

RYSA July 14, 2022 Meeting

Attendees: Reps from CA, EL Sol, GBYSL, HSLI, NNSL, NS, PW, RA, RM, RN, RR, SF, SL, SRBR and VP

RYSA Board: Brad Betker, Margo Mee, Wade Perry, Vicki LaRovere, Chris King, Steve Bemus, Randy Ritter and RYSA Admin Stacey Perez.

Meeting start 6:07pm

This is a general membership meeting and request submission for fall fields. Field decision meeting will be held next week, July 21th.

- ***Motion by Casey (Rugby) to approve the minutes from the Feb 17, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Toby (RN), approved unanimously.***
- All leagues MUST have a representative present for the Field Resolution Meeting.
- All fees must be paid prior to permits...late fees go up again tomorrow!
- Please use the RYSA Website for league documents - www.renyouthsports.org
- Be sure to communicate with RYSA using renoyouthsports@gmail.com and be sure that Stacey has 2 people/emails per season listed with RYSA.

Financial Report:

- We can now take Zelle payments for your fees. Contact Vicki if you need instructions (be sure to put your specifics in the memo section - league, etc..)
- Leagues must report correct players numbers for each season.

Field Report:

- Still seeing some fields lay vacant on some nights....field space is over allocated, we need to be sure we are giving every league the opportunity for use. We are evaluating the player numbers reported vs actual paid players to ensure fields are distributed properly.

City Parks Update - Matt Brezina (brezinam@reno.gov):

- Field closures due to weather - prediction by noon on day of practice...keep an eye out for emails.
- Season extensions due to smoke will be determined by what happens throughout the summer....tbd.
- Fields need to rest, that is why they close in July. Also use that time for field maintenance.
 - Let Matt know if there are turf issues at your field.
- Diamonds - league handle grass infields and the City takes the outfield.
- Please make sure each league only has 1 or 2 ppl contact Matt.
- If your league will be doing work on your field, please submit a work order for the project to Matt. Form is on the RYSA site as Work Day Request.
- City does not have a leash ordinance (Washoe County does) so animal control might need to be involved should if issues are continuous. Keep informing Matt of the issues.
 - Send each coach a pdf of the permit that they can print and hand off to people saying they're league is permitted for this timeframe, please come back after...
- Next year Mayor's will get direct connections for water to ensure better pressures.
- Keep pad locks locked, if you need add'l keys, contact Matt. Same with codes for the bathrooms.
 - The City does not have combo locks.
 - Schools can be inconsistent on locks with turnover...again, contact Matt if there are issues.
 - Cannot put conex boxes on properties, there are other options though...contact Matt.
- Please be sure to turn lights off before you leave your field.
- Same mowing schedule as in the past. Please reach out if there are delays in mowing at your field.
- Fall fields open Aug 1st and close Oct 31st.
- Bottom line...contact Matt when there are issues at your field or something changes, items can't be addressed if he doesn't know.

New Business:

- Washoe Little League (Dan Gallagher, President) spoke regarding joining RYSA. Set up a softball league and had 257 girls join to participate in softball.
 - Looking for field space at Depoali for the softball league. Noticed those diamonds weren't always used in the past.
 - Partnered with other softball leagues already but would like to use fields in the south where the girls live.
 - They are fine with their baseball field allocation....just looking for softball use as they don't need baseball allocations and really don't have the time/room to add the softball games on the baseball fields.
- Recommendation that WLL approach it as WLL Softball to remove the expense of WLL having to pay for their entire roster (which would include baseball if they were to join RYSA) as well as remove the aspect of baseball possibly requesting diamond space in the future.
- There has been a moratorium on adding leagues but noted we would evaluate on a case by case basis.
- **Sierra Fastpitch (Scott) made a motion that we table the discussion to add WLL as a member indefinitely, Reno Pop Warner seconded the motion. Motion was defeated.**
- **Valley Providence motioned to allow WLL Softball into the RYSA organization. Reno National seconded it. Motion was passed by majority.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm