

APPROVED 3/12/2025

BYBS (Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball) Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Date: 02/16/2025

Location: Clay Lamberton School

1.) Call To Order by Micky 5:45pm

2.) Roll Call:

Board Members in attendance Wollert, Pulvermacher, Marshall, Parker, Miller, Miller

Board Members excused: Gumtow

Membership in attendance: Parker, Parker, 1 Parent

3.) Membership Input

1 Parent in attendance has a registration question about waivers that was answered

4.) Correspondence

Micky said she has received email questions about registration and answered them

5.) Discussion (All discussion items can be voted upon)

I. Meeting Minutes [Approved? YES NO] Kari made a motion to approve last months minutes, Jared 2nd, all present were in favor, no neighs so it passed

II. Treasurers Report [Approved? YES NO] Micky shared the report including 2 checks sent to Markesan and Wautoma that they have not cashed yet for tournaments, there was also a credit card payment for \$175 on 2/12 for 12U UW Oshkosh scrimmage ... Jared made a motion to approve the report, Kari seconded, all present were in favor, no neighs, it passed

III. Bank Authorization Update – Micky is still working with the bank to get access to online banking bank hasn't gotten it switched over yet from previous treasurer

IV. Annual Taxes Update – Micky says an email from Robert Malcheske says he did the tax work for us and it cost a \$25 e-payment

V. League Registration Update

i. Numbers so far, estimated team counts/sizes

78 total registered (deadline is Feb 28)

18 tball

20 coach pitch

10 boy minor

4 girl minor

1 boy major

4 girl major

7 boy senior
11 girl senior

Micky says there was an issue twice where parent signed up for wrong rec league age so she reached out to validate grade levels with parents

- ii. Status on Advertising in area Schools ... Jared says Clay Lamberton says it's posted on community pages, but no longer allows paper handouts. Micky said St. John's confirmed they received it and All Saints confirmed they received it.
- iii. Coaching discounts or appreciation package discussion ... put on hold until next meeting
- iv. Bumper Sticker update ... Mike got them printed and got them to Micky for this meeting. Big ones ready to go to cars, littles ones for teams/helmets for later when teams are formed.

VI. Tournament Team Updates

- i. Status of 10U Girls collaboration with other cities ... correspondence from parents asking about this, but no other area community has responded to our inquiries per Micky and Mike so there have been unfortunately no movement
 - ii. Status of our teams registering for tournaments in other cities ...
 - 8u is done : has portage, berlin, Laconia (waiting on Micky for paperwork), ripon
 - 9u is done : has ripon markesan portage berlin
 - 10u may need another: has markesan berlin portage (waiting list for Waupun)
 - 12u is done: Waupaca, horicon, ripon, Greenville, Wautoma, also signed up for uw oshkosh indoor scrimmage
- There was discussion about for 10u making sure communication gets out to families

VII. Home Tournament Updates (May 16-17-18 at Berlin)

- i. Girls High School has home game may 16th Friday night at north diamond
- ii. Status of other cities registering for our tournament ...
 - 8u is full: berlin, fondly, east madison, tomahawk
 - 9u is full: berlin ripon portage Laconia
 - 10u has openings: berlin, tomahawk
 - 12u is full: berlin, ripon, st. peter, Kimberly white

- iii. city payment to rent shelters (new this year) Micky will fill out those forms
- iv. Status of South Diamond scoreboard ... Micky asked the city to look into, awaiting response still, Micky will follow up
- v. Discussion on porta-potties, dumpsters
 - 1.) did get a quote for dumpsters fox river dumpster rentals (20yards weekend probably \$300-350 max), Micky will ask the city about where to put it ... Casey made motion to accept that quote, Tanya seconded, all present were in favor , no neighs motion to order dumpsters approved Micky will put order in
 - 2.) Micky will get porta potty estimate for 2 for north and 2 for south diamonds
- vi. Idea for “Riverside Classic” kids logo contest ... on hold for now ... discussion for putting logo on tournament t-shirts to sell
- vii. Girls tournament minors tournament discussion July 18-19-20, discussion about how board would like to proceed with trying to have each Rec League team have an opportunity for at least 1 tournament this year, Micky will follow up with Waushara league to see if we can sign up for rec league tournaments in local communities or see if there is an interest/need for Berlin to host one based on the dates we reserved. Future discussion still needed.

