

Date: December 8th 2024 Via Microsoft Teams

Time Started: 8:02 P.M.

Attendees: Randy Forcier, Kristen Perreault, Sean O' Keefe, Michael Lafortune, Matt Rossignol, Christine Morin, Kim Cochrane-Coleman

Kristen motions to approve September's and November's meeting minutes. Matt 2nds. All in Favor.

Tim Guillerault, Mike Ramunno, and Karen Ramunno show up a little late to the meeting.

Randy would like everyone to be ready to approve bylaws and constitution by next meeting. Any questions or changes, please be ready to discuss them. Both documents are on the google drive for viewing.

Randy discusses that Paul will be setting up a meeting to review the constitution so softball should join if people want to discuss changes.

Treasury Report - \$22,533.26

Christine switched accounts to People's Choice Credit Union. She is currently waiting one 1 bill to make sure it goes through the Maine Community Bank account before all funds are allocated over to People's Choice.

Randy Forcier (President) and Kim Cochrane-Coleman (Canteen Director) need to be added to the bank account at People's Choice Credit Union.

Once the funds are all transferred over to Peoples Choice Credit Union, Randy will go to Maine Community Bank and close all accounts for Biddeford Little League Softball.

Christine would like to have budgets done by next meeting in January or February, so we can vote on them.

Budgets needed:

- Field Manager Budget – Matt Rossignol
- Equipment Manager Budget – Ashley Ishihara
- Canteen Manager Budget (Start-up Budget)– Kim Cochrane-Coleman Next meeting,

Christine will screen share how she would like the budgets to look for the future.

Sponsorships – Randy converses with everyone about increasing sponsorship costs. Matt says his emails go out around January or February and we can discuss at the next meeting.

Discussions on Free Clinics for all softball players. Start in February on Sundays? End them right before evals at the end of March. Tim will check into securing BMS and planning clinics.

Tim will talk to Keith about securing some time in the gyms for clinics.

- Coach Pitch – 1 hour time slot
- Minors and Majors together – 90-minute time slot.

Pitching and catching clinics? Mike R. suggests doing them and that they were very beneficial last year. Possibly holding them at BMS. Tim will also look into this.

Randy talks to Ashley about equipment. Randy wants to secure using Collins Sports. Once the budget comes through next meeting – this can get secured and finalized. Discussion on Coach Pitch jerseys switching over to dri-fit and returned at the end of the season. Finalized next meeting.

Matt gives an update on the batting cage. Holes are dug, Cement poured, and ready for installation in the spring. When the snow goes away in the spring, the frame will be constructed and ready to use in the spring for the season. Petit excavating will be donating some stone dust for the batting cages.

Matt also brings up that woodchuck will be doing some maintenance to the field. Roto-tilling, weed removal, etc.

Kim gives an update on the canteen. She presented the new facility to the city council and it was unanimously approved. City wants to help dig the sewer line and possibly donate money to make the facility nicer than originally planned. Biddeford COT will be constructing the facility. Might be this year, maybe next year? Kim and connections will stay on top of the process.

Randy brings up the BLLS Wish List on the Google Drive once again and reminds people to update accordingly.

Randy sent out an itinerary with links to everything for easy viewing.

Kim brings up background check requirements. Paul hops into the meeting and discusses with everyone that he will confirm with Kandice (District 4 Admin Rep) but also discusses having laptops brought to evals to help with background checks to avoid having issues like last year.

Paul also brings up that in February he will be attempting to “Crash the Gym” once again. He will send out a sign up for this. He asks Randy to reach out to St. James to see what we can do there as well as asks if anyone has a connection to JFK to see what we can do over there.

(Crash the Gym is generally the week before February vacation)

Mike L. brings up we should make a list or at least discuss things we can do better during the season to prevent issues arising.

Next meeting is January 12th @ 6pm @ Brown Dog Carriers Conference Room.