



April 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

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Others

J. Rumpca

1. Minutes from March were approved.
2. Action item review:

Rob Germinaro "has been served" regarding the laptop and keys to park buildings. Jim H. and Lisa Chamberlain discuss this issue via a telecon on 4/8/11. It is really the ARAA Board's responsibility to watch over the commissioners of each sport and there is technically not much we as the baseball organization can do. We will just have to let Lisa and the ARAA Board handle Rob.

- 3_13AI-19. JimH, Corey and Jeff L. to continue to work out the payment plan system and this will be discussed at the end of tonight's meeting.
- 3_13A I-20. Everyone needs to continue checking the website, look at the Calendar Events Page, double-check the information, confirm all dates and information are correct for your specific interests.
- 3_13AI-27. Age group coordinators and the traveling director will call all of the pending/incomplete and pending checks to verify that their player plans to play this season. AGCs must contact corey graves to notify him of any payment plan requirements other than "the check is in the mail".
- 3_13AI-30. The A/R baseball board needs to find somebody to coordinate a trip to the Twins and Saints. These don't have to be fund raisers since they don't bring in much money (\$900 in 2010). We could just use the professional games as a time to build our baseball community.
- 3_13AI-33. Mike H to purchase two 200 foot removable fences for use at Ramsey Central park.
- 3_13AI-34. Mike H to contact the City of Anoka to determine if they plan to purchase 200' fences for any of the Enloe fields.
- 3_13AI-35. Mike H to work with softball to design and build a double batting cage with a 2011 budget of \$30,000 (\$15,000 from baseball).



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3_13AI-37. House committee to determine who plays games on the 2 Friday nights (May 20th and June 10th)

3. ARAA board meeting update

- ARAA will be going to DIBS for all volunteer registration and they would like baseball to commit to some slots at the Ramsey Central Park Concession stand. I offered to use these hours to fill up our 4 hours/family commitment for the 2011 season. Shelly will contact Dawn, the ARAA Volunteer Coordinator to find out how she would want to run this; should Shelly assign “teams” or leave it up to volunteers that cannot find other open slots, etc. We obviously want to make sure our events are covered by our parents first and then can possibly do more. Shelly will obtain additional information.
- We discussed opening three slots on DIBS for people to coordinate games to the Saints and the Twins for volunteer hours. No one has really stepped up to coordinate these games so Jim suggested we see if we can get someone who needs to do volunteer hours to handle this. Probably would need three people total. Shelly will go ahead and create that opportunity in DIBS.
- ARAA wants to buy a really nice (\$4000 grill) and they want baseball to pay \$1000. Jim has told ARAA no for now. This seems to be highly expensive.
- The website is being rebuilt to improve the aesthetics/functionality to be more modern. This should be done in April. They are still working on it but it will be really nice when completed.
 - As of 4/5/11, there is a field status button on the Arsports.org home page that has lots of features including a texting function to notify people when fields are not available.

4. Volunteer director update – Shelly:

- The City of Ramsey needs a copy of our insurance information and names of anyone that will be doing work on their property. Shelly has provided all names of volunteers she has set up to do mowing, etc.
- Shelly wanted to make sure each coach for all age groups received the Coaches Roster/Volunteer Sheets to fill out. She would also like copies of all the team rosters.
- Rescheduled House evaluations are taking place on Wednesday and Thursday next week; Shelly will have the volunteers lined up. Nick will update the website.
- All uniform handouts for In-House will be changed to Saturday, April 23rd.
- We had a discussion about volunteer requirements for traveling and if raking fields can count for traveling parents. Right now we don't have it as an option because we want help with tournaments. The City is supposed to be raking and chalking fields twice a week so we really shouldn't need parents doing it.

5. Equipment director update – Jim:

- What has been purchased and delivered to coaches. All coaches have equipment except 16 and 19s traveling and 13-16 In-House. A few machine pitch catchers gear need to still be handed out. We do have five drag behinds



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and nine rakes, just need to talk to Haubner about where they are going. Everything else is out and things went really well.

