

Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2016

Present: Greg Brooks, Matt Quinn, Mike Czerwonka, Karen Warren, Andrew Prestash, Brodi Santagata, Krista Santagata, Russ Cormier, Chris Duprey, John Devany, Kevin Ainsworth, Rob Newman

Absent: Steve Ladd

Guest: Randy Burlette

Agenda

Financial items

Softball

Rec committee grant meeting

Evaluations logistics

Managers/Volunteers

Equipment

Storage

Bylaws revisions

Sponsors

Financial Items

- Donation amount for Cardinal Softball. \$300. Post 75 - need to add \$30 for season pass per participant plus \$300 donation.
- W9 is now part of standard operating procedures for all umpires.
- Newly trained umpires work 5 free games at the bases and get Dick's gift card toward their equipment. Then eligible for pay.

Softball

- Jen Lane has had to take a leave of absence from the Board.
- VP Softball is currently vacant.
- Greg will be handling scheduling for softball.
- **Evaluations Feb 29 at RBI Sports Cromwell - 6:00-8:00.** Both Majors and AAA managers will do the evaluating and should be there for 2 hours. Will select their teams. The lower end teams will be developed by the Board the same as baseball.
 - Krista will handle check-in.
 - Volunteers needed to throw and hit. Rob, Matt and Russ will be there.

Rec Committee meeting

- Chris attended meeting on behalf of Board.
- Asked about Monarchs and explanation of portable mound. Confirmed no kids turned away.

Evaluations

- Waitlist will go into effect after Feb 21.
- Late 12 year olds are the challenge.
- 2 more emails are going out this week with dates.
- Majors coaches need to inform Board when a player quits so we can maintain 12 player teams.
- Concern about fitting in all 109 kids.

- **Major league baseball draft set for Feb 27 at 10 am.** 4 managers, Russ, Krista, and Andy will be present. Top 44 players from evaluations will be in major league draft.
 - Discussion about asking the league age 9 yr olds parents if they want their child evaluated for Majors.
 - Andy will contact those parents.
 - Also need to email parents of 7-8 year olds and let them know that it will be a later date.
 - Evaluators: Karen, John, Krista, Brodi, Chris, Mike, Russ, Andy
 - Coaches will be watching all the kids at once. Names called out as they come in.
 - Andy will handle check-in. Kevin will assist as well.
- **Ages 7-9 evaluations** will happen during the first two scheduled practice sessions. **March 7 and 8 from 5:30-7:15 at WWMS.**
 - Need check-in people and evaluators. Will be discussed on Mar 6 meeting.

Managers/Volunteers

- Majors managers: Greg, Scott Noska, Dana Wilson, and Rick Romano plus 5 assistants possible.
- AAA baseball - thus far 2 managers and 6 assistants.
- Lower levels will play out as teams are formed. 40 people have completed volunteer form for manager and assistant coaches.
- Russ has been monitoring registration and volunteer list. Contacting those who check the box on the registration..
- Softball majors and AAA each have 2 managers.
- Russ will send a list of kids registered who will be at evaluations to baseball managers.

Equipment Orders

- Met with Seb and got last year's order. Already placed order for hard goods and added some bags.
- Increased practice and hard balls.
- Need buckets. Andy will get at Home Depot.
- Would be preferable to have uniforms more organized this year.
- Ordered 10 more catchers' masks. 16 catchers' mitts. Shin guards for both sizes.
- Need "L" screens. Will source other than Billings.
- Coaches need to stop handing out game balls to the kids. Intended to last more than one game.
- Helmets donated from Dick's Sporting Goods.
- Talk about uniforms at March meeting.

Storage

- Andy secured a space in a heated facility. Full season. Will be moving stuff this week.
- 30' x 20' space.

By-Laws Revisions

- Remove local rules for softball as well.
- Time limit after 1 hr 45 mins. Inning does not start after 1:45 min. Coaches need to note the time. Agree on the 1 hr 45.
 - Time limit applies to baseball and softball all levels.
- Will vote on final by-laws at the next meeting.

Sponsors

- **Dick's appreciation day - March 20.**
- Cameron Plumbing and Heating signed up as sponsors.
- Goal is to have a sponsor for every team.
- Sponsoring major teams is first come/first serve.
- Sponsor needs for teams and golf tournament.
- On-line sponsor sign-up is working well..
- Email to board with a list of sponsors we are pursuing.
- Golf tournament will be **Tues, Aug 9th.**

Baseball Sunday Academy

- Feb 28 and March 6 location change to MHS. 10-12:30

Motion to adjourn Greg. Seconded by Mike.

Meeting adjourned 3:57 pm.

**Next meeting will be March 6 at 5PM
at Billings Sports on East Main St. in Meriden.**

Dinner will be provided.