



Spring Area Youth Softball

Meeting Minutes (#37) 08/13/14

I. Call to order

Lisa Orso called to order the regular meeting of the S.A.Y.S. Board of Directors at 7:12pm on August 13th, 2014 held at Bayer Park in Spring, TX

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Members read, review and approve the corrected minutes from the July meeting. August minutes were approved with correction required under registration dates. Revised for records only.

II. Roll call

Members Present:

Lisa Orso, Sherry Doolittle, Tobi Coleman, Alex Morris, Eric Hagebusch, Anthony Zepeda, Todd Spurlock, Margaret Zizzo, Jason Merrilat, Johnny Paz II, Don Delong, Mark 'Roc' Williams, Darla Temple

Early leave: Mark 'Roc' Williams left at 8:40 pm, and Jason Merrilat left approximately 8:50 pm. Lisa Orso left at 9:00 pm.

Members Absent:

Mark Reyes, Ashley Dupre

Guest: Youth Sports Photography

III. Budget

- A. General Fund balance is \$39,865.26
- B. Concession Fund balance is 19,590.58
- C. Total available = \$59455.84

IV. Old Business

1. Training Camp (Basic Softball Skills Camp) as outlined by Don Delong. Camp will be 09/06/14 from 10 am till 12 pm. See flyer for further details. Don to seek solicit help from Select teams and other board members to help in running camp. Concession stand open for refreshments also open during tryouts 09/13/14.
2. Audit Committee summary – Tabled pending questions from committee, revisit at September 4th meeting.
3. Sherry motion to extend early registration fee till August 30th due to intermittent internet issues took place of agenda item 17. Todd second the motion: All in favor motion passes. For: 13 Against: 0
4. Ratification of email vote dated 08/15/14. Sherry made motion to repair top half of ice maker and motherboard for \$2400 dollars with parts and labor 3year warranty and warranty on compressor of 5 years. Anthony second the motion, motion passes by majority vote. For: 9 Against: 0



5. Ant treatment motion made by Sherry to approve funds for ant treatment of fields. Second by Anthony. All in favor motion passes. Alex to follow up with pricing. August 18th, Alex reports cost will be \$900.00 dollars. For: 11 Against: 0

V. New business

1. Important Dates:
 - a. Team mom meeting. Todd to schedule mid October, waiting on final registration totals.
 - b. Uniform distribution. Tabled Ashely not in attendance, (out sick).
 - c. EOS tournament. Approximately 1st or 2nd weekend in November. Need ideas for baskets not doing so well. Propose teams buyout and league purchase raffle items.
2. Field Rental fees Combine with agenda item 14 use of fields: \$75.00 per hour pending field availability. Todd to approve and schedule. Teams must be insured and pre-pay. Alex to come up with form for verification also sign to hang on fields to alert field in use.
3. Concessions schedule: Darla to come up with schedule. Teams once determined will schedule parent's for concession duty.
4. Fall pictures and vendors. T.B.D.
5. No tolerance/player code of conduct. Combined with agenda item 12, part 5 rules of conduct. Parent's to sign player code of conduct form.
6. Board member on duty schedule. See registration dates.
7. SAYS Shares. Alex to look into equipment bin and sign bin to be kept in shed. Also post on website and Facebook.
8. Registration dates (combined with agenda item 16): Schedule as follows
 - A. **September 30th**: Darla, Sherry, Margaret and Alex
 - B. Sept. 3rd: Eric, Johnny, Tobi and Jason
 - C. Sept. 6th: Lisa, Alex, Roc and Todd
 - D. Sept. 10th: Anthony, Jason, Todd and Alex
9. Customer loyalty programs with Kroger and Randall's. (See email from Don Delong for brief summary). Don to investigate requirements. Tabled.
10. Manager/coaches packets: Alex and Todd have them prepared ready for distribution.
11. Verify rules on website are current: Don or Johnny to post current rules with proposals passed.
12. Review of rules committees possible changes:
 1. (6U division) – Selection of teams: For: 8 Against: 3 Abstain: 1 Minus 3 members. Passes with verbiage as follows changes to propose in red.
 - Proposed would read “All players in 6U will be assigned to a team. The manager is allowed to freeze up to 3 players. It is required that the daughter(s) of the manager be assigned as a frozen player to the manager's team. After all verified frozen players are set, the remaining players will be assigned (by the **VP of athletics**) to teams to evenly distribute players by age and experience.”



