

Ingram Little League
Sunday, March 3, 2019
Open Arms Ministry Church

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 by James Craft, President.

Board Members in attendance: James Craft, Sara Craft, Josh Craft, Lyndsie Smith, Ray Aitkin, Scott Lewis, Daniel Gonzalez, Paul Simone, Misti Fabro & Elizabeth Olson.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ray made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meetings. Scott seconded that motion. The minutes for both previous minutes carried unanimously.

Registration- Update from Ray:

Some requests have been made but they are currently on standby until a complete discussion of proposed change of teams is complete.

Opening Day Update- Lyndsie Smith

Koni ice is on board. There was discussion about BBQ over Dominos and it was decided that Dominos was a better option. James questioned who was going to help run it beside Lyndsie and Lona. The board stated that team managers should sign up for blocks of times as well as parents who were on scholarship. Lyndsie will build a work schedule for people to sign up on. Misti mentioned that the high school girls and boys varsity could volunteer and Lyndsie will check into that. James will send Lyndsie the list of those on scholarship so she can reach out to them first.

Uniforms Update- Elizabeth Olson:

The first hat we picked was flex fit so we changed to an identical version of adjustable. Those have been ordered. Uniforms as of current are organized and given to Fitness First.

4th Coach Jerseys:

The question was proposed if the league should pay for 4th coach jerseys or should they be responsible for them. There was discussion that if we did, the limit should be four. Elizabeth made a motion to have the league pay for up to 4 coaches jerseys. Daniel seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review Team Managers/ Coaches:

Scott gave a full list of managers and still needs some names of coaches. All managers were approved. Elizabeth offered to fill in a few of those from her coordination with jerseys. She will email Scott a list and he will get the remaining. Scott will get James a full coach list by Wednesday, March 6 so James can send to LL International.

REPORTS

Fund Raising- Lyndsie Smith:

The chocolate bars were ordered and will be here 3/22. The week after opening day she will get the boxes to managers and players. Each box has a variety of bars with 60 total count. Each player is responsible for 1 box.

VP of Baseball- Scott Lewis:

The fields look good however the benches need work. Everything else is going smooth. James requested to contact managers and have a team meeting this week. Scott is still trying to arrange more games for intermediate baseball. He is contacting Pipe creek, Bandera and Lake Hills.

VP of Softball- Misti Fabro:

Misti spoke to Bruce and everything on his team sounds good. James would like to make sure he has met with the parents. Misti will reach out and confirm that this week.

Treasurer Report- Sara Craft:

There is money in the accounts. We could always use more. She still will need to pay for fundraising items and uniforms.

Marketing & Public Relations- Daniel Gonzalez:

No new updates. James suggested to line out points in the season to keep promotion going. Give news to the media and newspaper. Opening Day should have pictures of ribbon cutting and the newspaper involved. Josh interviewed with the West Kerr Current this past Friday regarding the improvements that the Grant has allowed and that should be running this week.

Equipment Manager- Paul Simone:

The equipment room is organized and newly stocked with all items needed. There were 5 bats in inventory. Three went to Intermediate, two to AA. There are now 4 T Ball bats and 6 bats for AA teams. The managers have been notified of sign out sheet on the clip board hanging up in room. Scott was given a large bag of gear and will bring this to Paul. James noted that education needed to be given to the managers on the new pitching machines. This will include transporting these and use. The new ones are only to be used for games or batting cages. Scott will make a rule on the proper use and distribute.

Sponsorship/ Fund Raising:

All the teams are sponsored. 3 payments have been sent.

Concessions Manager- Misti:

Everything is in order and looking good. April 6th the band will be gone so concessions will only be open in the morning if at all. James will get her a list of schedules to be prepared for games.

Coaching Coordinator- Scott Lewis:

Addressed in agenda items

Information/ Sponsorships Manager- James:

James has sent all past sponsor forms out and expects to start receiving payments.

Umpire Coordinator:

James is handling this.

Safety Officer- James:

Will be getting ASAP Plan in by April 1st. Before this can be finalized the coaches and players must be approved by LL International. Ray mentioned there are still 3 First Aid Kits that need to be distributed. Scott will get these to the appropriate managers.

Players Agent- Ray:

Postponing Report until the proposal is discussed.

Facilities/ Maintenance Manger- Josh Craft:

The upgrade is underway. They will be working on the rock wall next week. The gates to the dugouts do not fit because of the new concrete. A new work day will be set up to fix these and pick up all the blocks. Josh, Scott, Paul and Daniel will coordinate.

New Business:

A proposal was made by a parent to create another boys Major team from the current rosters and then recruit players from last year to fill the teams to a reasonable number. This was asked due to the teams being larger and families driving a way to see their child play when larger numbers only allowed for shorter playing times. Several board members voiced that this was something to look at and go over thoroughly.

The first thing that was looked over was the list of players from last year we could potentially call. Several board members knew these kids. At least 7 of these players were known to have moved to Kerrville, The Indians, simply did not want to play again or were already on the rosters. This cut our list down to only 6 potentials to go after.

Second the discussion was turned to pitchers. It was pointed out that we would not have enough pitchers for the additional team. This would also place some kids moving up that were not properly coached yet for this division.

We also discussed timing. When would this need to happen to work. Uniforms have been ordered and there would be a whole team changed needed there. We would also have to let current parents and kids know of the change and felt like that would need to happen within a day because some teams had already met, started practice and bought other uniform items. We would need 9 new players by tomorrow. Scheduling would also be extremely difficult. Intermediate was already very short games and having a hard time getting more added.

Another problem that was troubling was that a new manager and coaches would have to be found within this short time period. And a proper coach for this upper division would be crucial so that the boys would gain good skills.

The other added discussion was that fundraising items had also been ordered.

The Board was all in agreement that we did not want to turn away in kids and wanted to be able to put current registrants that were on hold onto a team. These were mostly T Ball and lower level kids. Many board members also commented it would have been great to try and make this work if the idea had been approached a few weeks ago to give us more time and better management of each area above.

Scott asked for a vote from the board. Misti made a motion to leave the teams as they were due to the lengthy hurdles mentioned. Josh seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daniel seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

Elizabeth Olson
Secretary