

The Bobcast Baseball and Softball Club Board Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Attendance: Joe Espey – President, Jim Luckey – Vice President, Tim C – Treasurer, Wes Briggs – Secretary, Dave McLaughlin – Fundraising, Eric Schwartz - Softball, Jim Eimiller - Baseball, Brad Cocoran - Field Maint

Call To Order: 8:30 pm - Joe Espey - Board is all present

President Report:

- Jim/Joe met with CV/Blackhawk about accepting them into minor league and little league baseball. Accept them for a year and see if it goes further. Will be moving forward. Will play in the minor league and little league.
- Facility agreement - met with Brain to sign an agreement to use Ellis and Dawson baker.
- Barbie has plans and will put together an estimate for the dugouts and we'll vote on that at a later date.

Vice President Report:

- Transition is going smoothly as of right now. Registration, web site, sports connect, Dave met with Eaton reps for the agreement for next year's lease.
- Dave working on the gator
- We have control of the money with the bank accounts.
- Need to meet with the schools and make sure the contract is the same next year.
- Waiting on financials from the next board.
- Facebook admin rights are still needed.

Treasurer Report:

- Have the bank account info for the new account that was setup
- We have one bank account right now and on deposit for 6400 which was made on Dec 24, 2024. No previous bank information is available.
- We still do not have any access to previous transactions from the old board or how money was utilized in the past (sponsorships, donations etc..)
- We don't have access to old bank records to know how much comes in and how much has gone out.
- When registration is open we'll start seeing more come in and can determine what to use those funds for.
- Gator motor will be going out.

Secretary Report:

Fundraising:

- Will be opening concession stands this year
- Dave has taken all appliances out and cleaned to get them going
- Cutler concession stand needs a ton of work
- Ellis is in good shape for now
- This friday, Dave is meeting with a home depot rep to try and fix the bathrooms down there and get a quote and possible grant for supplies.

Coaches Report:

Field Maintenance Report:

- Dugouts. Metal roofing from the third base dugout at stedford is in the shed down at cutler.
- Gator is the main thing we need to get moving. Currently sitting in Dave M's garage to have the engine switched out. Engine needs to be purchased.

Softball:

Baseball:

Other Business:

Spirit wear:

New Business:

- 501C3
 - We were set up as a 501C3 but we had time to put in papers, but we did not put anything through in order to get it done.
 - In order to get tax exempt status we would have to become a new legal entity.
 - Kids Non Profit will help you file the paperwork and get everything done. Cost is around \$1500-\$2000 dollars to get it done. \$75 expedition fee, this will allow us to get bigger donations.
 - Kids Non Profit is the suggested route because they will help write the bylaws and file the paperwork
 - **Tim C - Motion to re-name the club for tax exempt status for approximately 2K. Jim Eimiller seconded. Unanimous board vote yes. Motion is passed. Beaver Area Teeball Softball Baseball Association. 8:40**
 - Suggested Beaver Softball Baseball Club.
 - Would need to dissolve the old name so no one can use it.
 - Would not be building a new facebook page to support the new name, would update the existing page.
- Tee Ball
 - **Lou Diddio moves to put in his resignation. Jim Eimiller seconded, unanimous board vote to accept. Motion is passed. 8:44**
 - Cody Boyd with Western Beaver to see about possibly joining our organization for tee ball and for coach pitch. Would give us access to their fields if we needed. Brad will follow up with Cody to get clarity on the issues.
 - Need to appoint a new tee ball commissioner.
 - Brad Cocoran nominates Eric Blinn - seconded by Luke Johnson.
 - Justin Parasida - seconded by Angela Espey.
 - Board Vote only
 - **Board voted in Eric Blinn as the new tee ball commissioner unanimously. 8:53**
 - Would like to add a board position for Volunteer coordinator.
 - **Joe Espey motions to add volunteer coordinator to the board, seconded by Brad Cocoran. Unanimous vote yes. Motions is passed 8:58**
 - discussing the volunteer fee and how we would be put in. We have decided to hold off for now due to the administrative overhead.
 - Need to get some outreach to other organizations to see how they do their concession stands so we can better understand how to build the process
 - Want to build the structure, open the concession stands.

- Need to give them other opportunities to be able to volunteer to get their money back.
- Lindsey nominates herself to run the volunteer, Barbie seconded the nomination.
- Sophie Chamberlin nominates herself - Amy C seconded.
- **Lindsey voted in as the volunteer coordinator by a vote of 5-2. Motion passes.**
- Lindsey will be the chair of this committee and Sophie will be the co-chair of this committee as we begin to build this out.
- The Gator
 - Brad has taken the gator to Dave's house to have it worked on.
 - Brad researched a new gator and the cost was between 11-15 grand. Not an option
 - Dave has taken out the engine to start fixing it. Dave and Brad have volunteered to change the engine on the gator.
 - **Joe makes a motion to pay no more than \$1500 for the engine and related materials to replace the engine in the gator. Tim seconded. Unanimous agreement from all board members. Motion passes.**
- Bob Dull
 - Joe announces plan to re do the field at bob dull for around \$15K. No mound, re do infield outfield etc ... New bases? Many new bases in the secret shed.
 - Will it be big enough for 70 ft bases? Joe will be calling to ask.
 - No Timeframe
 - Also had another bid to fix up the cutler field as well.
 - Audience question: Any chance to get updates to the tee ball field? Not as of right now we will take this into consideration in the future.
 - **Joe calls for vote 9:26 - Duraedge to redo bob dull field for \$15. Unanimous yes. Motion passes.**
- **No meeting scheduled for February. Joe calls for a vote on adding a Feb 11th meeting. Motion passed unanimously by board vote.**
- Registration
 - When are we going to open registration? We are behind schedule at this point.
 - Board calls to open registration as soon as we can.
 - Open registration Monday.
 - Baseball registration closes March 2nd as of right now. Should get uniforms back quickly.
- Uniforms discussion
 - Venezie asked to be included in the conversation around suppliers for uniforms. They had reached out to Eric to ask if they could get involved.
 - Could also be an option for spirit wear.

Community Feedback

- Amy working on getting admin rights for facebook
- Once we have 501C3 we can go to Pirates/HD/etc ... to get bigger donations
- Could we take the vanport field and move it to be two separate tee ball fields. Brad - this was changed for insurance reasons. Eaton won't let us put the backstop to the road.
- Lou brings up an idea to get the schools involved to help get the word out that registration is open.
- Update on Ellis - Re-doing the Pony field.

- County is hesitant on doing anything for the field but is willing to work with us on this.

Action Items:

- Open Registration ASAP
- Dave and Brad to fix up the engine for the Gator
- Joe to contact Duraedge to get timing for fixing up Bob Dull
- Tim C to begin working on 501C3 paperwork

Next Meeting: Feb 11th, 8:30 PM at Brighton Township Municipal Building.

Adjourn: Jim Eimiller motion to adjourn, Brad seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:40.