

Board of Directors Meeting

July 6, 2014

Present: Rob Newman, Greg Brooks, Anissa Ladd, Karen Warren, Denise Serrano, Dave Pawlak, Nick Mandeville, Matt Quinn, Seb Spada, Steve Thompson, Todd Turcotte

Absent: Wayne Roy, Maria Reimer, Steve Ladd

Agenda

President's Report - Anissa
Treasurer's Report and Financials - Karen
Summer Baseball - Matt
Fall Ball - Anissa
Fundraising Events
Golf Tournament - Matt
Concession and Operations - Todd
Scheduling and Umpires
All Star Tournament updates - Anissa
Roundtable

Minutes:

President's Report

- Thank you for assisting with tournaments and helping out.
- Still need an announcer for Thurs (7/10) evening.
- Ivette Hughes has resigned as Player Agent.

Treasurer

- June meeting minutes.

Nick motions to accept minutes, Greg accepts. Minutes approved.

- Karen provided an update on the financial status of the report. Summary overall to group with current financial report.

Nick motions to accept financial report, 9 accept and 1 abstain. Motion passes.

Summer Baseball

- 2 8U teams formed. First year doing this. About 8 or 9 towns including Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, Manchester, East Hartford, and Manchester.
- The league costs nothing to get in. Only have to provide baseballs and umpires.
- End of the season has a tournament. Trophies come from concession stands East Hartford, Cromwell, Portland, and Hartford.
- Plays Little League rules for league age 8 - steals, includes walks and no coach pitch. Play 4 outfielders.
- If successful, will consider opening up to older leagues and set earlier registration time.

Fall Ball

- Set registration and open registration for fall ball.
- Registration fee was \$100 last year and included 2 value cards.

Matt motions for fall ball registration fee to be \$80 with NO value cards. Seb seconds. Motion passes.

- Need sponsors this year. AAA and Majors. League age 8 plays as league age 9.

Matt motions for \$300 for fall ball sponsorship, Todd seconds. Motion passes.

- In 2013 - 2 majors and 2 minors for BB and 1 major and 1 minor for SB.
- Anissa will contact Wallingford and the District for baseball and softball. Dave will be point person for softball. Greg will be point person for baseball.
- Team composition
 - Softball will only have enough for one team. Composition not likely to be an issue.
 - Baseball - draft? A team/B team? Tryouts? Discussion about options and pros and cons.

Greg motions that teams will be made at discretion of President; Steve seconds. Discussion occurred. Greg amends motion to state that teams will be made at the discretion of Board; Rob seconds. Motion passes.

Fundraising

Golf Tournament

- Tuesday, August 5 at Indian Hill in Newington
- Scramble format.
- 2 registrations so far. (\$100 and \$400). (Both online and Karen to check to categorize income.)
- Board members asked to find golfers for event.
- Those not golfing are asked to volunteer.
- Tracy and Maria are seeking raffle volunteers.

Concession and Operations

- Approximately \$1300 in sales for All Stars
- Todd suggests that running it as MLL is not in our best interest. Need qualified cook selling quality product. Should we lease it out to someone to run it and then be paid commission?
- It is a considerable amount of work. There is a huge commitment of time.
- Pull together a Booster Club of sorts with a board rep/contact? How to move forward.

Scheduling and Umpires

- Umpire payments proceeding on schedule.
- Softball games have not been submitted. Likely to get a full invoice from ASA.

All-Star Tournament

- All baseball teams have been eliminated; softball still has a team in play.
- Discussed all-star tournament for all levels of play.
- Important to note number of all star teams mandated by numbers of players in league -
 - 11/12 divide by side of town - Moose and O'Rourke (2 teams required)
 - 9/10 (2 teams required - had a 9 yr old team and 10 yr old team - allows team to develop and come together as 10 year old team)
- Conversations about ways to strengthen recruiting and developing a vetting process for coaches/managers; include/require the Positive Coaching Alliance course?
- Discussion re ownership of batting cages arose. Board confirmed that MLL owns the batting cages and they are not the property of the city.

Roundtable

- Parking on road at Hubbard Park. Is there a way to enforce 15 feet on either side of entrance so cars can exit safely? Too many close calls. Anissa will ask the city.

***Motion to adjourn by Matt; seconded by Nick seconded .
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm***