



Board Meeting
Sunday, May 20th, 2018
7:00pm @ CWA

Attendance:

Carrie Powers, Charles Rutterbush, Dan Kempinger, Don Quill, Eric Seeber, Frank Kempinger, Frank Malatesta, James Savino, Jen Dollar, Jessica Kepple, Mike Campbell, Robert Viera, and Wanda Quill.

7:05 pm Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting was delayed due to waiting for sufficient attendance to have a quorum.
- No discussion of league financials as Meredith DiGeorge was unable to attend this evening.

7:10 pm President's Address

- A letter will be sent to all of the OBR families to promote volunteering on the board.
- Mike Campbell suggested working on a flier to communicate all the league volunteer opportunities.
- Board Election: Elections will be in June. Potentially have it on June 11th (Monday) to not interfere with all the All-Star tournaments.
- Executive Board Positions Open:
 - All general board positions will be open.
 - Open Executive Board Positions (two year positions): Vice President and Vice President of Marketing and Communications.
- Voting: Question on changing the rules for whom that can vote in elections.
 - Presently anyone that runs for a position or is actively on the board can vote in the election.
 - Only elected board members can vote for the Executive Board.
 - Motioning to push the election for the Executive Board two meetings after the general board election. This motion was approved unanimously.
- May look at returning the requirement for board members to maintain a certain attendance in order to be eligible to vote.

7:15 pm Approval of Previous Minutes

7:40 pm Review of the Spring Season

- This season did a much better job of players playing in their appropriate agent division. Only three players moved up to Minors below league age. Promoting players staying within their league age will continue to be the league's focus.

- The champions for the Spring Season:
 - Rookies: Red Sox
 - Minors: Rays
 - Majors: Athletics
 - Juniors: Yankees
- Feedback on the double elimination:
 - Positive that it allowed teams that get knocked out in their first game to continue on in the tournament.
 - Will go back to single elimination for the fall season since there are fewer teams.
- Outstanding registration fees: Collections were successful this season with \$30.7k owed and \$28.8k collected. There is \$13k in accounts receivable which include the All-Star registrations.
- May look into an alternative to trophies for next season.
- A post season feedback survey will be sent out by Robert Viera this week.
- Feedback on the second season of Advanced Tee ball:
 - The division continues to be successful with a large number of 6 and 7 year olds.
 - Some concern with t-ball players moving up too soon since the division is so popular.
 - May consider limiting runs when hitting from the tee to be limited to just a single base. No limitation would apply when hit off the pitching machine.
- Feedback regarding the Spring playoffs for the Minors/Majors/Juniors:
 - May consider adding an official score keeper to ensure the pitch count is monitored.
- Equipment return will be emailed to the Managers.
 - Mike Campbell has a list of what everyone had checked out.
 - He recommends adding an additional person helping managing the equipment and enacting shed rules particularly at Trotters which is more difficult to manage. The league may benefit with a second shed to house the chalk, rakes, etc.
 - Dan Kempinger brought up having footlockers at each field. This topic has been brought up in prior board meetings as a potential solution to have equipment closer to the fields.

8:30 pm Fall Season

- Registration will open this week.
- ATB and T-Ball increase to \$125, Rookies \$130, Minors \$140, Juniors \$150, and Majors \$150.
- The league will be going back to Dri-Fit with OBR Logos for the fall jerseys.
- Question on playing on Saturdays during the Fall. The T-Ball and ATB really need Saturday games because night games are too late for them. Saturdays could alternate weekends for the older players.
- The season to start on Saturday September 8th and would end on November 17th. The tournament would be a single elimination.
- Robert Viera will coordinate having a league banner on Edgewater Drive. May need to replace the existing banner.
- Frank Malatesta was volunteered to be in charge of the yard signs.

8:48 pm Marketing and Public Relations

- James Savino has created advertisements for the fall.
- Will promote again via Facebook, NextDoor, Community Centers, etc.

8:50 pm Partnership Updates

- The team met this week and reviewed who is up for renewal, and divided up who will be contacting the existing sponsors. They also worked on strategies to remind the existing sponsors when their sponsorship is up for renewal.
- Charles Rutterbush brought up creating a scholarship program, funded with corporate sponsors, to support players that would need both transportation and financial support to participate in the league.

9:05 pm All-Stars

- A few companies added additional sponsorship for specific All-Star teams based on their relationship with Managers/Parents. Generally, sponsorship is based on having a direct relationship with a family.
- The jerseys will come out from the \$100 that each player paid. They were more expensive because a rush order had to be placed.
- Future board meeting will have discussions on the fundraising optics for the All-Star teams and how they are communicated.

9:31 pm Adjournment