- a. Motion to adopt straight Pixie Rules 6u/8u. Tabled to vote on for Spring season.
2. (6U division) – Catcher position. For: 12 Against: 0 rule change passes.
 - Currently reads “There will be no catcher’s position in the 6U division.”
 - Proposed would read “In the 6U division, catcher is an optional position.” (Need gear).
3. (10U division) – Walks. For: 2 Against: 9 Abstain: 1 rule change failed. (combined with agenda item 13 proposed changes by Johnny Paz)
 - Currently reads – Actually doesn’t read anything. Should read “Offense – Will follow ASA rules” which is what the other division rules state.
 - Proposed would read “There will be no walks (base on balls) issued to batters. If the pitcher throws a fourth “ball”, then the coach for the offensive team shall come out and throw one pitch to the batter. If the ball is not put into play, the batter is out.”
4. (10U division) –Stealing bases. For: 2 Against: 9 Abstain: 1 rule change failed. (combined with agenda item 13 proposed changes by Johnny Paz)
 - Currently reads – Actually doesn’t read anything. Should read “Offense – Will follow ASA rules” which is what the other division rules state.
 - Proposed would read “Base runners are not allowed to steal second base or home. Runners are only allowed to steal third base.”
5. Rules of Conduct: For: 11 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Proposed rule change passes
 - Currently there is no mention of bullying, specifically in reference to the use of social media. There is a section that discusses the harassment of other players, etc.
 - Currently reads “No participant shall engage in any course of conduct which is designed to, or which will result in, the harassment of any player, coach, umpire, or other participant. Forbidden conduct includes, but is not limited to, verbal taunting designed to disrupt player(s).”
 - Proposed would read “No participant shall engage in any course of conduct which is designed to, or which will result in, the harassment of any player, coach, umpire, or other participant. Forbidden conduct includes, but is not limited to, verbal taunting designed to disrupt player(s), or other harassment of another player, coach, umpire, or other participant through social media.”
6. (Stampede) – Money. For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Proposed guideline changes would read with changes to verbiage as follows to propose in red..
 - Guidelines currently reads “In the event a player is dismissed (for cause) from a team, the player or the player’s parent(s) are ONLY eligible for a pro-rated refund for any prepaid dues, less any uniform and other accrued fees. This amount absolutely cannot include any fundraising money or any sponsorship money. Managers are expected to “do the right thing” in these situations.”
 - Player contract currently reads (in several sections) “There will be absolutely no refunds on commitment fees as these funds will be used almost immediately.” “There will be no refunds on team dues.”
 - Proposed PLAYER CONTRACT would read “There will be no refunds on team dues UNLESS they are prepaid, and in that case, a prorated portion of the prepaid amount **may** be refunded, **upon any team uniform/equipment**. This amount absolutely cannot include any fundraising money, or any sponsorship money.”
15. Stampede – based on current guidelines, there are no “refunds” on fees or dues, unless the dues are prepaid. How do we address money following a player from one Stampede team to another? Tabled



Agenda items 16 and 17 combined with previous agenda items.

18. Funds needed to overhaul lawnmower. Alex motion to approve funds up to 1,00.00 dollars for lawnmower and generator repairs, Alex to follow up with costs via email. Motion second by Eric. For: 10 Against: 0 Motion passes.
19. Chalk for fall season, separate from paint previously requested. Alex simply notifying board he will be picking up these supplies.
20. On deck circle for black field. Need approval of actual amount. Previously discussed no amount approved. Sherry motion to approve 900.00 dollars for 3 fields, second by Margaret. Favor: 0 Against: 10. Motion failed.

VI. Round Table

1. Wesley (UIC) requested flat fee of 30 dollars for all umpires working games. Motion made by Tobi to approve, motion second by Alex. For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Motion passes.
2. Wesley (UIC) requested funds for assistant (UIC) in training. Funds would be 300 dollars for spring and 200 dollars for fall total of 500 dollars annually. Assistant in mind John Scott. Motion to approve made by Todd, second by Don. For: 10 Against: 0 Motion passes.
3. Wesley Motion to add UIC to rules committee and Q&A session for coaches prior to season. Address in a November meeting. Tabled.

VII. Adjournment

Sherry adjourned meeting at 9:50 pm.

Meeting Minutes submitted by: Anthony Zepeda
Revised August minutes by: Anthony Zepeda