



# 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. Beer Sales: Andy Allen & Ashleigh Halverson
6. Concessions: Cara Johnson & Kalie Abel
  - a. Committee will be formed with parents
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)