VIII. Rec League Update

- i. Boys Minors Waushara vs Ripon discussion ... has been open discussion in the past on items like cost, nights of the week, umping, competition, variety of teams, drive, etc. ... discussed with coaches from last year and consensus was staying in ripon for the drive / one night a week convenience sake thus no change happening and no vote needed
- ii. Boys Majors Waushara vs Ripon discussion ... has been open discussion in past on items like cost, nights of the week, umping, competition, variety of teams, drive, etc. discussed with coaches from last year and consensus was moving to Waushara league this year, biggest consideration for the board of making this change was diamond availability and finding umpires but agreement was this was manageable ... Justin made a motion to move boys majors from ripon to Waushara, Casey seconded, all present were in favor , no neighs, that passed so Micky will reach out to both Ripon & Waushara to notify them of our league changes for Boys Majors
- iii. TBall/Coach Pitch Timing & Location discussion ... last year we did spring, discussed doing spring again as there was positive feedback from families and the board members in attendance ... discussion was mentioned that we need to ensure an even number of teams so no there are no byes this year, discussion that last year we had some spring rain outs (4 of 12?) but that was agreed acceptable, Memorial Day is a holiday in there this year, and Friday of the tournament is likely a

no game ... so maybe 10 or 11 games this year, April 25th to June 5th Mondays and Fridays excluding Memorial Day and may 16 ... Friday may 23 graduation consider “fun day” and not an actual game ... tball 5pm (45 min period) coach pitch 6pm (1 hour) ... was proposed again so same as last year ... Micky was going to see if can find indoor gym league practices in April ... Micky has to get the dates approved with the city . Discussed that chalk lines are not necessary for tball coach pitch. Since no major changes same spring timeframe and format and location thus no vote was needed.

iv. Going to Boys and girls club ... discussion about seeing if their field is an option to help alleviate field usage congestion ... Micky will call and ask about usage of field for tball coach pitch

v. Discussion of porta potty for tball coach pitch south diamond or at the boys and girls club if we can use it ... options came up that the local church by the south diamond may be interested in sharing restrooms. Discussion on hold until next month.

vi. Discussion on sponsorships (rec league and tournament) ... Micky needs to reach out to Kayla to get the past list of sponsor form... discussion that we can start before registration closes for 1 sponsor each team and for tournament teams... discussion on 10u tournament team sponsor specifically finding one

vii. Sponsorship Outfield Sign Discussion ... discussed plan for separate effort of selling signs (timing, etc.) ... waiting until next month

IX. Clinics

i. Winter Clinic Status ... march 2, 9, 16 reserved middle school multi purpose and gym 530-7 . Mike was planning girls pitcher practice with coach jeff, and high school girls invited to come ... boys also will be invited and Justin can help with them if they work in separate groups

ii. Discussion on FCA big-city pitcher’s clinic scholarships and similar for boys ... discussion on \$25 per kid per year scholarship option but decided to put on hold until next month

X. Replacing old Equipment Discussion/Shed Inventory

i. Shed Inventory ... no update

ii. Discuss replacing gear ... Jared idea fundraiser through timber rattlers, he already reached out to them, put extra \$3 per ticket we’d get back, they also have their own charitable group they do offer out grants to youth sports so Jared in contact with them. Scheels also has a program for team discount or donations through local stores in Appleton so Jared considering reaching out to them ... discussion on rotation of buying new gear ... discussion was decided 1) catchers

gear 2) team baseballs/softballs 3) pitching machine balls for Jared to look into and share results he finds

iii. Idea discussed to put label/sticker of initial year that helmet/catchers gear etc are similar to what football team does ... Jared will look into options of labeling

iv. Chevy also reached out about donations so maybe scorebooks and first aide ... Micky will follow-up with them

