



**Board Meeting
Sunday, February 2, 2020
11:00am @ CWA**

Attendance:

Anthony Caruso, Carrie Powers, Charles Rutterbush, Dan Kempinger, Don Quill, Dyar McComb, Frank Kempinger, Frank Malatesta, Jen Dollar, Jessica Kepple, Michael Campbell, Robert Glass, Robert Viera, and, Shirin Caruso

11:04 am Welcome & Introductions

11:04 am Approval of Previous Minutes

11:04 am President Report

- Registration count as of this morning was 298
- Need to identify more coaches for T-Ball which has 70 registrations
- Robert is building out a practice schedule template that he will share at the draft
- The City has requested that the refrigerator be removed

11:10 am Treasurer's Report

- OBR has \$28,000 in the operating account, another \$1,000 in the other checking account, and additional funds in Venmo
- The League has received ~\$38,000 in registration revenues and accounts receivables are a ~\$6,500 with several people set up on a payment plan
- Pending payables include the Fall City fees of ~\$2,500, uniforms of ~\$10,000, Crosby field costs for \$2,000, and another \$2,500 for additional equipment
- OBR has \$1,500 in the Scholarship fund with another \$1,000 coming in April from a Corporate Sponsorship

11:15 am Spring Season List of Things To Do

- Time to put the yard signs away before the next season.
- The locks at Crosby need to be replaced.
- The sign at Trotters was stolen.
- Jen Dollar has assigned the majority of the T-Ball and Advanced T-Ball teams. Looking to recruit coaches and assistant coaches at the Meet the Coach event those divisions.
- *Bylaw Change*: Approved for each Manager to lock one Assistant Coach
- *Late Signups*: Need to evaluate a maximum number for each Division
- *Late Signups for Team Assignments*: Issue on evaluations versus blind draw (not following draft order)

- *Late Signups Pricing*: Re-evaluate for next season. No additional charges for uniforms in the Spring because the store has the inventory in stock.
- Coaches meeting has an Agenda finalized and will be held next Saturday. Eric Seeber will be speaking. They will discuss the equipment sign out.
- Will need to order more catcher's gear for the Rookies division.

11:30 am Marketing and Public Relations

- Debbie Goetz has agreed to do an article about the 70th Anniversary season
- Pat Williams would like to come out to Opening Day to promote the Orlando Dreamers

11:34 am Fundraising

- Several existing sponsors have renewed; the T-Ball Red Sox brought in several sponsors last year
- Discussed in future seasons having families sell raffle tickets and/or store discounts (i.e. PDQ). Each team would commit to selling or paying for \$25 as a fundraising.
- Don talk to the TapRoom at Dubstead about ways they can support the League.
- Fundraising event on Tuesday February 25th at Pig Floyds from 5-9pm. (20% kickback)
- The draft will be at Graffiti Junktion, and Shirin is working on renewing their support of the concession stand at Ben Crosby
- Considering offering the pole banners again at Ben Crosby. Preference to utilize them for the higher tier sponsors.

11:56 am Special Events

- Opening Day will be on Saturday February 29th. Charles already has secured the musical group and the celebrity throwing the first pitch (Lee Corso).
- Working on organizing the raffle items and need more tables for the event. Perhaps having volunteers bring tables to the field Friday night in advance so the volunteers can set up first thing in the morning. May need to get another tent for the League.
- Carrie will be the volunteer coordinator for Opening Day.
- Dinner on the Diamond will be April 4th from 6-9pm at Trotters. Tentative pricing will be \$25 for pre-sale tickets, \$30 at the day of the event, and \$200 for purchasing a table.

12:12 pm Field Updates

- Crosby was recently reseeded, fixed the irrigation, some sprinkler heads have been replaced, and added to cover the dead spots in the outfield. The baselines will be cut on Wednesday February 6th.
- Discussed using clay to put around the portable mound at Ben Crosby. Rookies will only be playing in games at Trotters this season.
- Still working on getting the lights fixed at Ben Crosby that are out.
- Trotters bullpen repairs would be \$2,500.
- The batting cage project is still in the design phase. A donation of \$2,500 has already been committed for the \$5,000 project. Need to purchase signs indicating no metal cleats in the batting cages to protect the surface.

12:20 pm Storm Updates

- Promoting tryouts on Thursday at Trotters (February 6th).
- Fielding an 8u (Rutterbush), 9u (Baker), 10u (Quill), 11u (Malatesta), and 15u teams (Viera).
- No Spring storm fees.

12:27 pm Open Topics

- Creating a team parent database to communicate information throughout the league
- New Rules
 - T-Ball – No changes
 - ATB – Maybe 4 swings from the machine, then two hits on a tee
 - Rookies – Three strikes will stay with five pitches
 - Minors/Majors – pitching and catching in a game
 - Majors – potentially adding a run rule
 - Juniors – No changes

12:41 pm Adjournment