

Columbia Hot Stove Minutes

Date: 1/14/16

Called to Order: 7:08 by Dan

Attendance:

Present: Dan, Doug, Valerie, Gina, Sandy, Matt, Melanie, Zak

Absent: Adrienne

Others in Attendance: 0

Minutes from November, 2015 meeting were approved

Board Reports -

Treasurer (Gina): Current balance is \$10,844.24. Gina reviewed both November and December activity. Paid out for phone bills, donation to CYF for Autism fundraiser, purchase of girls catchers gear, boys catchers gear and helmets, gift card for Tim and coaches' Christmas party. Received 3 registrations in December and paid out the credit card fees. Report was approved.

Boys Travel (Doug): No meeting since we met last. Next meeting is 1/24 in Columbia. We should provide food. Decided on pizza, cookies and pop. Gina will order, one of us will bring/pick-up since Gina will be out of town. Expect 30-40 people. Still waiting to hear on PCA alliance with County.

Girls Travel (Valerie): November meeting was very short, nothing to report. State will vote on rule changes this month.

Umpires/Schedules (Zak): Nothing to report

Concession Stand (Adrienne): No report from Adrienne. Still do not have ice cream freezer from Sam. Sandy will reach out again as she still needs the registration signs. Discussed again the stand being open for every game, grilling for tournaments and on Saturdays. Board voted unanimously to purchase a grill.

Equipment (Matt): Matt showed us the new catchers gear and boys helmets. They look great and he got some good deals on them. The Board is excited to display these at our uniform try-ons and put them to use this season. Matt is still looking into tarp prices

Uniforms/Sponsorship (Melanie): Melanie brought a boys' sample jersey – we are all very pleased with the look. We will not be using sponsor's actual logos this year – they would not show well on the digital camo jersey. The shirts will say Columbia with the Sponsor name in the “swoosh” underneath. Sample uniforms will be ready for try-on. Melanie is still looking into socks and hair ties for the girls. Gina will be assisting with sponsorship since she handled that last year.

Old Business:

- Dirt for fields – will need to jump on this when the weather improves.
- Registration – 12 registered players so far. Forms going home with all K-8 students tomorrow. Sandy will contact the township for the Wi-Fi password to use for manual registrations at try-on and to enter uniform sizes. As of now, all players can only register for the age group that their birthday qualifies them for. We can make a note of any “play up” requests and Doug/Valerie will determine after registration is complete based on numbers.
- Fundraiser – Gina was unable to reach Brandon from Bootlegger's. Also discussed with various members and they prefer an evening fundraiser. That was very successful last year, probably should not change it. Gina will look into closer venues than Scoundrel's (now Grindstone Tap House). Possibly the Columbia Ballroom. Target date is April 23rd.

- Madness tournament is confirmed June 17-19. As of now, we will host all 12u teams. Tournament will run all day Friday, Saturday, Sunday. We need to meet with the township to discuss charging for parking. Should reserve pavilions. Need to talk to the school about using the MS/Copopa parking lot.
- Discussed hosting our own tournament – decided that will have to wait until next year.
- Lotto fundraiser. Should start selling soon. Sell through June and run for July and August.

New Business:

- Park Clean-Up: Saturday, April 9th. April 16th is back up date
- Need to hire a field maintenance person. Sandy to advertise in Rural Urban

Correspondence:

- Registration inquiries
- Thank You from Tim

Open Discussion:

- Dan said thank you for a great start to this season already – new website, uniform changes, new equipment – we are on the right track
- Sandy will work on bid for boys' tournaments. July 2/3 will be play-in, likely EE/E, July 9/10 will be the big weekend for districts, July 16/17 will be regionals – possible we could be the main site.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2016, 7 PM, Town Hall

Adjourned: 8:41 pm