

Thundercats Board Meeting

November 25, 2019

Brooke started the meeting at 5:05pm

In attendance:

President: John Keller

Vice-President: Scott Strickland

Secretary/Treasurer: Brooke Duchette

Board Members: Russell Allard, (not present: Bill Gauthier, Hannah Joyce, Scott Fields)

Public: Bryan Belanger

New Business:

John made a motion that we get nomination for positions. He has moved and is stepping down as president.

Brooke nominated Scott Strickland for president. Brooke nominated Russell Allard for Vice President. Brooke put it out there that someone else could take on secretary or treasurer if they want but she'll also continue. John nominated Brooke to be secretary and treasurer. John nominated Tiffany Hammond and Bryan Belanger as a board members.

The ballot:

President: Scott Strickland

Vice President: Russell Allard

Secretary: Brooke Duchette

Treasurer: Brooke Duchette

Board members: Bryan Belanger, Bill Gauthier, John Keller, Hannah Joyce, Tiffany Hammond

If there are no contested positions, John, president, has requested that the secretary cast a ballot in 30 days for those positions.

Discussions by the Board:

--USA Softball: We will continue with USA softball so we can field teams with players from anywhere as long as they are registered with USA softball. John will transfer to the new president. Terry Warren is our regional representative.

--Website: We'd like to abandon it because it's so old and not user-friendly, but will probably hold off.

--Need Coaches for 2020:

Need a 8U coach. Ask: Dan King? Colon/Thibeault family?

Need a 10U coach. Ask: Hammonds? Oldenburgs? Burr? Palombo? Hamnett?

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

Jason Williams can coach 14U.

16U or 18U? We haven't had the numbers for these teams so we'll have to see what the interest is.

John Keller would like to roster a 18+ team. He's looking at June/July tournaments.

*All coaches (and board members) need to go onto USA softball to take the ACE certification and get a background check. You just sign on and affiliate with our team. We'll pay for it. Ask for reimbursement from us. Coaches need a coaching certificate too.

--Registration night: Reach out to Paula Tanner about this year's date. Last year was on March 6th from 6-7:30pm at PES. Do we have a date this year? Brooke will reach out about this, but we will need help that night.

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

Registration night: Bring uniform pants to try on, bring gear to see so we can sell some for season.

--Sponsorship letters go out in January. Last year's sponsors were Phat Fish, 6 Burner Bistro, MVSB, BNH, WGSB, Main Street Station, and NHEC. Brooke will work on these.

Last year they all sponsored enough for a team name and/or website, except Main St. Station also got a banner. We need to rehang up the Main St. Station banner again after winter.

--Gym time: Do we want to do winter workouts?

No one has the time to do this, but John made an offer for his area: He'd meet girls at Concord Sports Center and run them through the batting cages, but it'd be \$50/hour for the space. The girls could split the cost for that, but unfortunately he can't commit to gym time up here.

--Scheduling? Last year, we scheduled fields for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday nights. D&M fields after Spring Fling. Ashland fields as soon as the snow is gone. John went to a scheduling meeting in Franklin on March 27th to schedule games. 8-10-12U were scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, Friday. John will send us the email when he hears about this year's scheduling.

--Uniforms: We used Brown Graphix last year and will again this year.

--Equipment needed? John said catchers gear is new from last year. We have plenty of helmets. We need some larger bats for older girls. We will go to www.bats.com for those. We need some 10" game balls. Check what we have, we should have at least 6 boxes of 11" balls. We also need new books for every team. Brooke will go to the storage unit and check inventory and make an order.

Next Meeting: We'll post the date online and email it out once we have a date. It will most likely be in January.

Meeting Adjourned 5:50pm