

Columbia Hot Stove Minutes

Date: 5/11/17

Called to Order: 7:05 pm by Josh

Attendance:

Present: Josh, Keli, Taylor, Melanie (late), Matt, Tony, Megan (late)

Absent: Dan, Gina, Tony

Others in Attendance: N/A

April 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

Board Reports -

Treasurer (Gina): Gina provided Keli the treasurer's report for the March and April statements to distribute at the meeting. March's balance was \$24,733.64 and April's balance is \$22,314.44. Costs of \$10,892.72 were comprised of payments for team fees and ball orders to Lorain County Hot Stove and LMOGSO and fundraiser purchases for food and alcohol, as well as reimbursements for a number of fundraiser expenses, registration cancellations, background checks and equipment purchases. We collected funds of \$17,322.30 comprised of registration dues, seven sponsorship fees, the Madness Tournament payment and a donation from the Eagles to use towards for equipment.

Boys Travel (Josh): Josh indicated that the county will vote on tournament bids at their May meeting.

Girls Travel (Taylor): Taylor submitted all but Division D final rosters at the April meeting.

Umpires/Schedules (Tony): N/A

Concession Stand (Megan): The stand is open and operational. Megan is looking at a more efficient and effective way to handle scheduling volunteers to run the stand going forward.

Equipment (Matt): Matt made minimal equipment purchases and hung a couple new field signs. Matt will be purchasing more ice packs to keep in the concession stand.

Uniforms/Sponsorship (Melanie): Melanie continues to work with Cal Sales to order uniforms for players after open registration. Melanie will inquire with Gina on the status of outstanding sponsorship fees.

Old Business:

- Melanie is working with a local vendor (RycoSports) to build an online store to sell hot stove apparel.

New Business:

- Discussed a variety of designs to use on apparel for the online store. We voted to use one of the samples provided by RycoSports; Melanie will contact them to discuss next steps.
- Discussed creating a new logo for our web page and social media sites. We agreed that the samples provided for review will not be used at this time. We discussed having membership vote on a variety of samples.
- A high school player was injured during a game and may not play Hot Stove; we voted to reimburse her registration fee if she is medically unable to play.

Correspondence:

- None

Open Discussion:

- Gina (provided by Keli in her absence) would like to coordinate fundraisers at Bootleggers and Chipotle, in an effort to support the Field Improvement effort led by Sean Heidecker.
- We discussed the difficulty of handling the 50/50 raffle that Sean is running through the concession stand for the Field Improvement effort.
- A few members voiced concerns about a certain team manager planning to purchase alternate uniforms for his players. Background: the manager contacted Josh on April 25th asking if they are allowed to wear an alternate jersey that included their sponsor's name for tournament games; Josh discussed this with both Dan and Melanie whereas they had agreement that we cannot stop them from wearing alternate jerseys for tournament games however we expect the players to wear the Hot Stove uniforms during their Columbia games. Josh communicated this back to the manager.

Adjourned: 8:22 pm

Next Meeting: June 15 2017 @ 7:00 pm