

May 8, 2017, 6:10 PM at Armory, IGH, MN

Present Jeff, Jesse, Judy, Jamie L., Jessica K. Absent Jessica O.

Minutes from April meeting approved. First by Jeff, second by Jamie.

Treasurer's Report received from Judy. She was wondering why the bill for the uniforms was higher than the amount collected for uniforms. The reason being that the associations buys the coaches a shirt.

Jeff thought we should get about \$1500 from the Meat Raffle at the VFW. He also thought that for the month April we probably earned \$1000 from the meat raffles at Drkula's. We should be getting this money sometime in the month of May.

The online store was a hit! We sold approximately \$3200 worth of apparel. Apparel should be ready within the week. Should make about \$700.00. Next year we hope to have the store open earlier and maybe add a few more items. Might open the store again later this season.

Working out glitches with game changer. For the most part it's working pretty good. Jesse was going to contact GC to have them help solve problems.

Discussion was had regarding the volunteer and registration checks that have not been received. Players' parents and coaches have been apprised of the situation via email sent by Judy. We did receive a few checks from that correspondence, but Jesse was going to be sending another email to the parents and the coaches. If checks are not received, no practicing or playing until checks are received.

Much discussion was had regarding a refund policy. Nothing was resolved at this time. After the season the board will have to get a firm policy about refunds, volunteer hours, the dates of the season, etc.

With that, it was decided that Kathy Mathes will receive a full refund. Her volunteer hours will not be transferred. We feel the volunteer hours are for the organization as whole, not any one particular individual. Judy will email her informing her of the decision of the board.

We still have plenty of spots for people to volunteer and still have plenty of people that need to volunteer. Jesse was going to put a reminder on the website for volunteers.

May brackets for the baseball tournament are up on website and the June brackets may also be on the website.

Some of the coaches have not completed their certification. This will need to be done SOON!

Jeff thought it would be a good idea to put the Trusted Coaches badge on front page of website. One of our coaches got flagged from Trusted Coaches. Jeff has spoken with this particular coach he said he has had this sort of thing happened to him before and everything should be okay. At this time, we don't know what is causing this issue. Trusted Coaches will be sending us a certified letter explaining the issue. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Should we do some practices with park & rec? Jamie will reach out to 9, 10, 11 & 12 coaches to see if these practices can be set up. Probably do them on a Sunday, later in the day, at Rich Valley. Jamie will

reach out to Al to get this done. If it goes well, maybe do 2 practices. If doing it on Sunday, might have to wait until school over, because it might get late. Going to try and do one under the lights.

Youth night is scheduled for May 17, but senior night is also that night, so no youth night.

Gopher State, do we need to do anything with that? July 21st to 23rd. 12 AAA, at Rich Valley. Run concessions. Jesse will put online to get volunteers.

Jessica is taking over for field scheduling. We still have director positions available. Volunteer coordinator, field schedule, uniform/equipment coordinator, sponsorship/fundraising coordinator. Jesse will put on website to look for people to fill these positions. It would be nice to get some 9, 10 year old parents involved.

Discussion was had regarding an association potluck after the season? It would be a good way to bring parents, players, coaches and board members together. At that time have a little after the season meeting to hear comments about the season. What things can be improved? Will discuss later.

Jesse mentioned doing a Food & Beer Fest Fundraiser. Could raise maybe \$10000 or more. He was going to contact the person who was in charge of the beer fest he attended to get more information.

Jon mentioned doing the parade. Jeff said it wasn't worth the time and work. Voted down.

Further discussion was had about a parent that was upset with team formations. The parent was upset with a player situation before the season began and requested a refund, which he received. The parent is now requesting a waiver from IGHBA so his son could play with South St. Paul next season. The waiver has to be completed by our association, then sent to the MBL for their approval. He feels our association is dragging this out and not cooperating with him. After much discussion, the board decided due to the business of the season to further discuss in July or August and come to a conclusion. Jeff did state that MBL is busy this time of year as well and does not know when they will have time to review it. It was also discussed that the parent has given 3 different reasons as to why they want this waiver and none of them are correct. The Board has stated that they will entertain approving the waiver but will not fabricate as to the reasons why. The sooner this can be addressed, the better for the parent and his family. Jessica K stated she will inform the parent and family of the board's discussion.

Next meeting is set for June 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. First by Jon, seconded by Jessica K.