



Board Meeting
Sunday, February 10, 2019
7:00pm @ CWA

Attendance:

Alison Schroeder, Bobby Hopper, Carrie Powers, Dan Kempinger, Don Quill, Frank Kempinger, Frank Malatesta, Jen Dollar, Jessica Kepple, Robert Viera, and Wanda Quill

7:08 pm Welcome & Introductions

7:10 pm Approval of Previous Minutes

7:12 pm Treasurer's Report

- Meredith is still waiting for the City invoice
- Still have about \$1,200 in A/R per division
- The Spring equipment budget is \$2,500 (catcher's gear, field supplies, and balls are the big items in need)
- Frank Kempinger put in a motion that each manager would put in a \$100 deposit for catcher's gear. The check will be held and returned upon the receipt of the gear at the end of the season. This motion was approved. The entire set needs to be returned: two shin guards, chest protector, helmet, and glove.

7:24 pm Partnership

- There are a couple of new sponsors and it is currently renewal time.
- Charles Rutterbush will send Robert Viera a list of the sponsors that have renewed that need new banners. Goal to have them replaced before Opening Day.

7:29 pm Spring Season 2019

- 313 total players, second highest season for the league ever
- 6 T-ball teams, 4 ATB teams, 6 Rookies teams, 6 Minors teams, 4 Majors teams, and 3 Juniors teams.
- Majors and Juniors will be inter-leaguering with West Orange.

- 7:32 pm Florida President's Meeting Summary**
- Still keeping the 50% playing requirement
 - Will still require score books for all divisions, but Rookies and T-Ball
 - ID Cards are no longer required. It is the President's responsibility to verify everyone's age. All-Star tryouts will require a copy of the person's birth certificate.
 - Background checks need to be completed yearly. We have checking bi-annual, but State of Florida requires every year.
 - Every coach needs to do safe sports at training. Actual name of training is abuse amongst adults. This training is good for every two years. A link will be sent out, and will be required before opening day. Carrie Powers will collect all of the coaches' certificates.
 - All of the coaches will need to complete the Cal Ripken training. There is a fee with this training.
 - There is a deal between Babe Ruth and Allison Sports to get a discount on the sublimated badges for All-Stars.
 - They removed the ban from having GameChanger any electronic devices in the dugout.
 - The league will be charged \$40 for every A team that goes to All-Stars (new). The B teams will not be charged.
 - State dues: Cannot have PO Box on rosters
 - There is a new pitching machine that does not have the foot release. Every league gets one free machine. They will be using this machine at the State tournament.
 - Rookie machines can be 40-43 mph. Used to just be 40 mph.
- 7:44 pm COBRA Meeting**
- Oviedo, Winter Springs, and Longwood will have COBRA Elite/COBRA Plus teams that their COBRA games will count towards the 50% needed for All-Stars in lieu of playing recreation ball
- 7:49 pm Field Updates**
- Scoreboards – Viera will be testing them
- 7:50 pm Field Rules**
- Discussed speed up rules to quicken the play of the game
 - Enforcing that the rule that the catcher needs to be taken off the field to get their catcher's gear on
- 7:54 pm Schedule**
- Practice schedule is online
 - The game schedule is in Robert Viera's inbox
- 7:57 pm Uniforms**
- The Dick's uniform day is on February 16th. Need people to volunteer.
- 7:58 pm Coach's Meeting**
- Need to have a meeting to distribute the rules and give out the gate codes
 - Go over putting the tarps on the mounds
- 8:01 pm Youth Umpire Program**
- Dan Kempinger needs a list for anyone that is interested. The child needs to be 12 or older. This would be a paid position.
 - Test them out on some of the scrimmages (volunteer).

- 8:06 pm All Star Player Selection Rule Review**
- Motion to change our bylaws to read that a Manager or Coach in any division could be an All-Star manager. *This motion was approved.*
 - The rules indicate that all the division managers, division commissioner, and the executive committee vote on the All-Star managers.
 - A discussion was made on combining the season standings as a ranking mechanism for All Star Manager selection.
 - Another option was considered to develop criteria for the All-Star Manager selection. Dan Kempinger has a rubric created a number of years ago for Storm Managers that could be utilized.
 - Players will be nominated by each Recreation Team Manager per age.
 - A motion was made to remove the requirement for the All Star players to sign commitment form before evaluations. *This motion was approved.*
 - Motion to add the “Division’s” Player Agent to the All-Star evaluations. *This motion was approved.*
 - Motion to replace the Division’s Player Agent with the Division’s Commissioner to calculate the top players at the All-Star evaluations. *This motion was approved.*
 - Player selections include 8 automatic. *Motion was approved to change the automatic selection to the top 6.*
 - Teams are formed by Player League Age. This discussion will be tabled to the March meeting.
- 8:12 pm Board Positions**
- Alison Schroeder was voted on the board. *This nomination was approved.*
 - Frank Kempinger made a motion to nominate Carrie Powers as the Minors Payers Agent. *This nomination was approved.*
- 8:53 pm Special Events – Opening Day Event**
- Jeremiah Italian Ice’s will not be there. They will confirm with Kona Ice.
 - Any vendor that is there needs to be a sponsor.
 - A basket email was sent out to the league for each team on opening day.
 - Alison Schroeder brought up having a silent auction items at Opening Day to raise more funds. Ideas she presented included:
 - Two reserved parking spots at Trotters.
 - Throwing the first pitch at Opening Day in the Fall.
 - Dan Kempinger brought up having a silent auction for a sponsor’s name to be on the bins behind every dugout.
 - Discussed \$1 and \$5 tickets.
- 9:05 pm Special Events – Mashup**
- Potentially the second weekend of Spring Break – March 23^d
- 9:07 pm Clean Up Day**
- Clean up day will be this Saturday (February 16th). They will work around the practices.
- 9:09 pm Field Updates**
- The locks were changed and the managers will be notified.
 - They are still waiting for approval for the electric at Trotters
 - The bathrooms and concession stand needs to be cleaned at Ben Crosby
- 9:11 pm Adjournment**