

RSSA Executive Board Meeting 11/13/2025

Attendees: Commissioner Lee Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Mark Rutherford, Secretary Gordon Maltby, Member At-Large Brock Lindstadt, Treasurer Mike Berg.

Commissioner's opening remarks: Lee

1. Lee reminded the group the the by-laws should be considered in any decisions about administration or rules. Non-commercial promotion of outside organizations on the website and at ballfields was discussed. Consensus was that the Hot Stove League and MN Senior Sports Association were examples of groups whose activities were a benefit to RSSA members. Commercial vendors would be considered on a case-by case basis, e.g. Mike Marrinan selling bats at events.
2. A website equipment buy/sell site could benefit players, but it was deemed too difficult to manage. Mark suggested a "bat day" to allow unused equipment to find new homes.
3. Organized prayer at games was a topic where everyone appreciated the intent (honoring fellow players, etc.) but it was felt that it should not be officially encouraged, owing to a wide range of beliefs among our many members.

Treasurer: Mike

1. Roseville is paid, finances are in good shape.
2. An audit is desirable on a regular basis; Todd Stiernagle will be contacted for assistance.
3. The final financial budget for 2025-2026 was approved unanimously.
4. Application for 501C7 status has not yet occurred Mike and Lee will work with Todd Stiernagle to complete the application.

Secretary: Gordon

1. The Membership Directory as listed on the RSSA website has be updated to eliminate email addresses. Emails remain on sub list - to be removed. New web front page shows players in action, describes the group and shows prospective players how to contact. New photos are on the "slider". "About Us" has photos of admin officers. Minutes to be available on "About Us" page. New Player Registration form to be "fillable" pdf received by Darrell by email (rather than print and mail). Signature acknowledgement to be part of document.
2. re: Links to RSSA page. MN senior softball facebook page is paused. Senior softball USA has been notified of changes, we have yet to hear from them. Kare 11 video is down, (wrong youtube channel). A facebook page was considered (no) and an RSSA youtube channel (yes).
3. October 2025 meeting minutes were approved. Missing minutes to be produced by December meeting.

Deputy Commissioner: Mark

1. B league has 7 teams consisting of 90 players (1 team with only 12). At break, 10 players leaving, 11 scheduled to start (includes Arend). For second-half we may have to move a few players to even out "talent" since many of the B league second-half players are of dissimilar abilities.

2. C league has 9 teams consisting of 106 players (2 teams with only 11). At break, 4 players are leaving, 7 scheduled to start.
3. LOTS of roster changes at start of season due to unexpected withdrawals. Several new players in the league for winter, 4-5 more already for summer 2026. C league may contract one team IF injuries deplete rosters. Possible that some B players could move to C to maintain rosters?
4. New this year, we have replenished the first aid box, stocked waiver/registration sheets, and placed a list of all emergency numbers in the equipment box. Hard stop times are posted on the box. Reminder sent to managers to grab a team photo ASAP for the website.
5. League Directors: Winter B (Dave Englehardt) and Winter C (Jack Butler) are on top of things. Need to find a new Summer B league Director. Al Cardinal was approved by vote. He has a short list of potential summer 2026 managers and Mark will work with him to identify the 9 we will need. Plan to include 3-5 new managers. Jack Butler is in his last go-around as Winter C league Director. Mark will work with him to complete a list of 9-10 managers to include more new managers. Need to give some C coaches a break as 4-5 have managed every year sometimes both seasons for 4-7 years.
6. Add league directors to meetings occasionally; a month after the season starts?
7. Rules committee. Dave and Jack have agreed to help review rules, will add Ron and Al ASAP. We need to determine if the Rules Committee decides or if the league managers have final say or only input.
8. A league has good numbers; the group is basically self-regulating.
9. D league: Need a helper for Larry.
10. It was noted that new sub players should have signed a disclaimer before playing.
11. Winter scheduling / cancellation of games. If the dome is open, we play.

At Large: Brock

1. Jerseys: Will order 4 new sets in February.
2. Balls: Have 4 dozen in garage, will order 30 dozen more for spring. Anticipated cost~\$2600.
3. Responding to some players' requests, "Dry-Excel" shirts can be made available from Heritage Embroidery in the same team colors. Cost will be responsibility of the player.
4. A sun shade fabric sample was shown for dugouts, especially Victoria 3 visitors.
5. Color coded keys and locks for equipment boxes have been made, with custom large key fob tags. 6 existing boxes will be used at Victoria, with one to be purchased in spring for Lexington fields.
6. Pizza party is scheduled at Macaluso's on December 9th, 11:30 to 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Maltby, Secretary