

Plum Baseball & Softball Association

Board Meeting Minutes: September 22, 2014

8:00 PM

Concession Stand Pavilion

Board Members

Present: Bob Sekerka, Dave Seitz, Jim Poe, Eric Seigh, Jay White, Mike Bostard, Rob Carnahan, Rick Napoleon, Dan Maciocie, Greg James, John Simmers, Greg Bohatch, Marty DeGore

Absent: Bill Rumcik, Matt Desantis, Steve Zummo, Ken Kolenik, Mark Dargay

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present

Proceedings

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President, Bob Sekerka.

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

Treasurer Report

Jim presented a 2015 budget plan to the Board. New items added to next year's budget include repairing the lights on fields 1 and 3, repairing batter's boxes with a clay foundation, replacing one of the Toros and a field maintenance intern to assist Mike with maintaining the complex. Various savings have been identified to offset some of these charges, such as a surplus of baseballs and other playing equipment, Junior Baseball reverting to one umpire per game, not funding manager background clearances and other one-time charges. Jim will revise the plan based on feedback received during the discussion and the Board will vote on it soon.

Jim reviewed the September financials, which have been posted to the PBSA web site.

Committee / Board Reports

Building and Grounds Report

- Work party attendance has been horrible.
- The dugout replacement is now targeted for the spring. The borough is still soliciting bids.
 - Leaf collection is pulling borough resources away from focusing on the complex during the fall.
- Mike submitted a \$680,000 budget to the borough. It includes the following items:
 - Fix fields 2, 5 and 6 from the damage sustained by the flood.
 - Laser grade fields 7 and 8.
 - Add/repair lights on all four front fields.
 - Install an irrigation system in the complex.

Reports of Baseball League Representatives

- Minor baseball is only getting about four innings in for 6pm games due to darkness. Some teams have as many as 13 players resulting in kids not getting enough innings. The Board discussed the possibility of moving the start time back to 5:30 but it is widely believed that this will be too difficult for parents to get their kids to the fields on time. Another possibility is to cap the rosters in the future to ensure kids get more innings.

- No outstanding issues with uniforms and schedules.

Reports of Softball League Representatives

Jay held a meeting with the softball league reps earlier in the month. No decisions were made but discussions will continue during the offseason. Among the topics discussed were:

- Ideas on improving the scheduling of makeup games
- Tournament selection rules (target completion is April 1, 2015)
- The possibility of each softball league redrafting each year.
- Ideas on improving the all-star games
- A junior umpire program

Fast Pitch Update

- No outstanding issues with uniforms and schedules.
- Rob Carnahan has accepted the appointment as the Fast Pitch Softball League Rep.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motions

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eric Seigh.