

Columbia Hot Stove Minutes

Date: 2/18/16

Called to Order: 7:00 by Dan

Attendance:

Present: Dan, Doug, Taylor, Gina, Sandy, Matt, Melanie, Zak, Adrienne

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: 3

Minutes from January, 2016 meeting are delayed

Board Reports -

Treasurer (Gina): Current balance is \$10,465.53. Recent purchases: Jacket for former President, phone bills, copies, printer ink, faceguards, batting helmets, chin straps, rodent removal for shed, supplies for Lorain County meeting, electric grill, vinyl door sweep. Some registration money has come in. Report was approved.

Boys Travel (Doug): County meeting went well, was held here. Baseball order was already done- had to approximate. Farm/I – 13,14 games. Wednesdays after school ends and Saturdays. Coach Scharf was asked for input and requested earlier games – managers can always reschedule games. HH & up will begin 4/30. State has asked how to make Hot Stove better. They are trying a change to tournament draw with all team being seeded- trying with just EE/E this year and will see how it goes. Need to declare teams in February, rosters in March. There will be no PCA done countywide

Girls Travel (Taylor): Valerie is to forward most recent OGSO information

Umpires/Schedules (Zak): Umpire clinics; 2/28 at Medina HS. 1st 3 Sundays in March at Elyria American Legion, 1-5. Zak will host an umpire mechanic's clinic on 4/16 at 4 pm.

Concession Stand (Adrienne): Stand is closed. Adrienne has a tentative date to get the ice cream freezer from Sam (and signs). The fridge is back from the High School, but can't test it without electricity. Food License application has been submitted.

Equipment (Matt): Matt applied and was approved for a fielder's mask program. We received a bunch of masks for free, will need to complete surveys to remain in the program. Equipment was ordered based on last year's numbers. Since we are down, we may have some extras. May need bats next year. Will need to do softball order soon.

Uniforms/Sponsorship (Melanie): Township has approved banners on fences. Discussed sponsors for teams and who we will ask about banners. Will not be doing hair bows for the girls, maybe headbands.

Old Business:

- Dirt for fields – Jason Friscone is donating dirt for the fields and lasers needed to crown fields. Township must approve the dirt. We need to provide the equipment to move the dirt.
- Field Maintenance – Sandy will place an ad for an employee. Need to draw up a job description.
- Fundraiser – Eagles will not likely work for us – have to cater ourselves. Gina will look into Grindstone and Razzles. Scheduling for 4/23
- Madness tournament is confirmed June 17-19. As of now, we will host all 12u teams. Tournament will run all day Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Township will not allow us to charge for parking. Can we get a portion of tourney entry fees from Madness as now Concessions are our only income? Need to talk to school about using MS parking lot. Use website for volunteers for the weekend.
- Discussion of how to handle concession stand volunteers. Teams need to have a "team parent" to communicate with Board members regarding concession stand, fundraiser, etc.

New Business:

- Much registration discussion. Numbers are all over the place. Decision was made to reopen GG, HH, and I for boys and Farm and A for girls. (D will remain open) These teams would be better with a few more players, will allow us to do some moving around of players as needed to balance out teams. Will send out correspondence through school – first come, first served to sign up. B girls are too big, 16. There is nowhere to move them to, as we have no C team. Do not feel there is any way we would get the 6-7 girls needed to form another team, all returning players have signed up. Will release Midview player and last 2 players that signed up. Gina to send this correspondence as refunds need to be processed and Sandy has a player on the team.
- Yard Signs (with player name, number) may be an easy fundraiser
- Tournament bid draft presented

Correspondence:

- Only registration questions

Open Discussion:

- None

Next Meeting: March 17, 2016, 7 PM, Town Hall

Adjourned: 9: 25 pm