

## **Columbia Hot Stove Minutes**

**Date:** 6/28/15

**Called to Order:** 6:59 pm by Tim

**Attendance:**

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: 4

Minutes from May, 2015 meeting were approved

### **Board Reports -**

**Treasurer (Gina):** Gina presented the May 2015 Treasurer report. Current balance is \$13,338.38. Recent activity—background checks, team fees, supplies, umpire payments, concession stand purchases, uniform invoices paid.

**Boys Travel (Dan):** There have been 2 County meetings since our last meeting. The County was generally pleased with teams getting games in despite the weather. Discussion about tournament teams playing in Hot Stove.

**Girls Travel (Valerie):** Nothing from the County level. B, C & D have all had issues dealing with other teams – lack of communication, canceling games, etc.

**Umpires/Schedules (Doug Long):** Going well overall. One issue where a manager did not confirm a makeup game so no umps were scheduled. Only Farm Minor has had single umps.

**Concession Stand (Adrienne):** Cheese machine is repaired. There was a recall, so we got the part for free and Sean fixed it. Need some sort of ramifications for parents who no-show and teams that refuse to work (one team has done this). The pop cooler has been a non-issue, so it is not necessary to replace it. Slushy machine does not work correctly, will need repair or a new one. Passed health inspection. Discussion from members present about raising registration fee and then paying parents to work in the stand. Other options discussed. Will table until the off season.

**Equipment (Matt):** Matt Sorensen is the new equipment manager. Appointed by Tim and approved by the Executive Committee via virtual vote. Lines have been burned on all the fields. Adler bill finally came – they did not give the promised discount. We have extra base anchors and plugs. Suggestion to buy 1 base set each year and rotate them out. More dirt is needed on the fields in spots and on A mound before tournaments. Drag is still working but needs repair almost daily. Will need a new one next year. Catchers gear is needed at all divisions. Sylvio Milluzzi said new helmets are needed. We need to do an inventory of everything we have/need.

**Uniforms/Sponsorship (Sean):** Uniform order is complete. Had to reorder pants for Vitamix. They are red, pants came with green logo. We can reuse these pants next year. Invoices should go to Sean first to review/check against his records. We have ordered things not being used – coaches shirts/hats, etc. Discussed how to avoid that. Discussed recycling uniforms, etc. Tabled till off season.

### **Old Business:**

- The Road Signs are up!
- Revised By-Laws were accepted.

### **New Business:**

- High School asked about fixing/replacing foul poles and mound on A. Sean suggested HS baseball coach (Justin Ramsey) attend a Hot Stove meeting so we can discuss. We should encourage teams to rake the mound after each game.

- Discussion of priorities: Fields are concave and need a lot of dirt. Hot Stove, Township and HS all need to work together. Mike Morgan asked about using an aerator machine. Dirt needs to be added in the fall so it settles in. Need equipment and manpower to do this
- Dan mentioned some sponsors have asked about batting cages. Can we have sponsors advertising on the fences? Need to look into
- Sandy mentioned a heated argument between two parents at a B game that she had to break up.
- Tim mentioned on C field, there is a garden for Gavyn Lucas. He witnessed kids stomping on the flowers. We should all be watching out for these memorials.
- Tournaments: We have 11 games on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 11 games on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 10 games on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Also, 2 Farm Minor games on 7/2 and 2 EE/E games on 7/5. Need new brooms and paint, those will be purchased. 20 Staff shirts were purchased. We will be selling County tournament shirts. Umpire area will be pavilion by barn – Sean will reserve this. We will use regular tarps on C field. Quote from Hank Proctor is expensive.

**Correspondence:**

- Our certified letter to the GG family was returned – she refused to pick it up or schedule redelivery. Dan said there are still attitudes from the players but no big issues. It was decided to let this go for now, if there is a further problem, she will be informed that by ignoring the certified letter, she ignored their warning and they will be banned from the league.

**Open Discussion:**

- None

**Next Meeting:** To be Announced

**Adjourned: 8:50 pm**