*
- Scoreboard remote batteries in and 3 fields tested *needs to test 6&7*
- L Screens out of shed/back room & at fields *Missing locks, need coaches to put L- Screens outside of fence*
- Ordering missing matching master locks
- All balls for rec & rage tournaments received *Need to be stamped*
- Job boxes going through tue/wed *Ordering new pitching rubbers*
- Generators & gas full & ready to go along with pitch machines
- Rec eq handed out & nothing needed at this time
- All coaches have job box keys
- THOR supplies need to be replenished; paper towels, toilet paper & soap
- Items need to be taken from thor office & upstairs to concessions
- Here we go again: Balls need to be manually stamped :) for tournaments -
- Field 6 stanchions are terrible, 1B comes out, 2B crooked, mound still crooked +Net is still off/broken *Ryan B to notify village and ask them to address*
- Fences around Park by dugout are ben outwards allowing balls to go through
- Dugout covers when?
- Mound @field 1&2 and new one 2-3wk out

Coordinator & Committee Reports

- Uniform & Spirit Wear - **Nicki Miller & Amber Giordano**
 - *Handed out stickers*
 - *Waiting on Ok for Spirit Wear site. Other Spirit Wear order was handed out, multiple orders still in the office at THOR, Nicki will check tomorrow and send out communication.*
- Scheduling Coordinator & Village/Community Liaison - **Andy Kaul & Ryan Butzke**
 - We have given the netting information to the village and Jim Healy & Brett Thicke DPW Supervisor.
 - Joletta and Ryan met with the Village 4/6/23. Netting was discussed at length. The Village of Richfield has recreational immunity from any liability to the public while occupying parks or village common areas. This is the answer we have received from the village since “forever”. Ryan will explain more during the meeting. *The village is not at risk, our policy covers us if something happens, we stated our case and have it documented. Encourage families to contact Richfield board members*
 - Park Commission Meeting on April 12, 6PM did not happen. We will be notified when the next meeting is scheduled. Ryan/Joletta will try to attend as representatives. Have not had a meeting since February. *Water is on, bathrooms are open*

- Volunteer Coordinator - **Jessica Mazur**
 - Banner Hanging rescheduled for May 6, 9 of 10 spots filled **One open spot, but 9 should be enough**
 - Mother's Day Tournament next - need Scott & Lauren input on changes from last year
 - **Jessica changes to last year's sign up sheets.**
 - **Team's are responsible for field prep and field marshal roles, can remove from sheet.**
 - [2022 Mother's Day Tournament](#)
 - [2022 Summer Bash/Slam Tournament](#)
 - Need RYBSA parent contact info as soon as it's ready
 - **Brandon to provide list, plan to get RAGE families to signup prior to sending to RYBSA families.**

- Awards Coordinator - **Lindsay Lauters**
 - Invoice for medals needs to be paid - \$4,950 – **Have been paid**
 - Medals have been delivered- All accounted for **handed out**
 - **Check with Lindsay where she wants to store them**
 - Luggage tags to Rage teams question- these were separated into bags for coaches to hand out to their teams (we thought maybe at uniform handout?)- did this occur?
 - **Luggage tags all handed out**

- Fundraiser Coordinator - **Rob Tanner** **Handing out donated flowers at Mother's Day tournament**
 - Rage Raffle depending on us receiving our raffle license

- Concessions Coordinator - **Lauren Boldt**
 - **Food and supplies showing up at her house, getting supplies and items from THOR and Shed prior to 4/29 to clean and stock**
 - **Richfield soccer concession coordinator have event on 6/3 we will clear lower concession stand for soccer tourney and keep stock in upper until summer slam**
 - **Meeting with Digital Edge to revamp menu with current logo**
 - **Placing orders and getting things stocked up**
 - **Checking gas for grills in storage room**
 - **To connect with Brandon on what is needed from food truck standpoint**

- Rage Tournament Coordinator - **Scott Walworth**
 - Tournament Punch List
 - Golf Carts
 - 2 from Kettle Hills - Butzke picking up - Confirmed
 - Signage Updates
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 - Village Items
 - Village will allow us to use their John Deere for dragging of the fields and their Gator for trash duty

