

Columbia Hot Stove Minutes

Date: 2/16/17

Called to Order: 7:02 pm by Dan

Attendance:

Present: Dan, Josh, Taylor, Keli, Matt, Melanie, Tony, Gina (late), Megan (late)

Absent: N/A

Others in Attendance: N/A

January 2017 meeting minutes and addendum were approved.

NOTE: Megan Hart and Tony Ballachino were voted as Concession Stand Director and Head Umpire/Field Scheduler respectively on February 6, 2017.

Board Reports -

Treasurer (Gina): Ending balance for January 2017 was \$13,014.57; transactions included a registration net credit of \$569.94. Gina submitted the necessary form and payment to the county for the Concession Stand. Jeff Corrigan will be doing the taxes again this year.

Boys Travel (Josh): Josh met with Doug to obtain information necessary to perform responsibilities. Josh will submit bid for county tournament at the next county meeting on Sunday February 19th.

Girls Travel (Taylor): The county is looking for individuals to represent classes B & C as well as treasurer, if anyone is interested. Taylor submitted a bid for the county tournament. Taylor also indicated that Umpire Clinics will be held March 5th, 12th and 19th in Elyria; Keli will submit an article in the Rural Urban to promote the clinic.

Umpires/Schedules (Tony): Tony talked to Doug to obtain information necessary to perform responsibilities.

Concession Stand (Megan): Megan requested Gina to obtain tax exemption for three retailers and she obtained information from Josh so that she could continue making progress on pricing goods and creating the menu. Megan will price a popcorn machine to possibly purchase for the stand.

Equipment (Matt): Matt had nothing to report.

Uniforms/Sponsorship (Melanie): The Board voted for the uniform of choice on January 26th (via text/email). Melanie presented 3 bids from vendors that would work with us to have player's try-on and select sizes at their location; Ryco, Cal Sales and Gearin'Up. After extensive conversation, the Board voted on Cal Sales. A communication will be sent to registered players as soon as possible advising them on the try-on process.

Old Business:

- Jeff Jump and Hot Stove met with the township on the 15th to discuss options for repairing the fields. The township refused our request to put a clay base down but approved our request to use dirt to fill in the fields and extend the infield on Field D (dirt purchased will need to be approved by Mr. Rundle). The township will provide employee resources and equipment if needed, however they do not have any funds towards the repairs this year. Because the township declined the use of clay, the board can only do a temporary repair to the fields (dirt).
- Registration is still low even though we have posted reminders on social media and ensured the article was in the RUR. Megan volunteered to set up a table at the middle school on Saturday the 18th for several hours during basketball to guide parents on the registration process and/or field questions. Josh and Taylor will send a reminder email about the upcoming deadline to last year's managers.
- Eriq expressed interest in the vacant field maintenance manager and will work with Dan to firm up details.
- Dan spoke to Mark about establishing a contract for the Madness Tournament.

- Melanie and Gina are making progress with securing sponsors.
- Keli provided information on the planning efforts for the fundraiser, specifically the menu, venue and communication plan. Keli will submit an article in the RUR to promote the fundraiser and post a message on the website. Megan will create and print the tickets. Gina will secure the DJ.

New Business:

- The township recommended that several fences be repaired. The township will position outhouses and trash receptacles in the park prior to the start of season. Trustees also reminded Hot Stove to notify Rita of any/all events we schedule in the park (park clean up, tournaments, etc.). Keli will notify Rita once a comprehensive list is collected.
- Dan reminded the board to keep expenses to a minimum, especially since we need to purchase dirt for the fields without township contributions.

Correspondence:

- Tony sent a message to Dan regarding the Head Umpire position; Eriq sent a message to Dan regarding Field Manager position
- Keli is fielding a number of emails/phone calls from parents with registration questions.
- The Brunswick sent a second request to rent fields; again, we agreed that we could not accommodate this request and Keli will respond to the coach.

Open Discussion:

- Matt voiced his concerns about the outcome of the meeting we had with the township.

Adjourned: 8:33 pm

Next Meeting: March 16, 2017 @ 7:00 pm