

Columbia Hot Stove Minutes

Date: 8/20/15

Called to Order: 7:00 by Tim

Attendance:

Present: Tim, Dan, Valerie, Sean, Matt, Doug

Absent: Gina, Sandy, Adrienne

Others in Attendance: 1

Minutes from July, 2015 meeting were approved

Board Reports -

Treasurer (Gina): Valerie presented the Treasurer's report on Gina's behalf. Current balance is \$11,203.29. Deposits made this month included the unused umpire payments and money made on selling the regional t-shirts. We made \$185 profit on the t-shirts. Gina will have a complete breakdown of the umpire fees at the next meeting.

Boys Travel (Dan): County meeting is this Sunday. He cannot attend, Doug will attend on our behalf.

Girls Travel (Valerie): Scott Sedlock held a mini softball clinic last Saturday. Only 9 girls total attended. Would like to see more next year. The next County meeting is August 30th.

Umpires/Schedules (Doug Long): The tournament went well. Having 5 sites for regionals was challenging in terms of getting umpires for all games. One of our student umps received high compliments from a coach during an I game. The coach called the County to tell them how good he was. The County watched him and invited him to do a Regional game. State officials watched that game and invited him to do an I game at State...only to find out you have to be 18 to ump a state game. Proud of our young ump! Overall, the season went well. We need to consider a raise in our umpire fees. Doug proposed a \$5 increase. This is tabled until next month. Tim asked Doug about a kid not getting called to ump at all. Doug stated that the kid in question never attended either of his meetings and that he tells all umps to contact him if they're not getting called enough.

Concession Stand (Adrienne): Sean reported for Adrienne – The fridge has been moved out by the Boosters on 8/19 to borrow for the fall season. We have a signed letter in place that it will be returned in the same condition and they are responsible for any damage or problems while in their possession. The stand is winterized, a lot was purged.

Equipment (Matt): Frustrating that all equipment is still not turned in. So far, the following teams have turned in equipment: Schulke, Ballachino, Milluzzi, Pring & Peabody. Dan and Valerie will contact managers.

Uniforms/Sponsorship (Sean): A few of the extra "D" pants were returned by Coach Berg, not all.

Old Business:

- Dan has not yet heard back from Columbia Fence about batting cages.

New Business:

- September Elections: President – Tim is done, Dan will run; 2nd VP/Girls Travel – Valerie will run; Treasurer – Gina nominated by Dan, needs to accept or reject the nomination; Uniforms – Sean is undecided if he will run; Head Umpire – Doug will run. Sandy will advertise elections on our website, Facebook and in the Rural Urban.
- Survey: Sandy sent over a general list of questions/topics to cover. Board discussed. Topics are good. Need to have a rating scale (5 pt. Type scale) instead of open-ended questions. The rating scale will allow us to see a rank order of what membership views are of most importance. What we are doing well and what we need to improve on. Also, this is easier to review than reading every single answer. We should have one open-ended "comments" section at the end. We need to include some sort of disclaimer that this is to help

the Board decide the order of importance of various areas and does not mean we will be able to meet all suggestions/requests. Discussion of whether we should just do a manager's survey via email vs. SurveyMonkey, or will that affect honest answers as it would not be anonymous?

Correspondence:

- None

Open Discussion:

- None

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17th, 7 pm at Town Hall

Adjourned: 7:49 PM