

Orlando Babe Ruth
2/12 Board Meeting
Minutes

6:37pm - meeting called to order

December minutes approved - moved by Carrie, seconded by McGaw

Present: Rober Viera, Frank Malatesta, Dan McGaw, Tom George, Ron Griffin, Angelina Downing, Tony Downing, Charles Rutterbush, Peter Miller, Kara Pastis, Krista Joslin, Ben Adams, Dan Baker, Carrie Powers, Wanda Quill, Jen Dollar, Gilda Juarez, James Savino, Sara Sciortino, Bruce Kelvington

League Financials - Sara needs help. Needs to be familiar with Quickbooks. Books are a mess. Post office key was stolen, so we can't check the mail. Need to get another key. Seeber and Kelvington originally registered, so they need to get new key. Then we need to re-register for PO box under current board name. Need to hire someone to keep the books. Everything needs a line-item which requires a lot. Reaching out to Nancy Mangrun. Receivables at \$7200 for rec ball. STORM receivables \$7800. Need to get STORM kids paid up.

Mike Derr - he uses field and cages. Robert setting up meeting with him. Robert would like him to give something back to the league. He has access to shed.

Marketing - Used Facebook, PennySaver, flyers, banner. Kids coming back from Fall to play Spring. Instagram count-down will happen for Opening Day. Let's consider hanging posters at local restaurants/bulletin boards announcing future seasons.

Registration - 24ish softball (some playing Majors baseball): 12u and 10u. Need to consider starting younger...girls play tball with OBR, then we move up to softball? Baseball 306 registrations (largest in league history). Struggling in Majors/Juniors.

Need to get leadership email accounts...so we can transition easily from board member to new board members.

Partnerships - was Andy's thing. Robert doesn't have same amount of time to put towards it. League has a "your partnership is running out - please re-up" letter but never sent them out. We have a spreadsheet with all current/past sponsorships. Last years estimated partnerships was \$20,000, we raised \$33,924. Need to get all sponsors current. Jen Dollar and Wanda Quill to help lead up Partnerships/Fundraising. Yay!

Event to consider for fall - Dinner on the Diamond. Dan McGaw to plan.

Registration - need to confirm players and fix holes. If we get late players, and have a team with room (and a jersey) we will add them late.

Spring Season - schedule to come out asap. Majors and softball will play interleague games and they are harder to schedule. Tball and Minors will play Thursday, Rookies and Majors will play Tuesdays.

On 4/8 there will be no league games. We will have a Mash-Up Weekend. Skills and division mix-up. Also need to consider Run/Hit/Pitch

Equipment - Kelvington has the missing racket. Email needs to go out about keeping shed neat. Kelvington cleaned and organized shed. A coach's deposit will be required for training aids, but we want to be sure coaches have whatever they need! Three teams are using the Red Field at once, and it is working. Thanks to OCPS (?) for lining the fields. Let's consider using them in the future to line fields! City says they are going to fix leaks in Yellow Field, as well as canvases over bleachers...we are still waiting...

All Stars - Managers will be voted on in March meeting. Need to consider bylaws and how we need to adjust for All Stars coaching options. Example: As rule us written, All Star coach much coach in their All Star division during regular season. This would eliminate coaches such as Frank Malatesta and Frank Kempinger from coaching All Stars bc they are coaching in different divisions for Rec Season. Need to amend bylaws before next meeting and bring to a vote in March, so they can be eligible to coach All Stars. Also need to check with Babe Ruth Nationals about this issue to be sure we are following protocol.

Opening Day - 9am start time on 2/25. Lee Middle School chorus to sing National Anthem. Special state title presentations to the 11U Championship team will take place. Vendors are being invited to come to set up tents/sell swag/advertise. Photo time needs to be set. 10 am all games begin. Each team has been asked to produce/donate a gift basket for the raffle (\$25.00 Min). We will do a separate raffle for the Yeti cooler.

Uniforms distribution will be on the 17th. Possible shortage on Diamondback hats.

Games: Rookies on Green Yellow and Crosby. Softball on Blue/ Rookies game later in the day. T-ball on Red.

Fields :

Trotters: Game saver please use for games, not at practice. Work around the puddles.

Doesn't look like we have to play not he blue field.

Crosby: Need to deliver chalk, good sports does the spray paint.

Andy and John Miller will be taking care of Crosby. Crosby needs clay, sprinklers come on and the puddles stick. Mound needs to be rebuilt. It' s underwater.

We have spoken to Major League fields. The quote to service the field for the year is \$588.33/mo.

Next Meeting is March 15th?

Championship Saturday May 6th.