

Plum Baseball & Softball Association

Board Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2014

7:00 PM

John Anthony's

Board Members

Present: Bob Sekerka, Dave Seitz, Jim Poe, Eric Seigh, Jay White, Greg James, John Simmers, Greg Bohatch, Rob Carnahan, Mark Dargay

Absent: Bill Rumcik, Mike Bostard, Matt Desantis, Rick Napoleon, Dan Maciocie, Steve Zummo, Marty DeGore, Ken Kolenik

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Greg Foster

Proceedings

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m. by President, Bob Sekerka.

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

Treasurer Report

- We made \$229.74 from the Coke machines this year.
- According to our agreement with Coke, we are unable to purchase cheaper product through Sam's Club, for example, unless we own the Coke machines.
- Bad weather played a factor in these disappointing sales.
- We have 50-60 cases of drinks in stock for next season.
- The final 2014 financial reports will be posted to the PBSA web site as soon as they are finalized.

Committee / Board Reports

Building and Grounds Report

None

Concessions Committee

- Steel City Shaved Ice has submitted a proposal to the PBSA to run our concession stands next year.
- Dave has been appointed to head the Concessions Committee again this year.
- Dave suggested we issue a Request for Proposal to the entire PBSA General Membership seeking a concessions vendor for next year.
- Jay is still looking into the possibility of having an intern run our concessions next year.

Reports of Baseball League Representatives

- Junior league will go back to 1 umpire. Registration fees will be adjusted accordingly.
- Pony may have higher umpire fees in 2015 if the entire league is based out of our association next year.

Reports of Softball League Representatives

- The fast pitch winter workouts currently being conducted are considered a PBSA-sanctioned event, and thus is covered by our insurance.

Old Business

None

New Business

Board Appointments

Bill Rumcik and Jay White have been reappointed as the Director of Baseball and Softball, respectively.

John Simmers has resigned from the PBSA Board as the Pony league rep. Greg Foster was appointed to replace him and was voted in unanimously by the Executive Board.

There are several possible candidates being explored to replace Rob Carnahan as the T-Ball rep after Rob accepted the position of Fast Pitch rep.

Gaming License

We discussed whether we should obtain a gaming license, which is required to conduct certain games of chance for fundraising, such as 50/50 tickets, night at the races, and silent auctions. If the PBSA were to have a license, then it could potentially be used by the Cooperstown teams or any other teams looking to fundraise. A motion was made and carried. See Motions below.

Efficiencies in Payments

Jim recommended a few ways to limit the number of checks being written by the PBSA. One idea is to write umpire fee checks to the league reps instead of each manager. As part of this discussion, we also considered a voucher system. We decided that next year Jim will issue a check to each league rep for the entire regular season's umpire fees. The league rep will be responsible for cashing and distributing the fees to each of his/her managers. In addition, the umpire fee verification form that each manager currently signs will be transformed into a single form per league that each manager will sign before and after the season. Each league rep will be responsible for getting the document signed and returned to Jim at the end of each season.

Jim also suggested that we explore automated bill payments with some of our vendors. Jim will look to take advantage of these online payments, however, we will not use automatic debit.

Atlantic Coast Tournament

Matt is requesting our fields from May 8 – 10, which is Mother's Day weekend, to host an Atlantic Coast tournament. The Board is open to this since we do not plan games on that weekend anyway. We discussed whether we would require a flat fee, a fee per game, and/or possibly a minimum fee. The idea of a minimum fee was suggested to protect us against getting the concession stands prepped and no games being played. In addition, diamond dry and chalk would be replaced.

Registration

- There were no issues with the dates supplied by Mike at last month's Board meeting.
- We will start registration much earlier this year (January 2).
- We will still schedule St. John's to handle registration for new players.
- Mark suggested that the fees for Colt and Legion should be the same to avoid having to refund money to Legion registrants who made the Colt team instead of the Legion team, and vice versa.

Equipment Lease

We are looking to lease or buy a Toro Infield Pro. We explored some possibilities like buying out one of our Toro MDX machines.

- The Toros are leased through an arrangement with the borough. Their lease expires in June 2016.
- The buyout on each Toro is currently \$7,600. We are currently paying \$487 per month for both of them. A buyout does not make sense.

- Because we leased these machines through the borough, the PBSA does not have enough credit to qualify for worthy lease terms.

We discussed whether we should seek to continue leasing through the borough or on our own to establish credit. We decided to keep both Toro MDXs through their lease, and continue to seek better terms for purchasing the Infield Pro through a different lender.

Other

- We discussed whether we should look to reduce the number of games played in favor of scheduling more team practices. It was generally agreed that this may make more sense in baseball than it would in slow pitch softball, as there are no concerns about innings pitched in slow pitch. No decisions were made.

Motions

A motion to purchase a gaming license for the PBSA was recommended by Jim Poe and approved by the Board. A decision on its use by the Cooperstown teams or any other teams will be decided upon later.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eric Seigh.