



Board Meeting
Sunday, November 12th, 2017
7:30pm @ CWA

Attendance:

Andy Nicol, Bobby Hopper, Charles Rutterbush, Dan McGaw, Dan Kempinger, Don Quill, Frank Kempinger, Frank Malatesta, James Savino, Jessica Kepple, Krista Joslin, Matthew Fritz, Wanda Quill and Robert Viera.

7:37 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Viera

- There was insufficient attendance for a quorum; unable to approve the prior minutes and vote on the budget.
- Notices will be made to collect outstanding receivables prior to the spring season. The Board to strategize the best methods to collect delinquent receivables.

7:53pm

Fall Season Review

Viera

- During the fall season there was a shortage of umpires. Frank Kempinger will be looking into expanding the league's pool of umpires from families within the league. Plans include utilizing young adults (two per game) that would serve as umpires for Rookie and Minors ball.
- Bruce Kelvington is no longer the equipment manager. Michael Campbell has volunteered to serve in that role. The league in general needs to do a better job of tracking inventory, particularly catcher's gear and balls.
- Dick's Sporting Goods provides practice balls to the league at the start of the season; however, both practice and game balls are currently low in inventory. Looking to run the numbers to see what method are more cost effective (1) leaving balls in the shed or (2) going back to providing both practice and game balls to the Managers at the start of the season.
- The code of conduct needs to be updated and shortened. A committee will be put in place, and a revised code of conduct can be proposed at the next board meeting.
- Advanced T-Ball had inaugural season problems with game and practice cancellations, as well as Managers not attending the coach's clinics. Otherwise it was a success.
- Championship Week:
 - T-Ball did not have a championship
 - The softball league had insufficient players to finish out the season
 - Rookies will play a Monday recreation ball, Tuesday is the playoff, and the winner plays on Friday.
 - Minors play on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

- During the Playoffs, the Minor pitching rules will be changed as follows:
 - No pitcher can pitch for more than 4 innings.
 - The league will also confirm with Babe Ruth Tournament Pitching rest requirements: 1-40 pitches no rest requirement, 41 to 65 pitches requires 1 day rest, and 66 or more requires pitches requires a 2 day rest. Maximum pitches in a day are 75.
 - The playoffs will also using a rolling 6 method.

8:31 pm

Spring Season

Viera

- Opening registration for the spring season this week.
- Planning to schedule evaluations in January. May pursue switching tryouts to Saturday with a Tuesday/Wednesday night for a second try out. The draft nights would have to be separated.
- Advanced T-Ball will return in the Spring. It was a successful season preparing players for Rookies.
- Kid pitch was brought up again for the Rookies, but there is a concern that the league has not developed catchers. Also some logistic issues with ensuring that the umpires arrive there in full gear. May have mash up games with the best 7 and 8 year old players at the end of the season.
- Brainstorming Coach and Manager development; particularly starting with T-Ball so players are taught the right skills from the beginning.
- May look to separate scheduling from the League President's position as a separate role.
- Advertising for the Spring season will start this week once registration is open. Looking for volunteers to run a registration table at the Championship Games on Friday.
- The banner at Publix is usually placed the last two weeks of registration. May be due for a new a new banner.
- School flyers to be distributed after winter break.
- Uniforms will be regular MLB this season, not throw backs.
- Frank Kempinger to chair the rules committee. Please email Frank if you wish to join this committee.

9:15 pm

Bylaws

- Adjustments to be proposed to the bylaws in the December meeting.

9:17 pm

Special Events

- Homerun Derby made about \$500 which doesn't include concessions
- Terrifying Turbo made about \$813; Andy Nicol would like to do another tournament in the winter/spring.
- There will be a parent player game in the spring.

9:19 pm

Storm Updates

Nicol

- 6U will participate in the Oviedo Classic
- 8U Lightning is improving
- 8U Thunder is done for the season. The team will regroup in January.
- 9U Lightning is still practicing.
- 9U Thunder ended up in the wildcard spot in the COBRA tournament. Also participated in the terrifying turbo.
- 10U is taking a few weeks off after COBRA and regrouping later in November. They are participating in the Oviedo Holiday Classic and the Disney Classic.

- 11U has two more tournaments for the rest of the season. The Winter Bat Freeze and another tournament. They are skipping the Oviedo Classic since it does not have an 11U division.
- 12U is done for the season.
- 13U ended their COBRA season. They competed in the 15U division.

9:26 pm

Field Updates

Nicol

- Crosby
 - The field is sandy and has some irrigation issues.
 - Commissioner Stewart will be doing a safety study to enforce that people do not park in the cross walk.
- Trotters
 - The yellow scoreboard is down. The City has been notified.
 - The back stops will be repaired in the spring.
 - The sprinklers were broken, but have been fixed.

9:34 pm

Adjournment

Next Board Meeting is Sunday December 10th at 7pm