

Columbia Hot Stove Minutes

Date: 1/19/17

Called to Order: 7:05 pm by Dan

Attendance:

Present: Dan, Doug, Gina, Keli, Matt, Josh, Taylor (late)

Absent: Melanie

Others in Attendance: Brian Menge

November 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

Board Reports -

Treasurer (Gina): Ending balance for November 2016 was \$12,082.06; November transactions included a variety of equipment totaling \$999.49 and miscellaneous items (gifts/card for Sandy and printer ink) totaling \$216.60. Ending balance for December 2016 was \$12,477.63; December debit activity includes the November/December 2016 Verizon bills totaling \$45.42, billing fees of \$12.24 for registration transactions, reimbursement to Keli of \$95.55 for making copies of registration handouts and a charge of \$130 for the annual holiday party bill; credit transactions (deposits) for December registration payments totaled \$678.78.

Boys Travel (Doug): We will be hosting the County meeting on Sunday January 22nd @ 5:00 pm; Doug asked Gina to pick up snacks/food/refreshments to provide to attendees. Topics for county meeting will include making changes to the tournament draw (eliminating random selecting), using same rules in season as tournaments for Class I and extending the cutoff to age 19 before June 1st for Class E.

Girls Travel (Taylor): The County meeting was moved from January 22nd to the 29th. (Update provided by text to Dan on 1/19/17)

Umpires/Schedules (Open, Doug reporting): Doug indicated that there will be a one-day “refresher” umpire class from 1-4 pm in Medina on February 26th and three-day course for “new” umpires in Elyria from 1-4 pm on March 5th, 12th and 19th.

Concession Stand (Josh): Menu and prices will change this season.

Equipment (Matt): Matt painted the bases. He’s still reviewing current equipment to confirm if we need additional items (ex: umpire gear and softball catcher’s mitts). Matt (and Dan) will perform basic service on the gators (tires, oil change, etc).

Uniforms/Sponsorship (Melanie): N/A

Old Business:

- Field (dirt) conditions: We will attend a meeting, along with Mr. Jump (Columbia Athletic Director) with the Township on February 15th to discuss necessary repairs to the fields (clay base and dirt). Dan asked all board members to provide ideas on talking points during that meeting (what is needed, how to get it done, who should do it, when it needs to be done, costs etc.)
- Fundraiser: Date set for April 8th. We voted to have the fundraiser at the Columbia Eagles; Keli will start pricing catering establishments.
- Sign-ups: At the time of the meeting we have approximately 15 players registered; expect registration to spike after other sports seasons wind down. We will push reminders out using social media and word of mouth.

New Business:

- Finalize Uniforms: Melanie will provide uniform options to us via email so we can agree on styles. Once we agree on uniforms, Melanie will obtain pricing from a number of vendors.
- Vote on uniform vendor: We will vote for the uniform vendor via text/email by end January.
- Sponsorship: We need to solicit last year's sponsors by end of month and fill gaps where needed.
- Field use outside Hot Stove teams: Brian Menge attended the meeting to request field use for his traveling team; he indicated he will pay the established fee per game, will fill concession services during his games as well as during hot stove games, will participate/contribute to the Hot Stove fundraiser and understands that Hot Stove field/date schedules will take priority over his schedule. A contract will be drawn up with the agreed upon terms and signed by Brian and Dan.
- Madness Tournament: We will host this tournament again in June; signed contract will be drawn up with agreed upon terms between the Tournament director and Hot Stove.
- Field Maintenance coordinator: we need to fill this position; will ask last year's coordinator before soliciting others for the position.
- Head Umpire/Scheduler: we need to fill this position; will ask last year's umpire before soliciting others for the position.

Correspondence:

- Brunswick travel coach inquired about renting our fields in March/April; replied that we were not able to accommodate this request.

Open Discussion:

- Doug placed a number of new/used baseballs in the storage shed that Matt will distribute to the teams this season.
- We discussed establishing specific email addresses assigned to each role so communications don't need to go through personal email addresses.

Adjourned: 8:13 pm

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