



**Riverside Baseball Federation
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 pm by President Andy Jeannette.

The December meeting minutes were read. The motion to accept was made by Ron Thellman seconded by Bill Campbell. The minutes were accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read by Derek McNeill, Secretary. The balance in the checking account was \$15,942.57 and the balance in the snack shack account was \$3,000.00. The motion to accept was made by Chad Dwyer seconded by Eric Kress. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business

1. Registration is set for Feb 1st and Feb 8th. Mike Garvin will be recruiting help for registration.
2. Membership dues should be paid.
3. Discount Cards were received for the registration.
4. Revising the Mustang Pitch Count Rule was discussed. It was suggested to return to maximum innings per week with a maximum pitch count per day and associated rest incorporated. Following limits were proposed. Page 22 League Rules, Mustang League, Replace the Pitching Section as Follows:

PITCHING

Pitching rules for Mustang League: 6 innings per week maximum, 3 innings per game maximum. Week runs Monday to Sunday. Violation of the pitching rules WILL result in a forfeit of the game in question. Rest rules are as follows:

- a. ***3 Innings Pitched 2 Days Rest***
- b. ***2 Innings Pitched 1 Day Rest***
- c. ***1 Inning Pitch No Rest***
- d. ***Regardless of the number of innings pitched in a game, if a player has pitched 50 pitches in a game they are required to have 2 days rest.***

- e. **Regardless of the number of innings pitched in a game, if a player has pitched 30 pitches in a game they are required to have 1 day rest.**

No mercy rule in Mustang, 5 run max/inning (no run limit in 6th inning).

The umpire shall remove a pitcher after hitting two batters in one inning or three batters in a game.

The pitching rules will not be changed for the playoffs. Except that the four vs. five game (if played on) the first Saturday following the end of regular season all pitchers will be eligible to pitch three innings.

No balks will be called.

- 5. RBF Fun Day will replace the In House All Star game. Page 15 of General Guidelines to the RBF Handbook, In-House All Stars:
 - f. Replace section with:

RBF Fun Day

The Riverside Baseball Federation will hold a league-wide Fun day at Bradshaw Park on a Sunday during the regular Season that will be announced. The festivities will include skill challenges like: home run derby, fastest throws, accurate throws, base running races, and more. Every player from Tee Ball to Colt League will be invited to participate. All league managers are required to participate. If the manager is not available, he/she must send a representative of the team to fulfill their responsibilities. This requirement will replace the participation of the RBF In-house All-Star games.

- g. Page 14 of General Guidelines to the RBF Handbook, In-House All Star / Tournament Teams: **Remove reference to In House All Star Game.**
 - h. Page 8 of General Guidelines to the RBF Handbook, Managers: Replace section 9e with: ***Participation in the RBF Fun Day***
- 6. Page 10 of General Guidelines to the RBF Handbook, Discipline:
 - i. Add to the end of the section:
This rule is intended only in leagues where there is a "must play rule" in effect.
- 7. Add a Pony League and Colt League section to the Handbook under League Rules
 - j. **Pony League:**
 - i. ***The Riverside Baseball Federation plays in the Beaver County Pony League (BCPL) and adheres to the rules of the BCPL. RBF Handbook including the Bylaws, General Guidelines, League Rules for Pony League, Parent Participation, Support and Conduct, and Safe Kids Program are effective and shall be in effect. Playing rules are in accordance with the rules of the BCPL.***
 - k. **Colt League:**

i. The Riverside Baseball Federation plays in the Beaver County Colt League (BCCL) and adheres to the rules of the BCCL. RBF Handbook including the Bylaws, General Guidelines, League Rules for Colt League, Parent Participation, Support and Conduct, and Safe Kids Program are effective and shall be in effect. Playing rules are in accordance with the rules of the BCCL.

8. Page 9 of General Guidelines to the RBF Handbook, Conduct,: Add the following:

l. Add after the first paragraph of the section add:

In addition to the individual League Rules team Managers may implement participation and attendance rules for their individual team provided that said rules are in accordance with the rules of this RBF Handbook including the Constitution and Bylaws, General Guidelines, and League Rules. Any such policy must be presented to the RBF Board prior to implementation. Any disciplinary action taken by a Team Manager or Coach is subject to review by the RBF Board for compliance with the RBF Handbook and rules. Must Play Rules of individual leagues, as defined in the League Rules of this Handbook, must be adhered to under all circumstances.

9. Page 7 of General Guidelines to the RBF Handbook, League Ages,: Add the following:

m. Add after the second paragraph of the section add:

A player who is registered for the current year as a 6 year old and who has played the previous two years for RBF during the regular T-Ball spring season (at the T-Ball level), will have the option to play at the Farm League level at the request of their parent or guardian and the acceptance by the RBF Board.

New Business

1. We need a new Snack Shack Coordinator. A letter to all registered families will be sent out after the final registration.
2. Donations from Dick's Sporting Goods were received and include a popup net, batting tees, and a \$400.00 gift card.
3. Saturday, March 22nd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Dick's Cranberry store is offering a 20% discount to all registered RBF families. A 20% off flyer will be provided to all registered families to be used for this event.
4. We will need help from coaches for the baseball camp being held Saturday, March 8th and 15th.
5. Casey Reilly is coordinating a sub sale with Pflugh's.
6. Craig Boots will be scheduling umpires for this coming season. If an umpire does not show up it is the responsibility of the home field manager to call that individual.
7. A new style of hats will be purchased this year for \$6.00. The new hats are significantly better quality.

8. Don Robinson, President of BAYBA, wanted to include Brighton Twp. to play with us but Brighton Twp. has committed to play elsewhere.
9. Andy called Nick Neupaur of Ellwood City Youth Baseball regarding the possibility of ECYB playing with BAYAB and RBF this year. Nick stated that the board is willing to play but the parents would only want to play at the Mustang level and not the Little League level. BAYBA and RBF would like to see play at both levels. ECYB has a board meeting Sunday and this will be discussed.
10. Beaver County Pony League has elected Mike Peters as the new President. New rules have been introduced including:
 - o the elimination of a rest rule for pitching
 - o teams would not be allowed to finish a game with 8 players
 - o Draft requirements for the division of 13 and 14 year olds will be changed.
11. A team from Beaver asked to play with BAYBA/RBF. This is one team of players selected from the Beaver area and is not a team under Beaver's youth baseball program.
12. Coach's clearances must be from January 1, 2012 or later to be considered current. Coaches and assistants are to see Mike Garvin to verify if their clearances are current.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ron Thellman seconded by Bill Campbell. The next meeting will be Thursday March 6th, 2014 at 8:30pm at North Sewickley Township Building.

Those in Attendance

RBF Officers Present:

Andy Jeannette, President
Mike Garvin Vice President
Derek McNeill, Secretary
Dan Mumma, Commissioner

Members Present:

Ron Thellman
Mike Hess
Eric Kress
Jerry Koller
Mike Boswell
Chad Dwyer
Dave McDade
Jodi McDade
Denise Dymond
Bill Campbell
Melissa Lucarelli
Dan Bartel
Dan Zappia