



Board Meeting
Sunday, January 13, 2019
7:00pm @ CWA

Attendance:

Bobby Hopper, Charles Rutterbush, Dan Kempinger, Don Quill, Eric Seeber, Frank Kempinger, Frank Malatesta, James Savino, Jen Dollar, Jessica Kepple, Michael Campbell, Robert Viera, and Scott Reid.

7:06 pm Welcome & Introductions

7:06 pm Approval of Previous Minutes

7:06 pm Treasurer's Report (Robert Viera for Meredith DiGeorge)

- \$12,600 in accounts receivables due mostly to unpaid registrations. Some of the prior year receivables will need to be charged off.
- Robert will discuss with Meredith what is left in the supply budget after the Fall season.

7:10 pm President's Report (Robert Viera)

- Robert has a meeting with the City on Tuesday to discuss Trotters

7:13 pm Partnership (Charles Rutterbush and Jen Dollar)

- Looking for additional volunteers
- Will be replacing the banners at Trotters

7:20 pm Spring Season

- Current registration is 158
- Evaluations will be on Saturday January 26th; make-ups will be on the following Tuesday (January 28th) for Juniors and Majors, and Thursday (January 30th) for Rookies and Minors
- Recommend splitting up rookies evaluations into two groups due to size of the group
- Monday January 27th will be the Storm tryouts (Friday January 25th for Juniors)
- National Babe Ruth has changed rules for both All-Stars and eligibility
 - National is allowing an Elite program that has no requirement to participate in recreational baseball to make the All-Star team. Only consideration to be on the team would be in the appropriate zip code and in the correct age.

- Frank Kempinger started a motion to not participate in the Elite program which was approved.
- National Babe Ruth has changed rules for catchers in Rookie ball handing the ball to the umpire rather than throwing it to the pitcher
- Game schedule is Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays
- Practices could be on Monday and Wednesday
- A motion was made by Charles Rutterbush for a double elimination tournament which was approved.
- Donald Quill put a motion to have the championship season end on May 4th which was approved.
- Storm practices will be on Fridays.
- **All-Star rules will reviewed and voted in the February meeting.**
- Uniforms will be standard MLB. Goodsports does not carry the Los Angeles Angels. Try to make an effort to get a better mix of team colors for each division when at the draft.
- Frank Kempinger put a motion that two dozen game balls will be distributed to the Managers at the beginning of the season. The League will provide the game balls at the post-season games.
- **All post season rules will be discussed in the February meeting**
- Motion by Dan Kempinger to remove innings from tracking, and use the Pitch Smart Pitch Count criteria for pitchers which was approved.
- Discussed Recreational ball and Storm Managers communicating pitch counts for players on both teams.
- Rules will be updated on the website.
- Robert Viera put a motion to leave the Babe Ruth rule for games that are called due to weather or other conditions. This motion was approved.
- As per Babe Ruth rules, catchers in Rookies will be required to play in the box.
- Table pool player rules for the Fall.
- Motion by Dan Kempinger to give an extra mound visit in the game for Minors which was approved.
- Jen Dollar had a motion for Advanced T-Ball to be changed to five runs. The rules said both 4 and 5 runs.
- Jen Dollar had a motion for Advanced T-Ball, that if the player hits off the tee, not matter where the ball is fielded the runners are limited to one base. This motion was approved.
- Jen Dollar had a motion to remove from T-Ball to remove the three out rule, no coach pitch, and no catcher. These motions were approved.
- Jen Dollar had a motion to have two pitchers in T-Ball which was approved.
- Player clinic to be scheduled before evaluations. Tentatively *before* January 26th.

9:18 pm

Special Events

- The Cupid turbo will be pulled. Focus on an All-Star turbo to provide more time to set up.
- The mash-up will need to be put on the calendar. Need to pick a date around spring break.

9:18 pm

Marketing and Public Relations

- Dropping off the spring banner to the City tomorrow morning.
- NextDoor advertisements, the College Park paper, and Facebook boosted advertisements
- Also completed direct email blasts to promote the league
- A direct mailer will be going to out to 1,000 households
- Yard signs have been distributed

9:22 pm

Field Updates

- Batting cages lights will be scheduled this week
- The codes will be changed before the spring season starts
- Need to determine when the coach's meeting will be scheduled
- Need to schedule a cleanup day at both Trotters and Crosby

9:25 pm

Adjournment