- We spent a little more on equipment than estimated but we got very nice equipment so it has been well worth it. We will be curious to see what the coaches say this year about it.
- We do have about 100 old pairs of traveling pants; we could try to sell them for \$5 during opening weekend to parents who may want an extra pair of pants. They are old brands but they would still work.

6. Tournament director update – Mark R:

- We have all our tournament dates on the website and even on Facebook for our U12 tournament.
- If anyone knows anyone that wants to add a booth or do some entertainment for one of our tournaments to add to it please let Mark know. Mark has been turned down unfortunately thus far more than he has been able to drum up so if anyone has any interest let him know.
- Jeff Rustom mentioned we may want to do flyers or something that we are doing a BBQ at the tournaments so people can possibly plan to come there and eat instead of eating first. We are going to BBQ like we did last year; meat, chips, pop and water and all the proceeds go back to us except for the food cost. The concession stand will be open as well for candy purchases and other things. Nick commented that this type of communication should be added to the website as well, “hey we are doing a BBQ – come feed your family at the park”. We will buy the meat through Rich and everything else through Costco.

7. Communications director update - Nick

- a. Lacrosse and Traveling Soccer registrations are down slightly
 - i. Lacrosse actively promoted via purple flyer to all students
 - ii. Soccer put out the road signs throughout Anoka/Ramsey
- b. 2011 Baseball registrations are flat
 - i. 35% increase in traveling and 20% increase in machine pitch.
 - ii. The number of registrations for tball and machine pitch after 3/1 increased the percentage of “late” registrations by 47 players in 2011
 1. It looks like the baseball cards were a major success☺
- c. Other communications topics = Nick asks that you really try to get him details on all communications as early as possible. The more info he has the better. He is running Facebook for us as well. We have about 125 people regularly checking our Facebook page. Nick also reminds everyone if you have a good photo we could post or a cool story to help promote us or keep us in mind.
- d. Nick also brought a shirt to show us how the new apparel look is. Two week turn-around is pretty standard for orders. The info is also on the website for everyone to checkout.



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8. Traveling Director update – Dale B:

- Outdoor tryouts are happening this week for all teams and final team selection will be done on Thursday night (4/14) at 7pm at Super Bowl. We have a 9 year old team this year for the first time, then two levels for all other age groups except 16's and 19's which have just one. The overall traveling numbers are up 35% from last year.
- We discussed trying to do a 9 year old tournament at Enloe in July. Mark R. will contact MYAS and see if there would be any interest in us hosting one.
- It became apparent we really need to go to outdoor tryouts for next year. We need to discuss this in May or June so we can hopefully change our tryouts to take place in the Fall outdoors.

9. Budget status – Corey:

- Plan to reduce the unpaid registrations to zero by equipment pickup date. We had a long discussion about people registering, being activated somehow but still haven't paid. Right now we have ten people on payment plans but only three of those thus far have sent payments; seven others haven't even contacted us.
- Discussed the budget and whether a Treasurer's Report should be done each month or not; it is a moving target, expenses always coming and going so the balance is constantly changing. Jim does track it pretty closely in an Excel spreadsheet as well so there are no mysteries
Is it ok to have people on 5 monthly payment plans?

- 4/10/AI-40 Shelly to contact Dawn P. with ARAA regarding volunteer hours for the concession stand.
- 4/10/AI-41 We are changing the official uniform handout from the 27th to Saturday, April 23rd. Shelly will send out a mass email to all coaches.
- 4/10/AI-42 Jeff, Jim and Rich to get food for Kick Off Weekend BBQ. We will also be sending out an email blast to notify everyone that we are going to have food.
- 4/10/AI-43 Mark R. will contact MYAS about us possibly hosting a 9 year old tournament in July at Enloe
- 4/10/AI-44 Age Group Coordinators to contact pending players that still need to pay. If they are on a team they need to pay or they won't get an uniform.