- Need to determine individuals who will be trained for use of this equipment – **Need to choose date for training and would like to have someone that is not involved in tournament run the equipment**
 - Mike Klumb?
 - Would like this to be people from FP Teams or U14 / U16 Baseball teams
- Mothers Day Tournament - May 12-14
 - All levels full with 6 teams in each bracket
 - Umpires - 6 vacancies currently **Scott working to fill**
 - See Appendix 2
 - Working with Arbiter (Dave Ernst) and Andy Sawyer to fill these vacancies
 - Volunteering for Mother's Day Tournament
 - Field Assignments - Field Prep and Field Marshall
 - Coaches sent a reminder about staffing their own fields on 4/6/23
 - Received one response from Jess Thomey (U8 HC)
 - Rules update for Mother's Day Tournament **Coaches do not necessarily need to volunteer to meet requirements, but need coaching staff in order to prevent families from being overwhelmed with a large number of openings**
 - Stealing Home - From Ben Huffman **Scott wants Board's input on the rule change – Board agreed to move forward with no changes to rules**
 - "All divisions can steal home on a passed ball or wild pitch except for the U8 division. U9, U10, U11 and U13 players can steal home on an attempted throw to any player in the field, including throws back to the pitcher from the catcher. U8 players can only steal home on an attempted throw to any base from the catcher, but CANNOT steal home on a throw back to the pitcher."
 - I would extend the exception to U9 and U10. In my opinion it makes for a better game. Improves crowd environment, improves odds of creating outs on batted balls, benefits pitchers through reduced pitch count, eliminates one of the most dangerous plays on the field. The fact that this is a C tournament and early in the season hardens my belief even further. – **Mike feels this will increase complaints from coaches at the older levels. Our rules currently align with league play. Harry agrees with Mike. Scott values the feedback of coaches, would be interested in hearing U9 coaches thoughts - No**
- Fastpitch Summer Slam Tournament - June 23-25
 - All levels Full with 6 teams in each bracket
 - Umpires - 5 vacancies currently
 - See Appendix 2
 - Working with Arbiter (Dave Ernst) and Andy Sawyer to fill these vacancies

- Rage Summer Bash Tournament - June 23-25
 - All levels Full with 6 teams in each bracket
 - Umpires
 - Currently No Vacancies
- Food Vendors
 - Booked for both tournaments
- Tournament Champion banner - done
- Marketing Coordinator - **Joletta Kerpan**
 - Current Marketing - Robert's Fundraiser, Committees
 - Getting dates for RYBSA events out on social media next
- RYBSA Umpire Coordinator - **Open**
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- Equipment Coordinator - **Jeremiah Reinwand**
 - No updates
- RAGE Baseball Coordinator - **Danielle Eichenberger**
 - No updates
- RAGE Fastpitch Coordinator - **Open**
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- Sponsorship Coordinator - **Joletta Kerpan**
 - Shout outs to sponsors at least once a month Secured a uniform sponsor
 - Banners & Field Signs going up May 6
 - 50 outfield banners, 5 field signs, 2 all sponsor banners
- Registration Coordinator - **Jen Gettelman**
 - Will need to know the estimated timeframe for RAGE tryout registration so I can get registration set up
 - No update, wants tryout dates from tryout committee when available, should open registration by mid to late June.
 - Will be a tryout registration and then a Team registration for those that get offers.
- Skills Development Coordinator - **Dave Mazur**
 - Coaches Training
 - Coaches Resource Spreadsheet
- RAGE Tryout Committee - **Jeremy Miller**
 - Baseball - July 19/20 & July 22
 - Fastpitch - July 29 & August 1
 - Recent meeting
 - Committee likes the current registration process and appreciates the Board's support, to include sharing registration numbers with coaches and overview conversation provided to families about costs and what to expect during the tryout process.

- **No changes recommended in the following areas**
 - Thank You letter delivery
 - Amount of fees required in first payment
 - Advertisement efforts - flyers to schools, yard signs, connecting with RYSBA
 - Early planning of tryout dates in order to conduct tryouts before other teams in the area
 - Evaluation form, number of reps, and positive environment created by coaching staff at tryouts.
- **Recommendations for Board to consider**
 - Advertising - Add Large sign on 164 at Thor “RAGE Baseball & FP Train HERE”, RAGE booth at RYBSA Family Fun Day to promote RAGE and debunk myths about “travel/ club” ball. **Will add yard signs at tournaments**
 - Adding driveline metrics to evaluation forms - Coach’s discretion for pitch/ throw speed and/or exit velocity.
 - Need to consider Organization's stance on how new players are assigned to a team when RAGE has multiple teams at one level. A vs B team, birth year (FP), position needs?
- **Items voted on by Committee to pass to Board for their vote**
 - Offer to be accepted and initial payment or alternate plans communicated by family within 24 hours of receiving offer. Letter and payment link to be sent in the same communication. **Committee approved 6-0 Brandon made motion Harry Seconds all in favor – all, none opposed**
 - Host practice for RYBSA interested players to attend week of 6/26 between FP tournament & 4th of July holiday. **Committee approved 6-0**
 - Move to open tryout (eliminate internal/ closed tryout for existing RAGE players) and no RAGE uniforms allowed during tryouts. **Committee approved 5-1**
 - Offer an early tryout for the youngest level (U8 Baseball & U10FP) in order to attract new players/ families to the organization. Tryout one week prior to regular scheduled tryouts. **Committee approved 6-0**
 - Require a minimum of 4 coaches be present at all tryouts - Assistant Coaches help support the level they coached at for the 2023 season. Head Coaches attend tryouts for the level they will coach in 2024 and HC is to complete an evaluation form for each player. **Committee approved 6-0**
 - **Scott will reach out to Coaches on all other points that we not voted on by the board.**
- Old Business
 - RYBSA Scholarship
 - **\$1000 for 2 players, one girl, one boy.**
 - **Number of years required?**
 - **Discuss 1k for baseball 1k for softball**
 - **Move to Fall of 2023 for 23-24 school year.**
 - Vote on bylaw updates Section 4.02 (Appendix 3), Quorum of 20 needed. **Jolietta motion, Harry 2nd. All 15 in attendance voted YES for changes**

