



Fargo Babe Ruth Minutes
3110 Main Avenue
April 14th, 2010 6:30-7:30 PM



- **Call to Order:** Bill K called to order at 6:37
- **Present:** Donny B., Bill K, Kent C, Bryan D., Jerry W., Bill W & Kristi O.
- **Public Opinion:** *Requesting 8 yr old moved up to 9 year old. Currently they need to either miss the 8yr old game or the 9 year old game since they are both on Friday nights. He would also be willing to coach if needed. The request was made by Craig Gerlach. He had brought this up months ago and was told no. Upon reading minutes he is repeating his request now and would like to be treated fairly.*

The board discussed Mr. Gerlach's request to allow his 8 yr old son to play with his 9 yr old. The board did not believe this was possible for the 2010 season, but it was discussed to begin a pilot project to assess the potential of a 7-8-9 year old league for the 2011 season.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

Correction needs to be made in public opinion. Bryan D brought information forward that the previously approved motion from Tim Sandy at the 4/7/2010 meeting and which read as follows:

Tim Sandy (request son be allowed to play up) Jerry W made a motion to allow Mr. Sandy's 7 year old son to play up with 8 yr olds this year only and future or additional requests for allowing a 7 year old to play would be considered on a case by case. Donny seconded. Discussion ensued. 5 voted in favor and 4 voted against. Motion passed.

At the time it was indicated that Bill K who was the 5 nay vote was not allowed to vote according to Roberts Rules of Order. Article VIII indicates this is incorrect. In fact Bill K's vote nay is to be allowed therefore the vote DID NOT pass instead it failed with votes as follows:

Kent C, Bryan D., Kristi O, Bill W and Bill K voting NAY and Brady O, Dennis S, Jeff F., Donny B., and Jerry W voting YEA.

Bill W made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Kent C seconded. Discussion ensued. Vote was called and Vote passed unanimously.

- **Executive Director Report:** none provided
- **Committee Reports**
 - Coach/Player Development:
 - Equipment:
 - Executive:
 - Facilities:
 - Financial: (light green)
 - Tri-City:

- **2010 Old Business**
 - **Review Board Structure:** *tabled for July 2010*
 - **Metro Rec Use Policy:** *tabled pending sub committee*
 - **League Coach appreciation:** *tabled for further discussion for Fall 2010*
 - **American Legion and Fargo Babe Ruth merger:** *discussion only*
 - **Player Division Requirement:** *see policy provided by Tyler*

- **2010 New Business**
 - **Player Playing Up:** Bill W made a motion to allow up to 6 (total players) age 7 (only) to play on an existing 8 yr old team (1 per team allowed, met on a first come first served basis, siblings only) as long as coaches permission is provided. This is being done as a pilot project and in consideration of expanding 7 year olds participation with 8 & 9 year olds for the 2011 season. Bryan D seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Vote called and passed unanimously.
 - **13 Year Old North Travel Team.** The initial offer to Tim Jallen was rescinded by unanimous vote of the board members present.
 - **New Umpire Bonus Program:** Jerry w made a motion to bonus all new umpires for the 2010 season who have attended and completed the advanced umpire training, \$20.00 after they have umpired 6 games. This will be in lieu of the previously approved incentive by the board. The vote called and passed.

- Adjournment: Bryan motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm. Bill Williams second. Motion passed.

- Next meeting: May 5th (Wednesday) @ 6:30pm