



September 12, 2016

OBR Board Meeting minutes

Present: Robert Viera, Kara Pastis, Gilda Juarez, Dan Baker, Carrie Powers, Frank Malatesta, Sara Scortino, Pete Miller, Don Harter, Andrea Griffin, Dan McGaw

VP of Operations - Carrie Powers volunteered/elected

Majors Division Commissioner - position open (Dan McGaw will ask Tom DeGeorge)

Softball Division Commissioner approval of Minna Lombardo

Code of Conduct written and submitted by Dan McGaw, has expectations, consequences for parents, kids (usually suspension, then Board meets to review)

Lightning Safety document approved

League Financials - David Bates - Budget implemented last month, we don't have invoices from Good Sports, etc. Not really an accurate picture right now. We budgeted for fall \$35,000. We are about \$10,000 short, with plenty of time to get sponsorships to fill gaps. Field supplies, maintenance, equipment - blowing through that. We have all supplies we need for the season (paint for fields, etc). About 70% through marketing budget.

Marketing - James Savino - Marketing for fall complete. Email will go out about Opening Day. Website was update to reflect "GOING GOLD" for pediatric cancer awareness month in September. New achievement/recognition signs size 24x30 for front gate at Trotters (8u 2013, 10u 2015, 11u 2016) were ordered and should be here next week. Will work on a marketing plan and schedule for spring.

Registration - Gilda Juarez - Spring registration is open. Fall has 250 players - largest fall ever (by almost 100 over highest).

Equipment/Uniforms - Kelvington/Powers - Uniforms will be in coaches hands on Friday for Opening Event. Discussed having a checklist for each team/division.

Events Update - Krista Joslin -

Opening Day - Event starts at 6, photo times will be in email. City denied request to block off the street. Moving Opening Day to Trotters. Kona Ice, David Maus bringing 3 cars, selfie photo booth, FBC Mortgage game booth, Central FL College League with blow up hitting game, TFA, trading card guy, concession stand, ultimate tailgat raffle (tent/wagon/2 chairs/cooler value of \$250) \$5 tickets of 5 for \$20, team pictures. Wear pants, belt - kids will be given jerseys and hats.

Photographer is making team plaques to give to sponsors.

Homerun Derby - Has been postponed and we will come up with a date in November likely.

Terrifying Turbo - Trotters hosting a Terrifying Turbo tournament (9u) at Trotters Oct 29. 4 teams registered, invited several more, looking for 6-8. We can use green/yellow fields. Volunteers needed for: admissions, scoreboards, scorebooks, giving out balls to umpires, rake fields, etc.

Parent player game - November 12.

Fall Division Playoff Week - Nov 14-18

Spring Registration Closes on Friday, January 20, 2017 at Midnight

Spring Evals - will develop a plan for evals (splitting age groups, etc)6U will do meet the coach - need a coach OR representative present for each team. Are we prepared for the growth of spring - we can accomodate up to 400 kids.

Player Scholarship/Financial Assistance - We didn't require proof of free-reduced lunch in the past. We are at 36% free/reduced lunch. We need to figure out how to manage this. Discussion about adding a "sponsorship" options when you register, getting scholarship sponsor, etc. To be tabled and discussed.

Division Updates - Minors/Majors rules from Spring. Added pool player system. We have adapted rules from Babe Ruth, so coaches should read Babe Ruth rules - then OBR rules.

Tournament/STORM update

- 6u (McGaw) - tball won a game on Sunday and looked fantastic!
- 8u (Malatesta) - got a victory in a no-show by south orlando, need some practice but moving in the right direction
- 9u (Nicol) - good weekend tournament, held their own with Longwood, overall pleased
- 10u (Viera) - got a game in before rain, pleased with team, chemistry best it's been, kids played well, future bright
- 11u - we may have found an 11u manager
- 12u (Seeber) - did well

Discussion about league age and how kids play their league age and cannot play up. Will come up at a vote at some point and we will revisit.

10:10 Adjournment

Future Board Meeting Dates

October 10 @ 8:30pm

November 14 @ 8:30pm

December 12 @ 7pm

January 9 @ 7pm

February 13 @8:30pm