XI. Umpire Discussion

i. Discuss Waushara league umpire situation ... Waushara league said they like the dual umpires (1 home team, 1 away team) , Waushara league says that if away team doesn't bring an umpire then the coach should go out and umpire

XII. Big Project discussion

i. City discussions on Infield Mix Sand ... quote in November for quick pitch red infield mix \$45 per ton plus \$11.0 per ton to deliver ... waupaca sand solutions ... discussion about girls high school maybe be interested in helping ... idea to discuss with Wautoma (Tom Butt) about what they've done in the past ... agreed to continue discussion via email thinking around \$1000 and also discussion with Josh Y because it's high school field ... will need more follow-up

ii. New ideas

- 1) discussion on dugouts (having a cover, new bench, and not flooding)
- 2) south diamond scorebooth usable again
- 3) bullpen

iii. City Follow-up Micky will follow-up with email to city about infield mix and other estimates like dugout/scoreboard/bullpen so we have numbers to work with

XIII. Open Board Discussion

i. Treasurer still open, no updates or leads

XIV. 2025 Season Discussion.

i. Uniform/Hat ordering decisions

1.) Jared uniforms for minors/majors/seniors/tournament quote \$38.50 for v-neck and \$42.50 for 2 button ... both with names on it ... Justin made motion for 2 button \$42.50 red for boys and green for girls, Kari second, all present were in favor , no neighs thus passed to order uniforms from ripon athletics

2.) Jared no update on hats will follow-up later

3.) Tball coach pitch discussion, Micky got quote from apparel arts \$12 shirt \$12 hat , Kari motion to use apparel arts for tball / coach pitch , Jared second , all present were in favor, no neighs thus it passed to order tball coach pitch items from apparel arts

ii. Photo Day discussion – discussed agreement that Micky going to put out for bids

iii. Apparel Sale discussion – discussion of pre-season apparel discussion delivered in may , start in march, wrap up beginning of April badger sporting goods Jared will talk with Stellmacher

iv. Tournament team banners – putting on hold until next month

v. Field reservation with city – Micky will put this into city email, Tanya will send Micky high school schedule, Micky did receive email about no men’s league on Wednesdays this year

vi. Kiwanis Storefront menu/pricing

- 1) Jared will discuss with Kiwanis how it would look for us helping with staffing during rec games ... discussion for south diamond concessions for home games for boys majors etc.
- 2) Micky will follow-up with volunteers
- 3) Still need to make menu/pricing to get to Kiwanis

vii. South Diamond field setup (putting in new posts) – put on hold for future month

viii. Setting up Batting Cages – put on hold for future month

ix. Sports Engine Fee: Justin was approached by backcourt club about this, discussion and board members in attendance agreed we should be helping and sharing cost with backcourt club on sports engine fee, awaiting follow-up from backcourt club

x. infield mix vote ... after the in-person meeting as agreed above, follow-up discussion was had and Justin made a motion 2/22 to tell city we’d spend \$1000 per diamond (\$3k total) on infield mix order for North, South, and Klein. Jared seconded the motion. All board members replied in favor, no neighs motion passed to email city our infield mix proposal, Micky will send that to them via email.

6.) Board Member Updates

None

7.) Future Agenda Items

Uniform Order - after registration closes Micky will tell Jared numbers for the uniform order (3-4 weeks lead time), And Micky will tell apparel arts for tball coach pitch by end of march

8.) Upcoming Dates

March 12th Wednesday 6:30pm, proposed On Broadway (potential location, will have to confirm) for next monthly meeting

9.) Adjournment – Jared motion to adjourn, Casey second 8:06 pm, motion passed