

Fusion September Board Meeting

09/20/2023 at 5:30 pm @ Brewtus Clubhouse

Attendance:

Jeremy, Jennifer, Meghan, Jason, Mark, Benji, Jamie, Patrick, Brandyn, Jeanie, & Nate

Absent: Gary & Lexi

Visitor: Sean Ritchie

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda was made by Benji, seconded by Meghan, passed unanimously

Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve August Meeting minutes was made by Jeremy, seconded by Jennifer, passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Current Balance:
 - \$9,577.81 w/outstanding deposits \$500.00 and outstanding bills \$6,216.51(Estimate – waiting to hear from Game One)
- Profit & Loss Statement and Financial Summary
 - Questions/Discussion:
 - Payments & Costs of the Association in August.
 - Cap Amount discussed on individual spending by officer, to be discussed further at a future meeting.
 - Coach Breakdown – discussion on if there is a system of review for accountability & payment.
 - Winter Gym (Admin Fee) – Used to get people to come and stay involved in Softball all year round, to be discussed further at a future meeting.

Motion to approve September 19th report made by Patrick, seconded by Meghan, passed unanimously.

West Fest Parade:

- Update:
 - Won Best of Theme: \$500-\$1,000
 - 36 players participated, some coaches and parents as well
 - Next Year Ideas:
 - Excess supplies available from this year
 - Spent \$600 – Candy (purchased 28- 30 bags with 250 pieces/each = 7,000 – 7,500 pieces of candy)
 - More items with Fusion name on them
 - Teach players how to properly distribute candy
 - Find sponsors for candy/advertising (West Fest & Horace Bean Days)

Pillar Reports:

- Administration – To Do List:
 - Hardship Policies
 - Scholarship (Played at least 3 seasons with Fusion)
 - Jamie to send Scholarship form to Horace High School
 - Tournaments

- Community Connection – To Do List:
 - Horace Parks
 - Freed Remodel (Completion target is Fall of 2024)
 - Naming Rights?
 - Donate 80% of fundraising for naming?
(Start with 70/30 and negotiate from there)
 - Summer – Lead Tenant (Patrick to provide Agreement between WF Parks/ WF Baseball)
 - Selling Advertising at the field?
 - Remodel to include:

Multipurpose Field	New Lighting
New Squared Field	New Courts
Moving Playground	Moving Building
Moving/Rebuilding Shed	
 - Meadowlark – Spring 2024
 - Horace JV Softball Games
 - High School Field Rental: Told no (looking into more)
 - Todd: Jamie to send email complimenting Todd on all his work this year
 - Horace Parks Thank You: Jamie to get team photo
 - Sheyenne/ Horace Coach Connections
 - Camps to be posted on Facebook/Website only
 - Policies
 - Gaming – Still Pending

- Facilities/Events – To Do List:
 - Field Space – Spring/Summer
 - Winter Gym Space
 - Rustad, Ball Yard, Metro
 - Equipment
 - League Jerseys Ideas:
 - 1 Design for all League Seasons
 - Redesign
 - Jamie to provide Unit Price of Current Jerseys
 - Travel Jerseys
 - 2024 Season – 3rd year of these Jerseys
- Fusion Pride – To Do List:
 - Open House
 - Outside Softball Speakers

Travel Team Discussion:

- 2022 Evaluations:
 - Done to create as many teams as possible & be successful
 - Then moved people around, if needed to have a positions
- 2023 Evaluations:
 - Done so the top 12 were on a team & then work down from there.
 - 10u – Short so had to recruit players
 - 12u – Ended up with 1 team instead of 2 Teams
 - 14u – Ended up with 1 team instead of 2 Teams
 - 16u – Ended up combining with Fargo Area Fast Pitch
- 2024 Year:
 - Current Players:
 - 10u – 4 players
 - 12u – 18 players (11 – current 7 – moving up from 10u)
 - 14u – 8 (1 – moving up from 12u)
 - 16u – 6 players

- Evaluation:
 - 1. Skill 2. Numbers 3. Correct Number of Pitchers/Catchers
 - Let player/family make final decision on if they are ok to be on the second team if pitcher/catcher positions

Motion to use Skill Base Evaluation in 2024 Season made by Jennifer, tabled for further discussion.

- Mission Statement/Core Values:
 - May need to be adjusted
- Recruitment:
 - Board – Fusion to not recruit from other teams, but ok to Advertise Fusion to try get more players
- Tryouts:
 - Move from December to middle – end of January
 - Location: Rustad/Metro
 - Tentative Dates: (1/21 (14u & 16u) & 1/28 (10u & 12u)
- Non-Refundable Fee:
 - \$250.00 – Deposit required when you decide to join the team

Motion to add a non-refundable fee made by Jeremy, seconded by Patrick, passed unanimously.

- Tournaments:
 - Bismarck: Tentative June 8-9 (See teams from the West)
 - United: Tentative June 15-16 (West Fargo)
 - Watertown: Tentative June 22-23 (Nice to have out of state tournament)
 - Red River Rage: Tentative July 5-7 (Fargo)
 - State: Tentative July 12-14
 - NAFA: 10u July 18-21 (Cottage Grove)
 - 12u July 18-21 (Eagan & Mendota Heights)
 - 14u July 25 -28 (Prior Lake & Lakeville)
 - 16u July 25-28 (Champlin Park & Coon Rapids)
 - Prairie Pumpkin Classic: Tentative October 5-6 (Sioux Falls)
 - Reason for all going to same tournaments: 1. Travel as a full association 2. Siblings
- Fundraising:
 - February/March for players

New Business:

N/A

Motion to adjourn by Meghan and seconded by Brandyn, passed unanimously. Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Tentative next meeting will be October 22 at 5:00pm.