

## **Columbia Hot Stove Minutes**

**Date:** 3/17/16

**Called to Order:** 7:04 by Dan

**Attendance:**

Present: Dan, Doug, Gina, Sandy, Matt, Melanie, Adrienne

Absent: Taylor, Zak

Others in Attendance: None

Minutes from January, 2016 and February, 2016 meetings were approved.

### **Board Reports -**

**Treasurer (Gina):** Current balance is \$19,752.91. Recent transactions: Registrations and Sponsorships received. PO Box and Food License renewals, reimbursement to Doug and Gina for food for January meeting, office supplies for Gina, fundraiser tickets and help wanted ad for field maintenance. Report was approved.

**Boys Travel (Doug):** County Meeting is this Sunday. HH/H will start 5/2, playing 3 Saturdays. GG/G will start 4/30. F is unknown. F – metal cleats allowed, no chin straps required. Umpire classes finish this Sunday. Payton Krase has attended from Columbia. Doug has 100% of background checks and concussion certificates!! Rosters are complete and signed. Fees are due at this meeting. \$230 for Farm/I, \$250 for HH-G, \$280 for F. Gina will get Doug a check. Doug will not be able to make our April meeting (out of town). County managers meeting 4/23.

**Girls Travel (Taylor):** Taylor was not in attendance. County meeting is this Sunday.

**Umpires/Schedules (Zak):** Zak was not in attendance. Doug reported Zak will be holding an umpires clinic in Columbia on 4/23. Zak is working on the field scheduling calendar for practices. Target date to have up and running is April 4. Board voted on umpire fees: D \$50/game (set by state), F \$45/game, GG/B \$40/game, H/A \$35/game, all Farm \$30/game. Discussed various methods of paying umpires such as out of the concession stand, via managers, etc. Will discuss with managers and finalize decision at later date

**Concession Stand (Adrienne):** Stand is closed. Still do not have ice cream cooler from Sam. Adrienne has been researching healthier and new choices. Go-Gurt, juice, etc. Will ask Athletic Boosters to again borrow Popcorn Machine. Discussed pizza – may not be feasible/cost-efficient to have delivered. Will look into frozen pizzas. Discussed that we cannot prepare food – such as meat for walking tacos. We don't have commercial equipment for this. Adrienne will prepare a draft menu with pricing for next meeting. Discussed having a hospitality tent for umpires during tourneys rather than food out of the stand.

**Equipment (Matt):** We have 18 new 12" softballs and that's it for softballs. Completed Softball order for Taylor and Sandy will forward to her for the county meeting. Only manager without equipment yet is Kurt Boey (he came later during the meeting to pick it up). Need to order Field Dry and chalk. Field Drag is likely OK for this year. Receiving positive feedback on new equipment and bags.

**Uniforms/Sponsorship (Melanie):** Banners are on hold until sponsorship is wrapped up. We have 100% of uniform sizes except for D team. All have been submitted to Joel except D. Sponsors are all lined up, need payment from a few. Girls will be getting black headbands printed with Columbia in green. Boys will have standard hats. Dan reported that in the future we can order anything through the High School (Under Armour) at 45% discount.

### **Old Business:**

- Dirt for fields – Dan is to meet with Bobby Rundle. We will do some touch up work now and really add a lot of dirt in the fall.
- Field Maintenance – Ad ran for two weeks. Received two responses, but neither replied once sent the Job requirements and expectations. Doug has a guy (Joe) who might be interested, but may still be in college

until 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May. Can we make that work? Other ideas – advertise on our Facebook page, Employment page for Lorain County, high school

- Yard Signs as fundraiser – Adrienne is working on this
- Fundraiser – Scheduled for 4/23 6-9 pm at Razzles. 230 tickets have been mailed out (26 are free to sponsors and emcee). Team parents to collect money or unused tickets from families. Basket themes have been sent out. Board voted that Board members (all working the fundraiser) will attend for free and spouses/guests at cost only. Discussed inviting Lorain County Hot Stove board – Doug will discuss and gauge interest and we will decide if we will give free tickets.
- Madness tournament June 17-19. Adrienne will be out of town. Sandy will talk with Superintendent Bansek about using the Copopa/CMS lot for parking (no parking fees)
- Field Clean Up Day – Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Rain Date April 16<sup>th</sup>. Sandy to send out email with team field assignments
- Registration – is complete other than D team. Sandy has asked for registrations for D team by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Uniform order will need to be placed. 2 families have outstanding payment – emails have been sent. 1 family did not recognize the charge and disputed. Bank decided in our favor, but \$35 charge applies. Will ask the family to handle this.

**New Business:**

- Columbia Managers meeting (Boys) set for April 2 at 5 pm. All Board members who are able should attend.

**Correspondence:**

- Only registration questions

**Open Discussion:**

- None

**Next Meeting:** April 21, 2016, 7 PM, Town Hall

**Adjourned:** 8:47 pm