

Columbia Hot Stove Minutes

Date: 3/9/17

Called to Order: 6:15 pm by Dan

Attendance:

Present: Dan, Josh, Taylor, Keli, Matt, Melanie, Tony, Gina, Megan

Absent: N/A

Others in Attendance: N/A

February 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

Board Reports -

Treasurer (Gina): Prior to this meeting, Gina received a final bank statement from First Merit that included only a partial cycle therefore the budget report was incomplete for February; Gina received the Huntington statement for the remaining portion of the account cycle at the meeting and indicated she'll revise the report and distribute to the board after the meeting.

Boys Travel (Josh): Josh provided a recap from the last county meeting which included division fees, approximate date of the first game, number of games for each division, due date for rosters, and rule changes/clarification. Our baseball and t-ball rosters are drafted and have been reviewed by Dan.

Girls Travel (Taylor): Taylor provided a recap from the last county meeting which included division fees, due date for rosters and the tournament schedule. Columbia did not win a bid to host a tournament this year.

Umpires/Schedules (Tony): Tony is in the process of documenting rules for umpires (how they will receive payments and concession guidelines).

Concession Stand (Megan): Megan attained a free popcorn machine for the stand, is working with a vendor to purchase the slush mix prior to season start and is buying menu items to stock concession. Megan will contact Rita at the Township to obtain a key for the stand.

Equipment (Matt): Matt requested head coach names/contact information from the VP's so he can work on disseminating equipment and supplies for each team.

Uniforms/Sponsorship (Melanie): Melanie is working with Joel at Cal Sales to finalize the uniform try-on process; goal is to have all players/coaches have fittings/sizing completed by March 20th to allow vendor ample time to order uniforms and create team jerseys in advance of the first game this season. Gina is assisting Melanie with the securing enough sponsors for all our teams; the deadline is past due.

Old Business:

- Bobby Rundle provided a quote for dirt; we voted on splitting the cost with Jeff Jump and have identified a viable solution to fixing some of the mounds/fields.
- Registration closed for all divisions with the exception of Girls Softball Division D (they start later).
- Dan is working with Eriq to finalize details for field maintenance manager.
- Dan is working with Mark to establish/finalize the contract for the Madness Tournament.
- Melanie and Gina are making progress with securing sponsors.
- Fundraiser planning is in process. Keli will finalize the pizza/wing orders with the caterers and the venue details. Megan provided printed tickets to Gina to hand out to the teams to sell. Gina secured the DJ. Gina will work on basket themes for each team to create. Keli will send a "save the date" email to families.

- Keli will notify Rita once a comprehensive list is collected for events we schedule at the park (field clean up, tournaments, etc.).

New Business:

- N/A

Correspondence:

- County (Doug Bridgewater) received a complaint from a coach of one of our baseball teams and immediately contacted Dan, informing him that the coach had found issue with the way Columbia Hot Stove was creating rosters. After further investigation and multiple conversations that Dan had with Josh and two of our coaches, it was identified that one coach was taking unethical measures to create the team he wanted (one example of this behavior was that he told 8 kids that they should not register). It was also identified that this coach was being provided enrollment information from our board. As a result of this situation, we are again an embarrassment in the eyes of the County.

Open Discussion:

- Dan made it clear that this board is the governing body that makes decisions on how rosters/teams are created, specifically the First Vice President of Boys Travel and the Second Vice President of Girls Travel. We do not share enrollment information to non-board members (with or without intent to provide coaches with undue influence on forming uneven teams). This is the ultimate reason that rosters will be created solely by the VP's, with guidance by the President if necessary, and will not be vetted or voted by the board.

Adjourned: 7:47 pm

Next Meeting: April 20, 2017 @ 7:00 pm