

Meeting Minutes



Event: Mars Baseball Association – General Meeting

Place: Adams Township Municipal Building

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Motion to Open: Paul Adametz / Bryan Brunsell 8:51pm

1) President's Report (Chuck Rouda)

- Welcome
- Evaluations going smoothly
- Bronco evaluations next
- 9U/10U Training Team still going well

2) Treasurer's Report (Larry Fox)

- All numbers are approximate
- Totals \$129,200+
- General \$73K
- Edward Jones \$46.5K
- Land Grant \$9.7K
- Giant Eagle & Lambert fund

3) Lakevue Update (Edwin Palmer)

- We should have \$27K in revenue by the end of April.
- Costs are approximately \$26K
- Lakevue will be in the black
- A schedule for Lakevue practice times is being developed – each team should be scheduled for 2 practices in April.

4) Spring Registrations (Henry Totzke)

- Registrations as of 3/19/2014
- There were 456 registrations in 2013 – based on past registration trends we should finish close to this number.
- Brad Fuller to circulate flyer in schools to increase participation at younger levels

League	Registrants	League	Registrants
T-Ball (4-6)	51	Bronco (11-12)	66
Farm American (6-8)	62	Pony (13-14)	39
Farm National (7)	50	Colt (15-16)	18
Farm National (8)	42	Palomino (17-18)	12
Minor (9-10)	95	Totals	435

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5) 9U/10U Training Program

- There are 24 kids participating 2-3 days/week (Wed, Fri, Sun)
- Chuck Rouda and Andy Bednar are facilitating.
- The program is still going well

6) League Reports

- Farm National (7) (Bryan Brunsell)
 - Evaluations Sunday
 - Draft Thursday
- Farm National (8) (Phil O'Hara)
 - Coaches have been selected - Pat Koroly, Jeff Porter, Adam Braun/Jeff Reisinger, and John DiLeo.
 - 8U clinic was held on 3/16, and it was very successful. We had 35 of the 41 registered kids attend. All the boys got to meet the coaches and participate in throwing, fielding, and hitting.
 - Teams were decided and assigned on 3/18. Teams will be setup on the website in a few days.
 - The coaches also reviewed the 8U rules. We have two rule changes to propose to the board. We would like to make the pitching distance 42 feet instead of 44 feet, and we would like to set the kid pitch limit at 5 pitches instead of 6 pitches.
 - I will provide feedback to Stacey for ordering coaches uniform shirts.
- Minor (9-10) (Brad Fuller)
 - Evaluations completed on 3/16
 - Coaches are selected and teams are being assigned
- Bronco (11-12) (Edwin Palmer)
 - Competitive / Recreation split will be 3/3
 - Evaluations set for Sunday 3/23
 - Teams to be announced by 3/30
- Pony (13-14) (Larry Fox)
 - 3 teams in North Suburban & 1 Team Quad County
 - Competitive / Recreation split will be 2/1
 - Evaluations set for Sunday 3/23
- T-Ball (4-6), Farm American (6-8), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-18)
 - No updates provided

7) Master Schedule for 1&2 (Edwin Palmer)

- The master schedule is in process

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8) Minor League Umpires (Phil O'Hara)

- Contact Ed Heckert to schedule an umpire clinic in April to train the Minor League umpires for the upcoming season.
- Hoping to have that scheduled for a week or two before the season starts on Adams 1 or 2

9) Opening Day (Stacey Palmer & Madeline McLaren)

- Schedule for Saturday, April 26th at Adams Township Park
- Had a meeting last week that was well attended – 10 participants in attendance
- Trying to schedule games on three fields so that all games can be played at Adams Township Park
- Will have to staff 2-3 concessions stands depending on if we play any games at Adams 1 7 2

10) Fundraising Committee Update (Stacey Palmer & Madeline McLaren)

- Dugout materials have been verbally donated
- Meeting conducted last week – 20 participants in attendance
- Personalized Bricks around the concession stand area will be one of the main ideas
 - Bricks will be procured from PF Cook Brick Company
 - The price will be between \$100-150 depending on size and degree of personalization
- Looking to organize a corn hole tournament
- Pizza Hut fundraiser scheduled for April 25th
- Funds generated will not go into the general account – they'll go into a separate account and go towards targeted projects (e.g. lights, concession stand, dugouts, etc.)

11) Lights at Adams 1 & 2 (Brett Schultz)

- School board voted to extend conversation
- April meeting is formal vote to approve lights on Adams 1 & 2
- There will need to be a lease agreement between the Mars School District and Mars Baseball
- Also, as part of the improvement efforts we are looking into a new concession stand and dugouts on Adams 2
- Need to leverage grants available through MLB and the Pirates. However, we should not approach these organizations for funds until we are 100% approved and ready to go.

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12) New Business (All)

- Merger with Fast Pitch Softball
 - Bylaws have already been amended
 - Jackie Marsh runs organization
 - Field availability biggest selling point for Mars Baseball
 - Fast Pitch Softball would have someone represent their interests on the board

Motion to Close: Joe Buttermore / Gary Gottschalk 10:15pm

Attendance: 25 (see attached Attendance Sheet)

Attendance Sheet



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No.	Print Name
1	Henry Totzke
2	Larry Fox
3	EDWIN PALMER
4	PAUL ROUSA
5	BRENT ROBINSON
6	KIRK HEAVNER
7	CLIFF HEIN
8	BRYAN BRUNSELL
9	Gary Gottschalk
10	Jennifer Hulbert
11	Madeline McHaren
12	JIM SPERONE
13	Braa Fuller
14	AARON Best
15	REGIS MCKINNEY
16	Sean Walker
17	PAUL ADAMETZ
18	Chuck Rouda
19	Steve Manning
20	Joe Buttermore
21	Stacey Palmer
22	Jeff Astbury
23	Brett Schultz
24	Joel Brooks
25	Ed Pfeifer

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