

Thundercats Board Meeting

February 3, 2020

Brooke started the meeting at 5:08pm

In attendance:

President: Scott Strickland (not present: home sick)

Vice-President: Russell Allard

Secretary/Treasurer: Brooke Duchette

Board Members: Bryan Belanger (not present: Tiffany Hammond)

Public: Jason Duchette

Old Business:

--New officers have begun as of the new year, as listed above.

USA Softball--regional representative is Terry Warren (has John transferred this over to Scott?)

--Brooke inventoried and organized the shed. She ordered practice balls, a new backstop net, more softballs, score books, and a new tee, but not bats. We will reevaluate bats once the season starts.

Coaches and board members need to take Safe Sport and ACE certification trainings every year. Please submit certifications to Brooke as soon as you're completed. The league will pay for this training fee if a receipt is also submitted to Brooke. Use: Registerusasoftball.com

--Coaches for 2020:

We still need an 8U coach. We'll ask at registration night.

We have a 10U coach. Conrad Oldenburg and possibly Kim Tautenhan will help.

Jason Duchette, Scott Strickland, Russell Allard, and Bryan Belanger can coach 12U. We will possibly have enough girls for two 12U teams.

Jason Williams can coach 14U.

New Business:

--Softball/Baseball Registration night: We will find out tomorrow what the date of this will be. It is usually the first Wednesday in March from 6-7:30pm at PES, but Paula Tanner, of Thundercats Baseball, sets this up and will let us know. (We looked over our new registration form.)

We will bring uniform pants to registration night to try on. Brooke can also get a poster of the gear from Brown Graphix, we will be selling so we can get it out to families that night.

--Schedule: Scott and Brooke will be going to the game scheduling meeting in Franklin on March 25th. Scott will then schedule practice fields for teams (in Holderness, D&M, Ashland). We will practice on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 6-7:30pm. D&M fields are available after Spring Fling. Ashland fields as soon as the snow is gone.

--Brooke sent out over 40 sponsorship letters in January. We have received two back--one from Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank and one from Northeast Credit Union, who both want to sponsor a team. Last year we had 6+ sponsors. (Last year's sponsors were Phat Fish, 6 Burner Bistro, MVSB, BNH, WGSB, Main Street Station, and NHEC. They all sponsored enough for a team name and/or website, except Main St. Station also got a banner. We need to rehang the Main St. Station banner again after winter.)

Discussions by the Board:

--We need to make up flyers and distribute to schools in SAU 48, Ashland (won't distribute), and Lin-Wood at least. (We looked at the draft of the flyer.)

Ideas of places to post them: town offices, Shawnees, Post offices, Hannaford, Walmart, Dunkin Donuts, etc. We need people to distribute/post the flyers.

Russell will do Plymouth, Ashland, Campton, and Thornton.

Bryan will do Wentworth, Warren, and Rumney.

Jason will do Lincoln and Woodstock.

Brooke will print them and get them to these people.

--Gym time: Can we get a gym (Ashland or Rumney) to get practices in earlier than the end

of April when we can possibly get on the fields?

Jason will try to get the Rumney gym set up for us for the three weeks in April before vacation. He'll do Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8pm. This will be practice for all teams except 8U. We will hopefully start our season indoors in April (earlier than the past) and then go outdoors as soon as fields are ready.

--Lincoln has a tournament in May/June---maybe our 12U or 14U could be in that tournament.

--What about team size? Should we have a cutoff for the number of girls on a team? It's not fair to the girls to have 17-18+ on a team because they can't all play as much as we'd like. We will discuss this after registrations come out.

Next Meeting: In March after our registration night, but before the scheduling meeting. We'll try for Monday, March 9 or 16 at 5pm.

Meeting Adjourned 5:55pm