

Reno Youth Sports Association  
General Membership Meeting  
January 25, 2024

Attendees:

RYSA Board

President- Brad Betker

Vice President- Wade Perry

Treasurer- Vicki LaRovere

Diamonds- Steve Bemus

Member-At- Large- Not filled

Fields Manager- Randy Ritter

Administrator- Jenni Wilson

Call To Order- Brad Betker

Roll Call and New Administrator Introduction- Jenni Wilson

- New Administrator - Jenni Wilson
- Contact Information for Jenni: [renoyouthsports@gmail.com](mailto:renoyouthsports@gmail.com); 775-525-0855
- Thank you to Stacey Perez for her work as Administrator
- Roll Call - Leagues not present Scorpions Baseball, Reno Mustangs, NN Baseball Club, Sierra Youth Football, Special Olympics Flag Football.

Review and Approve Minutes from July 13, 2023 Brad Betker

- [Link to Minutes](#)
- Pedro Gutierrez- El Sol made motion to approve the minutes. Motion pass Unanimously.

Purpose of General Membership Meetings- Brad Betker

- Field requests should have been submitted already.
- Field resolution meeting is Thursday, February 8.

Financial Reports- Vicki LaRovere

- **Copies of Financial Report handed out (Attached).**
- Lights and player fee assessments collected for the City of Reno and get remitted directly to them.
- Field Improvements- Requests were solicited from membership and most of the requests were granted.
- The Board and City of Reno met to discuss improving current field conditions. Proposed to the City:
  - ❖ Pledge \$180,000 for field maintenance equipment, contingent council approval of Mr. Ulyot's plan presented to RYSA on 12/5/2023.

- ❖ Pre-pay to the City of Reno Parks Department \$50,000 for restroom maintenance and cleaning for calendar year 2024 for which the 10 bathrooms RYSA currently contracts. Currently RYSA pay a contractor for this service.
- ❖ Increase player fee to 2025 to \$4.00, 2026 to \$5.00 and 2027 to \$6.00.
- ❖ Field mowing move from contractor to the City of Reno Parks department.
- ❖ Improved quality of mowing, mowing twice a week and increased fertilization.

#### Year End Reports- Executive Board

- Steve Bemus- Clarify that money for the mowing program is a pledge. It is a contingent on the City Council passing a budget request for a mowing program.

#### City of Reno Update- Matt Brezina- City of Reno Parks and Recreation Department Manager

- City Points of Contact :
  - ❖ Main office 775-334-2270
  - ❖ On-call phone number 775-352-4249
  - ❖ Supervisors:
    - Dave Barrett(South) [barrettd@reno.gov](mailto:barrettd@reno.gov)
    - Jason Collins(North) [collinsj@reno.gov](mailto:collinsj@reno.gov)
    - Manager: Matt Brezina [brezinam@reno.gov](mailto:brezinam@reno.gov)
  - ❖ Try to limit 1 designee per league to contact the City of Reno.
- Season
  - ❖ Opens March 1 at the earliest. I will be in contact with the board the weeks prior to March to update everyone of status.
  - ❖ Inclement weather field closures will be issued at approximately noon the day of a weather event.
  - ❖ Please do not use fields when conditions are poor, and respect closures.
- Access
  - ❖ Contact us if you need keys, do not cut locks.
  - ❖ City does not control WCSD locks, best we can do is call the school the next day.
  - ❖ If we have someone on staff, we can come unlock, please call 775-352-4249.
  - ❖ Field lights.... please turn off each night. Call backs may result in loss of privilege.
- Conditions/Repairs/Issues
  - ❖ Please contact us if you notice an issue. Do not expect City staff to notice.
  - ❖ If you want to make repairs yourself, contact me/fill out request form.
  - ❖ Let us know in advance of field day/clean-ups, especially if you are going to have debris that needs to be picked up.
  - ❖ Infields are responsibility of league, outfield responsibility of City of Reno
  - ❖ If irrigation coordination is needed, please be proactive.
- Irrigation breaks/issues
  - ❖ Please have our on-call phone number handy 775-352-4249
  - ❖ **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHUT OFF IRRIGATION BY YOURSELF!!!!**

- Litter and Trash – it is each league’s and coach’s responsibility to clean up after themselves each night, which includes picking up after spectators. Field preparation debris does not go in trash, please haul it off.
- · Mowing
  - ❖ New contractor this year, please be patient.
  - ❖ Likely two mows per week for game fields and some practice fields
- Field updates
  - ❖ O’Brien fields open for spring use
  - ❖ Mayor’s flat field scheduled for fall season.

Mowing Contract-

- Due to procurement time, can not take mowing in house this year
- Contract out for 2024
- Issued RFP and received new bids for 2024 mowing contract. New RFP has second mowing for game sites, not practice site. 40-50 sites get second mowing in 2024.
- Parks Department making a budget request for mowing equipment and personnel of approximately \$1,000,000 for budget. If passed it would commence March of 2025.

Other

- If you are on WCSD fields communicate with the principal and custodians about practice times and a point of contact.
- WCSD has priority

Player Fees- Increase requested by City. Last increase was 15 years ago.

Board Elections-

Wade Perry and Steve Bemus are retiring. Jenni Wilson stepped down from the Board.

Open Positions:

Member-at-Large Candidates:

- Michelle Loux- Reno American Little League- 10 year participant. 2 sons that have played in several sports. On the Executive Board of Reno American Little League. Active in schools as well. Rezoning parent for WCSD. Professional a project manager in legal space.
- Second- Steve Bemus.
- Vote- Unanimous in support

Diamond Commissioner

- Baseball and softball knowledge is desired
- Pedro Gutierrez - El Sol. Running youth athletic league for 20 years.
- Vote- Unanimous in support

Secretary

- Trish McFadden- Pop Warner. She has participate10 years participated with Pop Warner. On the Executive Board. Gary Archie from Pop Warner called Randy in support of her for this position
- Vote- Unanimous in support.

#### Vice Chair

- Randy Ritter- Nominated by Wade Perry. He has served on the GBYSL Board and RYSA Board so has a lot of experience.
- RYSA Board for 1 year. President of GBYSL 12 years.
- On state Soccer Board.
- Vote- Unanimous in support

#### Treasurer

- Vicki LaRovere- Brad Betker and Steve Bemus spoke in support of Vicki.
- She stated this would be her last term.
- Vote- Unanimous in support.

#### Fields Maintenance

- Ian Anderson- Wilmer spoke in support.
- Vote- Unanimous in support

#### Public Comment- [Form](#)

#### Marc Radow- Reno Sparks League-

- Want to be part of the solution for youth athletics.
- President of Battle Born Football Club.
- Looking to bring professional soccer to the area and developing 30 acres for new flat fields.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ian Anderson  
Board Secretary