

Columbia Hot Stove Minutes

Date: 7/27/15

Called to Order: 7:02 by Tim

Attendance:

Present: Tim, Gina, Sandy, Dan, Valerie, Sean, Matt

Absent: Doug, Adrienne

Others in Attendance: 1

Minutes from June, 2015 meeting were approved

Board Reports -

Treasurer (Gina): Gina presented the June 2015 Treasurer report. Current balance is \$10,353.02. Recent activity—umpire payments, field maintenance payments, concessions, background checks, field maintenance supplies, last uniform payment, phone bill. Eriq was paid his \$3200 salary for the season today. Doug has been paid as well. Going forward, Gina will redeposit umpire money for all cancelled games. July regular season and Tournament concession profits are still to be deposited.

Boys Travel (Dan): County meeting was last Sunday. Two proposed rule changes are going to state: courtesy runner for catchers at any time and 5 coaches for I League. Overall, County is very happy with how the season went.

Girls Travel (Valerie): Next meeting is not until September. For next year – we need to use the OGSO release form for players from outside our area. The County does not require an age release form, but we still want this.

Umpires/Schedules (Doug Long): Some State Championship games were postponed from yesterday due to rain, so Doug had to go back to Alliance to ump a game. No report.

Concession Stand (Adrienne): Closed for the season. Not much was left over. Anything left will be sold to Columbia Youth Basketball or Boosters. Pam is returning some unopened product. Stand is not winterized yet. We need to get the ice cream freezer back (stored at Demagall's currently). Learned this year that the pop cooler is not needed, but opening the freezer often thaws the ice cream. Removing the pop cooler leaves room for the ice cream freezer. Two managers refused to respond/have their teams work the stand. Should they be allowed to manage again?? Discussed ideas for next year – how to hold families accountable, not opening all day on Saturdays (cannot), should we allow families to pay vs. work in the stand. Discussion will be ongoing.

Equipment (Matt): Only 3 coaches have returned their equipment so far. Matt will follow up. We need a good inventory of what we have, condition, what is needed. HS tarps are in our barn for now. Matt worked on cleaning up the barn. About ½ of the dirt ordered this year remains – we need to fill in low spots this fall. We need a schedule for maintaining fields (with dirt) going forward. We need to work with the township on this.

Uniforms/Sponsorship (Sean): Discussed the D team pants: They were initially ordered with a green logo and they wear red jerseys. We reordered red logo pants and passed them out to the team, however we have not gotten the green logo (unworn, can be used for next year) pants back as of yet. Valerie will follow up with the manager. Discussed uniforms for next year – will continue to discuss in off season. Overall, we want to provide less choice.

Old Business:

- Tournaments went well. It is worth being a host site. We hope to have Regional final games in the future.
- Kelly Milluzzi has the plaques for the sponsors – Gina will pass out. Susan Trujillo commented that while she thought the pictures were great this year, Kelly did not offer a plaque for purchase as was available in prior years. We suggested she talk to Kelly – she may still be able to do them for her.
- Dan is getting quotes for batting cages.

- We need to talk to Sam Demagall to arrange getting the pop cooler, registration signs and last year's uniform samples.

New Business:

- Discussed bonus for tournaments for our field maintenance employee, Eriq. While we all agreed that Eriq did a great job this season, it was also pointed out that he was umpiring during tournaments and Tim was doing a good amount of field prep. Board approved a \$400 bonus.
- Sandy suggested we look into the procedure for bidding on the girls' tournaments. Valerie will inquire at County meeting.
- Elections will be in September. Nominations will be accepted starting at the August meeting. Sandy will advertise the following open positions at least 2 weeks prior to the elections: President, 2nd V.P./Girls Travel, Treasurer, Uniforms/Sponsorship and Head Umpire/Field Scheduler.

Correspondence:

- None

Open Discussion:

- Sending out a survey was discussed during the season – need to work on putting this together now. Sandy and Gina will work on this prior to the August meeting. Areas to include – what would make Hot Stove better? What can we do to get you more involved? Concession stand pricing, uniforms, fields, equipment, etc. Gina said we should also provide some information (not necessarily through the survey) on where the \$7000 we made at the fundraiser was spent.
- Susan Trujillo said that managers need to rotate players in more often. Some players never get to play an entire game. Discussed that we don't want to micro-manager the coaches and how players attitude, effort and skill level can affect play time. We walk a fine line without having "town ball" in our community and being a participation league yet trying to remain competitive.
- Suggestion to ask Kelly Milluzzi if she can take photos at tournaments.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 20th, 7 pm at Town Hall