

Board of Directors Meeting

December 1, 2013

Present:

Rob Newman, Greg Brooks, Seb Spada, Dave Pawlak, Anissa Ladd, Karen Warren, Denise Serrano, Maria Reimer, Matt Quinn

Minutes:

President's Report

- By-laws due in December.
- Pay charter Little League International. About \$5K.
- Miss two meetings in a row, lose vote for next meeting and possibly board position. Important to notify Anissa if missing a meeting so can be excused.

Motion from Greg Brooks to accept to November Board Minutes; minutes accepted.

Treasurer Update

- Accounts moved to Liberty Bank.
- One account remains at Citizens. All outstanding checks cleared. Need to set up bank card deposit to new Liberty account before can close it.
- Incorporation is not on accounts because we don't have the articles of incorporation. Will work on getting them from Secretary of State.
- Budget to be reviewed and ratified at next board meeting.
- Members should use last year's budget numbers as baseline for the coming year.

Player Agent

- Denise Serrano is interested in becoming the Softball Player agent. This has been integrated into the VP of Softball position in recent years.
- Recruitment ideas for increasing visibility and numbers for softball; generating interest in softball for the girls.
- Tee-ball will be under softball this year.

Rob Newman makes motion to split player agent for both baseball and softball from VP position. Accepted unanimously.

- Change will be reflected on the site.

Rob Newman nominates Denise Serrano for Softball Player agent. Unanimously accepted.

Registration

- Total registrations thus far is 30.
- Signs will be ordered asap. Karen has credit card to provide to Rob Newman.
- Registration flyers: K-1 to reach kids who haven't played yet. Greg offered to print the flyers at no cost. Will be distributed to schools for packet inclusion. Requires superintendent approval.
- First walk-in is Dec 17th.
- Domain needs to be renewed by February at Godaddy.com. Do we want mlct.org? mlct.org is available. Do we want to change the domain name? The email addresses have changed a few times. Do we keep both? Register mlct.org and renew existing for 3 years. Email addresses will be easier.

Greg Brooks makes motion to secure the mlct.org for 3 years and retain the middletownctlittleleague.org for 3 years. Motion carries.

Rob will handle domain registration.

- Communicate with PTAs. List of PTA Presidents? Karen to try and get the names, contact info and lists of events.

Training

- Baseball and Softball training starts Thurs, Jan 2 at Wesleyan. Other dates are: Wed, Jan 8, 15, and 22. (baseball is 6:30-8:30) Open to AAA and Majors only for baseball.
 - Occur concurrently and is split inside Wesleyan field house half and half.
 - Training fee is \$30 for all sessions.
 - Rob to get info on website.
 - First night, Jan 2, Greg and Rob will be at Wesleyan at 5:00 to cover warm-ups.
 - Greg mentioned that parking info needs to be included in the emails.
- Softball Pitching training at Advanced Sportsplex; Feb 9, 16, 23, and March 2. Fee \$30 for all 4.
- Softball Hitting Clinic: Feb 5, 12, 24 at Advanced. Fee \$20 for all 3.
- Total training costs: \$3710: Wesleyan - \$1320; Advanced - \$1440 + \$950.
- Baseball Sunday Academy: 8 Sundays 5:15 -7:15: - Jan 5 - March 2. Training by Jr. Legion Post 75. Fee is \$100 for ad in legion booklet. Coaches and players run sessions. AA - Majors. Combination of WWMS and Keigwin. Facilities fees are custodial for 2 hours. Billed by city through Park and Rec. Fee is \$40 for all 8 sessions.
- AB Athletics: Matt proposes to bring them for Managers meeting. Throwing, strength and conditioning; will produce as an ebook for practice management. Cost?
- Catcher's Training requested. Parents asking for it. Generally lacking in Catcher skills.
 - NE Catching camp from Maine (Jay Weaver) and is coming to Advanced SportsPlex in early March. Will see if he will do a league-wide clinic the day before on Friday night, March 7. Greg to get a gym for that.

Calendar

- Available to Board on a Google calendar if interested.

Evaluations

- Snow Gym and library on March 3,4,6 and 7. (M,T,Th, F). 5:30 - 8:30.
- Proposed: 2 nights Mon and Tues baseball (A-L Mar 3, M-Z Mar 4), Softball Thursday, Hold 7th for Catcher's Clinic.
- DRAFT SCHEDULE: - Sat, March 8 at 9:00 am for softball majors; 10 am softball AAA, 11:00 am Majors baseball. 1:00 pm AAA baseball.
- Can a makeup date be scheduled for Sat, Mar 8 from 4-8 for evaluations? That would push the draft to Sun, Mar 9 for snow date.
- Indoor practices start on March 10.
- Discussion about pitching and evaluations. Use March 2 training date for pitching evaluations. In order to be considered to pitch, must show up to pitching evaluation or or 4/7 Sunday academies to pitch before May 12. All prospective coaches are invited to Sunday clinics to observe players.
 - Softball Pitching eval is at Advanced. March 2.
 - Baseball pitching eval is at WWMS. March 2.
- Games start week of April 21. First game of season, April 21 for Majors/AAA.
- Farm/A/AA start practices begin April 21.
- AA first game is April 28.
- A/Farm first game is May 5.
- Opening weekend is April 25-27.

Coaches Clinic

- AB Athletics option is appealing.
- Coaches clinic should be around practice planning and drill-based practices.
- March 3 and 4; 5:30-7 and 7-8:30 Packet review for Majors and AAA. (opposite respective evaluations)
- March 6: softball coaches packet review and first aid
- March 1: coaches clinic for how to run a practice. See if AB Athletics can be available.

Round Table

- Sponsorships. Information to Maria. Most via email with a few exceptions who require postal mail. Must be followed up via phone as well.
 - Packet includes signage for stands. Mondo paid last year and it never went up. Need to look at sign sizes.
 - Priority is team sponsors right now.
 - Fan gear.

- Maria to come to Jan meeting with list of fundraisers interested in doing for the coming year.
- Cards are included with registration. Need to have available to give out with uniforms.
- Board members need to fill out volunteer applications prior to any training events. Must complete as Board members. We run complete background checks. Only seen by 2 people.
- Hubbard is winterized. Water drained and everything shut off. Fryolater has to be drained.
- Todd Turcotte is interested in being Director of Operations for the Board.

Old Business

- District meeting: no more than 2 people to go. January 13.

New Business

- Review By-laws before next board meeting. Check rules. On

Rob Newman motion to Adjourn at 10:00 pm