

The Bobcast Baseball and Softball Club Board Minutes

Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025

Attendance: Joe Espey – President, Tim C – Treasurer, Wes Briggs – Secretary, Dave McLaughlin – Fundraising, Eric Schwartz - Softball, Brad Cocoran - Field Maint, Eric Blinn - Tee Ball, Lindsey Ferrie - Volunteer

Minutes approved from last meeting, no additions - Unanimous approval.

Call To Order: 8:30 pm Feb 11, 2025- Joe Espey - Jim Luckey, Jim Eimiller not present

President Report:

- Will be signing the field agreement with the township
- Has been talking to duraedge and they are booked through the first part of summer, but will save us 2K if we can hold off until 501C3 is done
- Still waiting to hear back from the school board to get our agreement so they can use our fields
- Barbie is getting the supplies needed from our 84 to do the dugout and will be getting dropped off soon, we just need people to do the work, mostly a concrete finisher
 - Amy sending out a facebook blast to see if we have a concrete finisher who can help
 - Board members are all on board
 - Jason said he would finish the concrete
- We have been discussing getting a google business account so we can set up stores for documents and such to track and also give us the ability to have video conferencing. would cost around \$8 per user per month
- Want to make a list of action items, things to get done
 - Want to start compiling a list of what needs to be completed at the field
 - Want to give out email address of the secretary so we can compile this list so we can work through it

Vice President Report: Not Present

Treasurer Report:

- Brought in about \$34K so far through registrations
 - Reg - 23K
 - 2 team sponsorships - \$375 each
 - Concession stand sponsorships are starting to come in through as well. Dan Hoffman will be sponsoring all three.
 - Never collected the check from Carrie last year
 - expenses around 2300 which was mostly getting the gator up and running - 1600 for that.
 - Had to put a new deposit on the Duquesne Light account
 - PO Box 100 every 6 months.
 - Setting up the bank accounts and getting checks.
 - 501C3 - company we wanted to use was non responsive, new company was very responsive. Gave Tim forms to start filling out to get going. Moving through the questionnaire. Myrinose.com is the company we are going through.

- Need to create new by-laws. Some can be repurposed but the company wants us to use a specific template.
- Company is moving very quickly and the biggest piece will be to do the by laws.

Secretary Report:

- No Report

Fundraising:

- Confirmed we are at 4500 in sponsors right now
- Agway is sponsoring all the field supplied (lime and field dry)
- Lindsey working on finding cleaning sponsors
- 3750 pending right now for sponsorships
- Other companies are waiting for the 501C3 to come through.

Volunteer Reports:

- Jubilee cleaning will be donating services to clean concession stands
- Will help clean the cutler bathrooms
- Have gotten a good list of volunteers from the registration
- Carrie is willing to offer some swag in the concession stands for us
- Working on a food list right now
- Brayden offered to give us a square
- Lindsey may also have a tablet we can use

Coaches Report:

Field Maintenance Report:

- Gators Running. Clutch is fixed and running.
- Need to bring up the side by side
- Valley waste will donate a dumpster for field clean up day
- Barbie may be able to get us a skid steer for field clean up day.

Softball:

- Eric reporting
 - 10u - 23
 - 12u - 5
 - 8u - 28
- Numbers are a bit down due to wanting to play for travel
- Had a few which came in who wanted to play for different teams
 - have an agreement from 2019 which says western teams will play for beaver. These players will not be released
 - Was brought to the country meeting and it was voted 9-0 that the teams will stay the same
- Question was asked if it cleared for both baseball and softball which it should have been.
- If a group doesn't have a team then they can be released

Teeball:

- Eric Blin providing numbers
- Looking at coach to kid ratio which is usually very good
- Numbers look good for tee ball

Baseball:

- Jim not present, JOe reporting
 - Coach - 50
 - Minor - 38

- pony - 9
- Little - 27

Other Business:

- Vendors for upcoming season 8:30-:

- Pictures:
 - Chris Perry Photography up first. Handed out sheet.
 - Would like to make a change for people to pick up pictures. Still have 40+ which have not picked up yet.
 - Would like a schedule of games to take pictures to the games.
 - Provided details of what was given to everyone last year.
 - Will have copies of it to send around to the groups
 - Lindsey Ferrie
 - Had some hand outs of pictures of recent updates
 - some ideas for fundraising like sponsor a kid posters to put up in the fields so they can see.
 - Leann Golish
 - Also wants to throw her name in the ring to do pictures.
- Uniforms
 - Sports Factory
 - Karin the owner was present to make her pitch
 - Did tee ball through pony league last year
 - has been doing it for years providing jerseys for both leagues for 30 years
 - works with us on a budget
 - Can provide hats/shirts/socks/belts etc ...
 - Jerseys can run anywhere from !\$15-30 depending on what is ordered
 - President would tell the commissioners what their budgets are and then they are able to print them.
 - Budget is dependant on the league and what we would want to spend
 - Can get orders turned around in 3 weeks, 1 week to get it in and 2 to get processed with names and numbers
 - Beavtown
 - Carrie was present to present to us
 - More of a graphic design and marketing agency and has done spirit wear for us for the last year
 - Did hockey uniforms for the beaver elementary teams
 - Can get decent pricing from vendors
 - Sublimated (Joe doesn't know what it means) - put together in a certain way but it's pricey.
 - Has given pricing for uniforms which are screen printed
 - They did the hats for us last year
 - Brought in samples for us to try
 - Did spirit wear for us last year as well as provided a site for coaches to buy swag

- Already have the website set up and ready to go

Spirit wear:

New Business:

- Question asked if there is a field clean up day
- Looking to do April 12th for the field clean up day

Old Business:

- Brad to pass out flyers to the schools
- Could pass out yard signs for signups with a QR code

Meeting Adjourned: 9:21 PM - Motion made by Eric Shwartz, seconded by Brad.

Unanimous agreement.

Next Meeting: