

RRGSA Board Meeting Minutes

Location: 9ers BBQ

Date: 2/4/26

Time: 6:00pm

Facilitator: Amanda Steele

Call to order: James @ 6:00pm

Attendees: Amanda S, James, Jennifer, Kelsey, Michelle, Laura, Paul, Adam, Amanda F, Richard, Fletcher

Topics of discussion:

Open meeting:

- Texas Regional Bank - Shared non-profit checking accounts, community bank serving non profits within the community. Current corporate sponsor. First hand experience with running youth sports as a board member. Partnership with the school district to maintain the fields at local schools and in exchange have rights to utilize those fields for league play. Healthcare system sponsorships may be willing to pay more for exclusivity (Methodist, MH, Oakbend, etc)
- FCA - Chris with FCA - Director of West Houston area, FCA Huddle within the organization. Create opportunities to share gospel with players and coaches. Justin at LLL offered to help assist with starting the Huddle and share what has been offered at LLL. Volunteers to help run the huddle on a scheduled basis that works for us. Materials geared toward coaching, parents and players provided by FCA. Invitation extended to come out for Opening Day to introduce Huddle and opening prayer. Use verbiage like Host opportunities for FCA, not a partnership, to ensure we maintain an inclusive environment. Reach out to local youth pastors to run service. Open discussion around potential negative feedback if we only offer Huddle for Christian faith. As a league, do not want to exclude anyone, others welcome to host huddle for other religions if concerns are brought up.

Closed Meeting:

- Treasurer's Report - \$149,570 total – \$121,570 @ Amegy ; \$28,000 @ First Financial - First payment on loan due Feb 14.
- Field Maintenance Report - Fields under water , clay in the batters boxes are already getting dug up. Drag is currently in for service. Install new bases prior to opening day. James will work with Rodney to get fields ready for opening day.
- Projects update - Field 5 lights are up, trenches will be dug and run wiring. Electrician to come out and wire them up. Construction should be complete by the end of day Friday. Field 5 could be utilized for rainouts on Thursday evenings and all select tournaments. Our contract with the City of Richmond is currently expired. City rep has stated that RRGSA will be responsible for maintenance going forward. City trash cans have been removed from the grounds. City Arborists have come out to inspect trees - some trees will be removed and some will be monitored.
- Opening Day - Feb 14 - all hands on deck. Those affected by the tree fall will be recognized, City Officials invited, all all star teams recognized. Board

assignments will go out next week. Notify Amanda if you will not be present on opening day.

- Spring Fundraisers - Bingo - all hands on deck minus, those that have already stated they are not able to attend. Need coolers for Bingo. Laura will put drinks on ice Friday evening. The Bingo committee has made some changes based on feedback from previous years. Gift cards (\$5 to \$15) for all rounds except the last round which will be a parking spot. Silent auction will open after Bingo. All teams except 2 have baskets submitted. Gandy store - return of approx \$800 back on the first store ; second store currently open. First store merch may be delivered prior to opening day.
- LCISD Spirit Nights - Additional dates TBD after confirming with the schools. Amanda F confirming dates for all schools in LCISD. Players get in for free with the jersey. Confirmed dates Mar 6 & Mar 17. Goal to have one board representative at every game.
- Corporate Sponsorships - Current corporate sponsorship representative has been absent for an extended period with little to no communication. Per bylaws, Jessie has involuntarily resigned. Several banners on the field are in bad shape, a lot of sponsorships expired. Need volunteers to help reach out to companies to see who wants to continue their sponsorships. Need to order new banners with the wind resistance banners similar to what is over at Lamar for all current sponsors.
- Scholarships - Form a committee to review current application, share to all schools in LCISD, review applications and select scholarship winners. Coordinate a meeting with winners to present a check. Bailey Schmidt Scholarship has not been done in the last few years. Connect with Lynn to discuss how to bring money in to pay for the scholarships vs this being a scholarship from RRGSA. In agreement to continue to support Bailey Schmidt Foundation but sharing fundraising opportunities in the community. However, we are no longer able to support it because it has expanded bigger than what we can handle. Lynn wants the scholarship opportunity shared with all schools across SW Houston and all extra curricular. Scholarship is not under a specific role. Scholarship committee to consist of Cassie, Amanda F, Adam, Debbie?. Will message in GroupMe to confirm committee members and get the process started.
- Pitcher/Catcher Reimbursement - Purpose to create an incentive to become a pitcher/catcher based on need within the league. However, we are no longer short on pitchers/catchers, no longer need incentive. This is a financial loss for our league as we are waiving registration fees. A lot of complaints this season because there was no documentation for how many applications we can take or a deadline to have it submitted by. Jennifer will put a poll in the GroupMe to vote for removal.
- USFA/PW are potentially willing to commit to host a set number of tournaments each year at RRGSA if the infields are turfed. They would want to have control of when the fields could be utilized for tournaments. Would need to negotiate the terms if we move forward with this in the future.

- Batting Cage - Coach complaints that they are not able to utilize the cages. Availability is first come first served, some are able to get their super early and hold the cage until the team can arrive. Send a reminder to the coaches to be courteous if other teams are waiting. Limit time usage to less than one hour and one team per cage.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Select Tournaments @ RRGSA
 - Mar 14-15 (USFA)
 - Mar 21 (PW)
 - May 1-3 (USFA)
 - Jun 13-14 (PW)
 - Jun 19-21 (USFA)
 - Spring 2026:
 - Bingo Feb 7
 - Opening Day Feb 14
 - Spring Break Mar 9-13 (no games, no practices)
 - Allstar nominations due Mar 20
 - Allstar tryouts Mar 27
 - Spring Picture Day Mar 28
 - Allstar Draft Mar 29
 - Easter Weekend Apr 4 (no games)
 - UH Softball Game Apr 19
 - End of Season Tournament Apr 23-25
 - State Tournaments
 - 6u Jun 5-7 @ RRGSA D43 (rain out reschedule 6/26-28)
 - 8u Jun 12-14 @ The Woodlands D14
 - 10u Jun 5-7 @ Beaumont D39
 - 12u Jun 5-7 @ Lake Jackson
 - 14u Jun 5-7 @ Galveston D38

Adjourned by: James @ 8:01pm

Next Meeting Topics: Dirt Work, Allstars

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