



Fargo Babe Ruth Minutes  
3332 4th Ave. S.  
April 26th, 2009 7:00 PM



**Present:** Bryan Duncan, Jerry Walsh, Amanda Voss, Nicki Tollefson, Kristi Ostendorf, Bill Killoran, Dennis Steiner, Tyler Tracy, Brady Opheim, Donn Bryant, Brad Booth and Josh Allmaras

- **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by President Bill Killoran at 7:04pm
- **Public Opinion** –
  - Josh Allmaras: Concerned regarding the jerseys provided to the 14 south travel team. Believes when the 14 and 15 year old team play together for league that they need one uniform to represent the team as they play league. Also would like to see a smaller jersey provided. Would like the board to consider purchasing 3 individual sets of jerseys ordered for the 14 south, 14 north and 15 year old travel teams.
    - Bryan Duncan proposed the Fargo Babe Ruth Program provide Dry fit shirts for the 14 and 15 year old travel teams, Dennis Steiner second...motion passed.
  - 13 Yr Old Travel South Assistant Coach Approval – Eddie Masee – Dennis S. motioned to approve Eddie Masse as an assistant to David Williams, Donn B second...motion passed.
- **Approval of Minutes** – Nicki T. motioned to approve the minutes, Bryan D. second...motion passed.
- **Executive Director Report** – Provided by Tyler T. and available in the office
- **Committee Reports** –
  - **Coach/Player Development** – Donn B. reported 15 coaches attended the clinic and received good feedback. Tyler will contact Donn and see if he could do additional clinics.
  - **Equipment** - all equipment has been handed out except two teams
  - **Executive** – none provided
  - **Facilities** – Bill K. reported that Fargo Parks has not completely moved out yet, but in process. Park Board is going to provide an agreement.
  - **Financial** – none provided
  - **All-City** – Tyler T. reported that the All City met and discussed field availability by each town and how many teams each city can provide.
- **Old Business**
  - **By Laws** – Tabled and will be reintroduced during the Fall of 2009
  - **Board Attendance** - Kristi motioned that the policy be as follows: *Any Board member missing 2 meetings in a row will be removed by a vote of the current members unless a valid absence is provided advance. Valid absences include: illness, family commitment and/or work commitment.* Motioned made by Kristi O. Jerry W. second...motion passed.
  - **High School Metro Use** – Issue was discussed and Fargo Babe Ruth Board agreed to reintroduce once the program has moved over to the Metro Rec.
  - **9-10 Year Old Draft for 2010** – Dennis motioned the Fargo Babe Ruth program go with a 10 year old skills day/draft and the office select the 8 and 9 year old teams with car pooling not as an option. Brady O second...motion passed

- **New Business**
  - **Rain Out Policy** – Bill K. reported that by 3pm the Fargo Parks lets the Babe Ruth program know if fields are ready. By 4pm the office will post whether or not games will continue. Any weather after 4pm is an on field decision by the umpire.
  - **Discipline Committee** – Tyler T is looking for a group of board members to assemble when issues arise during the season: Tyler will email the board when an issue arises and a board member or members will respond and take care of the issue.
  - **Executive Director Bonus Structure** – Kristi proposed the structure of the incentive be up front and not at the back end and apply the restructured bonus format for the 2010 season. Brad Booth suggested restructuring the current bonus structure and the board should vote on a current bonus for Tyler. Dennis motioned that Tyler receive a bonus based on the following: *Upon meeting the eligibility requirement, the executive director will receive a bonus in the amount equal to the sponsorship fee for one (1) for every two (2) travel teams for which a sponsorship is obtained and collected. Bonus may be paid anytime AFTER the minimum eligibility is met.* Jerry second...motioned passed.
  - **Raffle Proposal** – Jerry introduced to the board a calendar raffle idea to the board to consider for the 2010 season. Issue tabled by the board.
  - **14/15 Travel Team Player Rules** – Current League rules will be enforced
  - **Time Limits/Player Rotation** - Bryan D. request the board consider changing the game time limit for the 11 and 12 year old division and also adjusting the rotations for 11 and 12 year olds. Tyler will send Bryan the rules for the 10-12 year old division and Bryan will be the adjustments.
  - **North High Concessions** – Bill Killoran proposed hiring an individual to oversee concessions during league nights at Fargo North. Jerry Walsh will talk with Ruth Walsh and report back to the board.
  
- **Board Meeting Overview** – Kristi Ostendorf presents
  
- **Adjournment** – Motion made to adjourn Bryan Duncan, Brady Opheim second...motion passed.
  
- **Next meeting** - May 6th, 2009 at 8:00pm