

Minutes

1.26.26

7:00 pm at Patterson's. Attendance: Dave and Becky Patterson, Phillip Humphrey, Steven Hardy (Zoom), Amanda Hardy (Zoom), Julie Hamilton, Maurisha Minter, Angela Calvert

Prayer

Minutes of January 7, 2026 meeting posted on website.

Sponsorships – Check in the bank in **BOLD**

DASH Cronk Foundation - \$500

KC Picture Cars - \$200 - committed

Roofer's Local 20 - \$500 Will pick up 1/28

Robert Atkins Farmers Insurance - \$100

Reginald Green State Farm - \$100

Steve Meyers Shelter Insurance - Retired

Porter Furniture - \$150 - contacted

McElligot, Ewan, Hall PC - \$750 - committed

Cosentino's Price Chopper - \$1,000

Gene Graham Law Firm - \$1,000

Personal Dental Care Dental Group - \$250

Reece Nichols Cheryl Seybert - \$100 - contacted

Greenway Ford - \$599 - committed

KC Hearing - \$250

The Junk Truck - \$250

Doughboys - no commitment

McAlister's Deli - \$150 - committed

Mohawk - \$500 – contacted

Casey's – contacted

H&H Photo Labs – contact next October.

Westhues Electric – not sponsoring at this time.

One Hour Heating and Cooling – did not return call.

Finances- Bank Account - \$36,591

See Financial statement as of 1/26/26

Grants-Current Jackson County grant situation: Per instructions, we have applied to Legislative Chairman Abarca for a 'sponsorship' to recover our lost \$1,500 due to their clerical error. We may also apply for a sponsorship for the Mini-Camp

Business- Welcomed our new Softball Operations Director, Angela Calvert. She played softball with RGSL and wants to help bring it back to the community.

Introduced our new Social Media Manager, Maurisha Minter. She is passionate about building the Raytown community by expanding RYBSA presence.

- Registration - 58 currently registered

Will do another email blast on February 2; also a Raytown School District PeachJar delivery. Registrants are being offered the special \$25 membership at The Dugout.

Mini-camp - Feb 28 at RCMS. Participants receive RADs coupons for free Whataburger junior. Regular registration ends - Mar 1. Potential effectiveness of early registration incentives.

Late registration (\$40 fee) ends - Mar 15

Team formation and coach assignment - Monday, Mar 9 6:30-8:30PM at Patterson's

Team information to coaches by Mar 16 - contact and determine practice times

Practice schedule completed by Mar 26

Practices begin Mar 30.

- Grass cutting at LBT. Included in our park rental fee, Raytown Parks & Recreation will cut weekly. We are responsible if we want more frequent mowing. (Maurisha's uncle has a mowing service.)

- Coffee with Coaches - 10 AM, February 7, at Patterson's. Use all possible encouragement for ALL coaches to come to round table discussion of strategies to address coaching challenges.

Coffee and snacks provided by RADs facilitator, Shon Plack.

- School clinics - 4 completed; 7 to go

- Concession area: We successfully paired with the new Beacon Mobile Hot Spot. Password will be changed.

With Julie's research and discussion, we will purchase a professional looking tablet for dedicated use with the Hot Spot. Steven, Amanda, and Julie will determine the optimal POS provider. We will research purchase of a hot dog roller, to be installed visible to customers if possible. We currently have delivery with our league Sam's Club membership. Other people are willing to use their Costco card as well.

- Current volunteers;

Coaches - 17 (Head); 12 (Assistants)

Concession - 15

Bathroom - 8

Field Maintenance - 4

Umpires – 14

-Teams will have official league uniforms. Guidelines will be decided pending a meeting on Feb 4 with potential donor J E Dunn.

- Upcoming Events:

Parent meeting - April 18, 10AM The Dugout.

Coach training/meeting - March 28, 10AM The Dugout - Led by Jeff Sopha of the Royals.

Including season-specific issues like concession stand volunteers, official league rules, etc.

Umpire training – April.

Equipment pick up – before practices start .

Work day - April 11, 9:30AM - Noon LBT.

Coffee with head coaches - February 7, 10AM Patterson house. See above.

Opening day - May 1, 6PM LBT. Plan to have actual games to play. Community leaders and sponsor hullabaloo. Bouncy house? **Need Organizer.**

Closing ceremony – in lieu of team parties. Parent/player games?! Food.

-Fundraising? Potentially fine! Need organizer.

Steven's high school players submit ten (10) names, who then are contacted for donations.

Restaurant night giving % proceeds to RYBSA (as done with school PTO.)

Candy Bars, Trash Bags.

- Direct Charter with Little League Baseball, Inc. (LL) Potential advantages: name recognition; reduced insurance fees; 125 background checks; T-Mobile Call Up Grant; Williamsport (unrealistic!) Potential disadvantages: territory requirements; after discussion of the suggested

LL constitution-paperwork disproportionate for our small size, director responsibilities.
Consensus: Our organizational structure is working! Dave will contact them to research if they would accept an adaptation of our own constitution. No rush!

Meeting adjourned – 8:40 PM.