

October RPGSA Board Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2009
7 p.m.
Rohnert Park Community Center

Board members present for the October board meeting were Misha Miki-Ladner, Marcus McJilton, Sandie Schach, Micah Ruge, Derek Girman, Eric Meuse, Scott LaFrancois, Dawn Owens, Michele Espinoza, Kevin Hager. Board members unable to attend the October meeting were Jessica Holman, Rich Dodele, and Bob Dodson. Visitors to our meeting were Nancy Stewart, Laura Dunst, Ray Bielefield.

Misha Miki-Ladner called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Rohnert Park Community Center. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Misha Miki-Ladner passed out ballots for everyone to vote for the opened positions. It was then clarified which positions are still open: concessions and Rookie VP. Misha shared that if we are unable to fill the concessions position that all the VPs might need to share the responsibilities along with other members of the board. Eric Meuse suggested that instead of members taking on multiple positions that we wait until after registration to see if we can get other volunteers. The point is that the more people that we get involved with the board that better off we will be. With that it was decided by the board that Marcus McJilton would only be nominated for Vice President, not Minor VP and Bob Dodson be nominated for only Equipment Coordinator and not Midget VP. We also approved the nomination of Laura Dunst for Fundraising Director. Everyone voted and the results are as follows:

President – Misha Miki-Ladner
Vice President – Marcus McJilton
Secretary – Sandie Schach
Treasurer – Scott LaFrancois
Player Agent – Dawn Owens
Concession - OPEN
Tournament Director – Kevin Hager
Web Master – Micah Ruge
Fundraising Director – Laura Dunst
Equipment Coordinator – Bob Dodson
Uniform Rep – Nancy Stewart
Umpire Rep – Rich Dodele
Major VP – Ray Bielefield
Minor VP – OPEN
Rookie VP – OPEN
Midget VP – OPEN
T-Ball VP – Derek Girman

Misha Miki-Ladner then asked that the Documentation and Registration committees meet before our next meeting. The Finance committee meeting was rescheduled to 7:30 on October 15th. Misha will send out an evite as a reminder.

Misha Miki-Ladner reminded everyone that we needed to re-schedule the inventory day. It was rescheduled for October 24th at 9 am. (this was rescheduled to October 31st.)

The By-law committee shared with the board that they had their first meeting. They suggested that everyone read their description in the by-laws of their position and to please send Sandie Schach any changes they have to them. Sandie will then present the changes to the board at the next meeting so that a vote can be made to change the by-laws if needed.

Derek Girman then shared with the board that the by-law committee had proposed changes to the by-laws, Rebel Tournament Play section, 9.0 – 9.5.1. (see attached file). Everyone is to review this section and the changes proposed so that a discussion and vote on the changes can be done at the next meeting.

Misha Miki-Ladner shared with the board that she attended the memorial services for Kathy O'Daniel. Kelsey O'Daniel, the daughter of Kathy O'Daniel, played in our league for the last two years. It was discussed what donation the league would give to this family. The league voted that we would donate \$250 to this family and also do possible fundraising for the family at a later time. To note, at the time that we voted on this donation the league had \$20,000 in the bank and felt that we could afford this amount.

Scott LaFrancois gave the board the YTD summary as of September 2009 and explained that the only expense that we are still waiting for is the field usage fee from the City of Rohnert Park. He expected this bill to be about \$2800.

Misha Miki-Ladner thanked everyone who will not be returning to the board for all their time and help with the league. She also welcomed the new members. Misha then reminded everyone of our board dinner that is scheduled for October 17th at 6 pm. The dinner will be at Sally Tomatoes, members and their significant others are invited. Dinner will be provided.

Michale Espinoza just wanted to give a reminder to really solicit the 4 year old soccer players to come play t-ball. Derek Girman shared that he is already planning on passing out flyers on the last soccer games which will be held on October 17th. Misha asked Derek to please send Sandie Schach a copy of the flyer that he is passing out so that it can be added to our archived files.

Scott LaFrancois suggested that we raise the age on our Major division. The thought is since there will not be freshman ball at the high schools because of the

budget cuts, raising our age allowance will help us recruit more girls and allow us to play with other teams in other local leagues. Scott also suggested that the by-law committee amend the bylaws so that a clause is added to discuss the Dissolution of Assets.

Derek Girman brought up the topic of developing a softball complex within the city. It was discussed that a lot of people are interested in it and there has been talk of it but nothing serious at this point. It was agreed that we should build coalitions with the other sports leagues, like soccer. Strong relationships with other leagues would help the cause. No real decisions were made from this conversation but it was agreed that it was a good idea and future talks should be made.

Sandie Schach shared with the board that Jessica Holman e-mailed her regarding the Homecoming Festival happening on October 17th at the high school. Jessica asked if the board would want to have a table set up for soliciting players. We talked about possibly having an informational table at the festival not only to solicit players but possibly as a way to solicit umpires or additional help from students who would like to receive community hours. Sandie said she would e-mail Jessica to get more information.

Next board meeting is November 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Rohnert Park Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.