- Email votes included: Ryan Butzke, Andy Kaul, Amber Giordano, Lindsay Lauters, Amy Bretz, Ady Lennartz – all voted YES
- Discussion on Eagle Scout project presentation Brandon motions to donate \$1000 Harry 2nd All in favor.

Adjourn – 8:43PM

Next Meeting: Pre-Mother’s Day Tournament meeting TBD

Location: Zoom

Parking lot

Review Volunteer Fee after Mother’s Day Tourney

Appendix 1: Committee membership

- Tournament Committee
 - Scott Walworth, Rob Tanner, Rob Peters
- Tryout Committee
 - Jeremy Miller, Jess Thomey, Chris Ross, Rob Tanner, Jamie Groh, Danielle Eichenberger, Scott Walworth
- Concessions Committee
 - Lauren Boldt

Appendix 2: Umpire Vacancies

Richfield Rage Mother's Day Tournament - May 12-14

Open / Filled	Date	Day	Game Time	Age Level	Baseball / Softball	Field Number	Payment/ Umpire 1hr 35 min, no new inning	Number of Umpires Staffed / Total Number of Umpires needed for this game	Number of Umpires Still Needed	Pool Play / Bracket Play
Open	5/12/2023	Friday	5:30 PM	U9	Baseball	#4	\$70	0/1	1	Pool Play
Open	5/12/2023	Friday	5:30 PM	U10	Baseball	#7	\$70	1/2	1	Pool Play
Open	5/12/2023	Friday	5:30 PM	U11	Baseball	#1	\$70	1/2	1	Pool Play
Open	5/13/2023	Saturday	12:00 PM	U11	Baseball	#1	\$70	1/2	1	Pool Play
Open	5/13/2023	Saturday	2:00 PM	U11	Baseball	#1	\$70	1/2	1	Pool Play
Open	5/13/2023	Saturday	4:00 PM	U11	Baseball	#1	\$70	1/2	1	Pool Play

Richfield Rage Fastpitch Summer Slam Tournament - June 23-25

Open / Filled	Date	Day	Game Time	Age Level	Baseball / Softball	Field Number	Payment/ Umpire 1hr 15 min, no new inning	Number of Umpires Filled / Needed	Number of Umpires Still Needed	Pool Play / Bracket Play
Open	6/24/2023	Saturday	5:00 PM	U12	Softball	#5	\$55	1/2	1	Bracket Play
Open	6/24/2023	Saturday	6:30 PM	U12	Softball	#5	\$55	1/2	1	Bracket Play
Open	6/25/2023	Sunday	2:00 PM	U14	Softball	#4	\$55	1/2	1	Bracket Play (Semi-Final)
Open	6/25/2023	Sunday	3:30 PM	U14	Softball	#4	\$55	1/2	1	Championship Game #1
Open	6/25/2023	Sunday	5:00 PM	U14	Softball	#4	\$55	1/2	1	Championship Game #2 (If Needed)

Appendix 3: Quorum of 20 Needed to make this change

Section 4.02. Appointment Election, Tenure and Compensation. ~~The officers shall be appointed by the board of directors. Persons nominated for director positions shall also be nominated and elected for individual officer positions by the Members at the annual Members' meeting in accordance with Section 3.02. Each officer shall hold office for a one (1) year term or until his or her successor shall have been duly appointed or until until the officer's prior death, resignation, or removal. The officers of the corporation shall serve without compensation.~~