



Fargo Babe Ruth Agenda
3110 Main Avenue (Northeast Door)
December 13th, 2009 7:00 PM



In Attendance: Bill Killoran, Jerry Walsh, Bryan Duncan, Tyler Tracy, Kristi Ostendorf, Dennis Steiner, Kent Christianson, Brad Booth, Bill Williams and Jeff Fiechtner

- Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by President Bill Killoran
- Public Opinion – none provided
- Approval of Minutes – Bryan Duncan motioned to approve the minutes, Brad Booth second...motion carried.
- Executive Director Report – Report available in the Babe Ruth office.
- Committee Reports – 10 minutes per committee
 - Coach/Player Development
 - Equipment
 - Executive
 - Facilities
 - Financial
 - Tri-City - Bill W proposed a modified “balk” rule be added to the 12 year old to read: If a pitcher starts then stops his motion before the ball is delivered to the plate, the batter would be awarded a “ball”. The batter runner would be awarded first base if this “balk” occurred with 3 balls. No base runners would advance, unless a walk is awarded and runner is a first. Brian seconded and the board requested this rule change go on for approval with tri-city.
- 2009 Fall Business
 - Awning Approval – Brad Booth motioned to approve the purchase of the awning by Custom Graphics. Dennis Steiner second...motioned passed
 - Spring board meeting schedule – next meeting will take place January 17th, 2010.
 - American Legion hosting 15 year old division of the Fargo Invite – Board would like to see a written request from the American Legion program. Jerry Walsh motioned to approve Fargo Babe Ruth will receive registration fees and remaining expenses will be taken by the American Legion. Minimum registration fee of \$200.00 per team. Dennis Steiner second...motion passed. Babe Ruth will also encourage 15 yr old parents to volunteer by counting participation for their (parents) volunteer commitment to Babe Ruth.
 - American Legion Hall of Fame Table – Brad Booth motioned to approve the purchase of a table at the Legion Banquet. Jerry Walsh second. Motion passed
 - 2010 Registration Prices – Kent moved to increase 8-12 years of age to \$115/season and 13+ years of age to \$135/season. Bill Williams seconded. Vote called and passed.
 - Second Legion team in development – Board discussed possibly consequences and agreed they only could wait to see what develops over the next few months.
 - Travel Try Out Dates – 14 & 15 will be held outdoors April 11th with a backup date of April 17th held at the Metro Rec. All other age groups tentative.
 - Davies Championship Field – Board discussed briefly and will look at options
 - Tharaldson Site Supervisor – Board discussed briefly and will look at options

- Sub Committee Projects Report
 - Evaluate 2009 Travel Program – Regarding the question of modifying the 13 year olds to “look” more like the 14 & 15s, the board had a healthy debate but did not come to consensus. Jerry moved to table this topic until next season. Bill W seconded. Vote called and passed. Committee concluded the program can remain essentially as is. No major modifications for next season. Issues needing to be addressed fundraising for travel team for regional, and consideration of professional coaching modifications – is a paid assistant needed?
 - Facility Improvements – Board discussed briefly and will look at future options
 - Executive Director Bonus Structure – no discussion
 - League Player Rotation Policy – topic tabled
 - Senior Babe Program
 - Umpire training and development – topic tabled

- Board Meeting Overview – Kristi Ostendorf presents

- Adjournment: Bryan D made motion to adjourn at 10:17pm, Jeff F seconded. Vote called and passed.

- Next meeting: January 17th @ 7:00pm