

Location: Buffalo Wild Wings Patio

Date: 10/6/2019

Elected Board Members in attendance: Nick Galluzi, Jimmy King, Rob Motty, Liz Head, Danielle Harper, Lorena Brown, Tracy Crockett, Dan Jordan

Meeting began: 6:04pm

President:

- Thanked everyone for coming and all the members that have started working with Fall Ball.
- Updates: constitution approved by LL already on the webpage, in house rules are also listed on the website, All-Stars have been updated from 2015 to current, team picture included.
- Maintenance updates: County working on lights, score boards, bull pens in Suntree
- Assistance: Asking for those helping to support position to really learn so they can also step in if needed or if someone steps down.
- Board Member on Duty: make sure to sign up if you haven't already done so, please stay the entire time, safety is a concern at the end of the night please walk Concession personnel out. Security measures will be addressed in the near future to ensure that there are safety measures in place with both concessions. BMOD must sign off on both stands at the end of the night. Duty list will be available in both concession stands and also on sign up genius
- December- Viera Christmas Parade: we will showcase/recognize our All Stars at that time, committee will be in place for November
- Juniors team is under an investigation- by Little League International at this time (alleged)
- Calendar of events was shared, distributed to the board, dates to be reviewed with elected board and approved tonight

Vice President/Softball:

- Softball concessions opened, made about \$400 in sales for the first week.
- Volunteers: discussed how we get them, opt out, getting great help but not enough at this time.

Secretary:

Board shirts, request will be sent out and ordered once all members provide sizes. Last call email will be sent before sending to Bartman

Treasurer:

Fiscal year ended in September, shared current balance, and paid for uniforms and included fall ball fees in current balance. Balance sheet will be provided at each board member.

VP Baseball/Coordinator:

- Shared all good on that front
- Already using coaching coordinators for younger divisions and providing a good start to support coaches.
- Shared that shed was repaired, new lock in place, please make sure to lock it up at the end of the night
- Dave shared that McKay would be interested in helping or holding pitching clinic, will be discussed further.

Registration:

- 325 students registered for fall ball.
- Ready to go live for Spring on Nov 1st once dates approved

Scheduler:

- Game practices started out, had some hiccups with county dates, spring schedule can be challenging having the plan of dates already down will help.
- BMOD- 6 people have not signed up yet

President stressed accountability, and making sure everyone signs up.

Safety Officer:

1 incident, hit in the arm with bat during practice. Remind managers to pay attention to kids and ensure safety.

Golf carts- all good

Vaping issue- County is looking into it, Dave shared that LL does not allow it due to perception

Tree: around seniors field will be addressed that children cannot climb due to safety

Reminded to make sure that background checks are good.

Spot checks will be done this week on the field. BMOD please reach out to Gary/Nick to check people if needed.

Ice packs are available, meet with Tracy to pick up.

President also addressed that managers cannot warm up kids- Little League rules, advised VP's reach out to all managers. Only kids can warm up pitchers, players only need a mask to warm up

Uniforms: discussed experience with Bartman for Fall and plan for Spring.

Communications: Send description of division to add to website- requested from VP's, safety manual will be updated and added to the website

Suggested to add a banner to share teams that went to Little League

Pictures: companies have been sending emails for proposals, may need a person to handle that as Norma is no long with the league

Membership Chair: Shared membership card

Equipment Manager: Balls are low, needed to get a smaller size on gear to fill all players on team, a lot of equipment was donated from Dicks Sporting Good- some of it disappeared. All equipment was accounted for as of this moment. Each team has been given a complete set for Fall.

Baseball UIC- equipment was reviewed, some items have disappeared

Softball UIC- confirmed schedule is up and ready for sign ups-added with baseball. Discuss a need for volunteers

President shared umpire conditions for volunteers, as a league we have the right to turn down a volunteer.

Umpire Clinic- Jon shared a plan- will get together with Softball UIC and District UIC to make a plan for Spring

President shared that fields will be closed in December and up to two weeks in January for reseeding.

Concession stand: Stacy shared that softball went well, good reception for having CS opened.

Fundraising Chair:

Introduced herself, and addressed the importance of sponsorship as a community. Shout out to Rob, Nick, and Danielle on open communication being shared.

Shared that LL's mission is to establish a fundraising goal and a budget.

Discussed the decisions on bids and costs and those challenges that can come across. Her goal is to be a sustainable effort that will be something that can be used for years to come

Budget needs to be shared and set- working with President and Treasurer. Unless that is set, fundraising committee cannot address how to access sponsors.

Discussed ensuring that not too many people ask for fundraising dollars from one company, having a plan in place so we do not overwhelm community.

Asking for the sponsorship committee to be the closer when asking for sponsorships from businesses.

Shared the importance of reengaging with businesses

Discount cards were also addressed, bringing new life to the cards, to be a discount card business you do not have to make a donation to the league

Shared some other activities or ways to reach the community and having them engaged in our events.

Shared how to move forward: fundraising committee is a powerhouse but does need that open communication.

Letter developed that is going out to businesses and people that are already supporting us.

Opened the floor to the board for suggestions. Advised that fundraising committee will not have sponsors for teams but want to be sure they are not reaching out to the same companies. Also provide a timeline for these sponsorships to ensure that all other facets for (i.e. uniforms) are not falling behind as a result.

Shared some additional ideas for different ways to get fundraising.

Marketing plan: several ideas are being pitched to ensure that we have some ways to grow our numbers for the spring

President shared that currently we are at 205k potential cost- which why the need for a budget is key

Addressed spring sponsorship- managers will be responsible for finding the sponsor but fundraising committee will follow up to collect money and meet deadlines.

Membership Chair: addressed that constitution is up to interpretation- also shared that general members can be elected until the general meeting.

Membership committee: shall receive names and recommend them for election at the meeting or board, recommended that any new people that paid dues were voted in during the board meeting.

Elected board will determine what the next step should be.

VP's dismissed at 7:55pm

Short recess

Meeting resumed at 8:01pm for elected board members present.

Old Business:

Ice packs have been taken care of.

AED's still looking into getting them donated from a local hospital. Will give 2 weeks to see if this goes thru and then if not take a vote to get them purchased.

Dan motioned to get pads for the AED all approved to get these done- 8/8 vote approved

Membership- cards were reviewed and voted on

Lorena made a motion to approve the cards and process to start recruiting members. All 8 approved.

Rob made a motion that volunteers listed as automatic members listed under constitution do not have to pay \$5 dues – 5/8 votes approved the motion

Liz made a motion that anyone that wants to opt out will have to pay \$100 dues- upon discussion motion was withdrawn.

Opt outs do not have to volunteer- if a person does not opt out and does not volunteer what will be done.

Nick would like to make a motion- updating all-star signs on softball/baseball on the concession stands...cost of \$500 – withdrawing motion as it is under \$1000 so it will be addressed with the finance committee.

Discussion was set to discuss an executive board: Nick Galluzzi, Aran Hissam, Jamie Carroll, Aaron Peacock, Mark Huffman. Discussion was stated that two board members must also be a part of this committee. Formation of committee was postponed for further review.

Discussion on dates for Spring: looked at dates provided, all agreed there were no issues.

Treasurer discussed the need for two people to sign checks through the bank when needed.

Rob motioned to have Nick and Aran added to sign checks, 8/8 voted to approve.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Nick

Meeting adjourned 8:52pm

