

## **Columbia Hot Stove Minutes**

**Date:** 10/15/15

**Called to Order:** 7:20 by Dan

**Attendance:**

Present: Dan, Sandy, Doug, Gina, Melanie (late)

Absent: Valerie, Matt, Adrienne, Eriq

Others in Attendance: None

Minutes from September, 2015 meeting were approved

### **Board Reports -**

**Treasurer (Gina):** Current balance is \$14,026.24. We finished the year down \$1522.83. Only transactions this month were phone bill and check cleared to North Ridgeville for t-shirts. Gina provided a breakdown of income/expenses for the year. Will review at November meeting when more Board members are present.

**Boys Travel (Doug):** Doug could not attend the most recent meeting, but has a report. 2 of State Executive committee are from Lorain County. Lou Vasi is President and Pat Anderson is Recording Secretary. The following rules passed at State: Courtesy runner for catcher can now be used at any time, HH league will now be 6 inning games, FF league has been dropped – new classifications: F –13 & 14 year olds, -5 bats, EE- 14 & 15 year olds, E- 16-18 year olds, both have –3 bats. I league tournaments – 5 coaches allowed, 10 defensive players.

**Girls Travel (Valerie):** No report.

**Umpires/Schedules (Eriq):** No report.

**Concession Stand (Adrienne):** No report.

**Equipment (Matt):** No report from Matt. Dan believes all equipment has now been turned in.

**Uniforms/Sponsorship (Melanie):** Melanie will get bids for the November meeting. Sticking with same basic uniform style. Melanie will look into color/pattern choices (digital camo) and prices. Will get pricing for Flexfit hats. Will look at pricing for nicer Coach shirts.

### **Old Business:**

- Dan talked to Brian about Batting Cages. They did Ridgeville's. Will meet to get a quote. Looking at possibly 2 (near D and near A/B). They will do the fencing only, we would purchase nets.
- Dan talked to Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Jump with the schools. They want to work together with us on improving the fields. They are willing to chip in on dirt, possibly pea gravel for dugouts. May want to extend D field to make it usable for more teams.
- We need to get the dirt we currently have on A & B soon. We must get more dirt and will definitely need equipment.
- Discussed survey responses.

### **New Business:**

- New website by Blue Sombrero. Dan and Sandy are working on this, just getting started. We can do all registration via the website. Need to decide if we should do away with paper registration all together. Members can come to in-person sign ups to register if needed (we would input the info). Will do a virtual vote
- Discussed Fundraiser. Do we want to do Scoundrel's again? Should we consider something else like a Steak Fry/Reverse Raffle? Should do a 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser – lottery numbers? With dirt and equipment needs, plus no longer having in-house, we need to fundraise more. Will discuss with rest of Board via email.

- Doug was asked if we would co-host the Madness (tournament softball) tournament again. Weekend is June 17-19, not the same as the Engine show as last time. We can collect for parking (if allowed by township) and keep all concession money. Need to do a virtual vote on this as well.
- Doug proposes to raise all umpire fees from Farm Minor-F and Farm Girls – C by \$5. EE/E boys fee set by the state and we will follow suit with Girls' D. Virtual vote needed.
- Doug proposes doing an annual volunteer award. This year's award to Tim Kenneley. Sandy and Gina will coordinate and invite Tim to next meeting.
- Will need new field equipment at some point – Gators and drag are in disrepair. Discussed possibly selling both and getting 1 good gator, tractor or UTV.
- Need to discuss with Township what is/isn't allowed – charging for parking for Madness tournament, sponsor signs on fences/batting cages, etc.
- Due to low turnout at tonight's meeting, may need an additional work session in November.

**Correspondence:**

- None, other than Blue Sombrero website info already discussed

**Open Discussion:**

- None

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at Town Hall

**Adjourned:** 9:15 pm