

Plum Baseball & Softball Association

Board Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2014

7:00 PM

Three Rivers Bar & Grill

Board Members

Present: Bob Sekerka, Dave Seitz, Eric Seigh, Jay White, Mike Bostard, Matt Desantis, Rob Carnahan, Rick Napoleon, John Simmers, Steve Zummo, Greg Bohatch, Marty DeGore, Ken Kolenik, Mark Dargay

Absent: Jim Poe, Bill Rumcik, Dan Maciocie, Greg James

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present

Proceedings

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, Bob Sekerka.

Last month's meeting minutes were previously approved via email.

Registration Update

Bob shared that since registration closed on February 28, there have been 86 late signups to date, with at least 5 more known late registrations pending. Rob added that he is aware of several T-Ball players that are still looking to register as well.

All Points Media and Cambria Sponsorship

All Points Media is an advertising company that partners with companies to market them through youth sports sponsorships. Matt was contacted by them with an offer for a company called Cambria, which specializes in natural stone surfaces for kitchens and bathrooms, to sponsor our T-Ball league. Through the program, our T-Ball teams would receive shirts and hats, for no cost.

A motion to accept this offer for Cambria to sponsor the uniforms for our T-Ball league was made by Matt, and passed.

Revised Meeting Dates

At last month's Board Meeting it was discussed that we may change the day of the week for future Board Meetings and General Membership meetings from Thursdays to Tuesdays. During tonight's meeting, after further discussion, no motion was made. Board Meetings and General Membership meetings will continue to occur on Thursdays as specified in the By Laws.

Clearances for Managers

The Board reviewed the proposal by Justifacts to perform background clearances for managers and coaches. After some discussion, the following motion was made and approved:

- The PBSA will switch to Justifacts' PA Unified Criminal Court Background Search beginning with the 2014 Spring season.
- All team managers are required to submit for a new background check using Justifact's system this season, regardless of any active Act 33/34 clearances they may already have.
- The PBSA will cover the costs for all manager background checks through Justifacts for the 2014 Spring season. In the future, managers will be responsible for paying the \$12 fee themselves.

- Assistant coaches are encouraged to use Justifacts for their clearances at their own cost, but may use an active Act 33/34 clearance in lieu of the Justifacts clearance.

Eric will coordinate with Dan Cubarney to get the Justifacts system set up and then communicate with all active managers to get the background checks completed.

Pony League Update

John gave a brief update about Plum's 5 teams this year which will play in a league with other teams from Penn Hills, Penn Township, and White Oak.

Fast Pitch Update

Jay briefed the Board on a meeting held with Fast Pitch parents earlier in the week. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns and the future of the Fast Pitch program. Several ideas were offered during said meeting. One of the concerns that Jay pointed out is that the dual sport fee may be seen as cost prohibitive and one of the factors some kids are not playing.

Financial Report

In Jim's absence, Bob reviewed the March Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements. Both have been posted to the PBSA web site. Bob noted that registration income since these statements were completed is actually up another \$15k. There are several significant expenses coming due soon, including uniforms and insurance.

Bob noted that we filed an extension on our tax return this year.

Our non-profit application has been submitted but it will take a few months before it is officially accepted.

Concessions Committee

Grandslam Pizza is all set to begin providing our concessions this year. In the meantime, we continue to hold onto assets from last year's concessions provider while we work on a buyout agreement with them.

Building and Grounds

Mike provided the following updates

- The borough has cleared the hill side along fields 1 and 2 and cleared shrubs along fields 2 and 3.
- The drainage on field 4 is complete, while field 3 is scheduled for next week
- Bleacher replacement is in progress
- The borough is in the process of getting quotes for the new shed
- Dugout replacement is underway on fields 4 and 3. The borough and PBSA will be sharing the costs equally. The block should be completed by April 21 and the roofs will be done later
- The double dugout between fields 7 and 8 has been deemed structurally sound. The borough will be having them repointed.
- The borough is having infield conditioner installed on fields 6, 7, and 8 along with regrading those fields
- Grading on fields 7 and 8 will be occurring soon
- Mike will be placing an order to replenish our supply of infield dirt
- The bleaches between fields 7 and 8 will be replaced after the retaining wall is completed

Several options were discussed about getting help to drag fields. Previously, the operation of certain mobile equipment was limited to Board members and a few select others. This year we are going to encourage any manager, coach, or parent to meet with Mike to be trained on dragging the fields to help distribute the work load. We also discussed the possibility of finding someone who can drag all of the fields on weekdays. This would need to be someone who can get to the fields by mid-afternoon.

Insurance Quotes

Dave is in the process of getting several different quotes for liability insurance.

Rookie Baseball Update

Rick is holding tryouts this weekend at Xtra Innings for rookie baseball.

Purchasing

Matt reported no issues on uniforms. We are waiting for leagues to wrap up their drafts so that uniforms can be ordered soon.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eric Seigh.