Board Meeting Date: 01/22/18

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Aaron Freeman, Allison Emery, Angela Joliff, Courtney Ploos van Amstel, Kristi Willis, Darin Phelps, Tim Sarver, Cliff Walker, Rich Thomas, Erik Thompson, Ryan England, Dave Wood, Michelle Cook, Denise Whitmire

Other attendees: Mike Willis, Brian Sweet (Westside Little League), Bryan Brogan

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

Courtney motioned to approve the minutes from the last Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Michelle, and the motion was carried by the Board.

***League Finances:***

Angela informed the Board that the maintenance and supplies budget is nearly depleted and we need to move $10,000 in funds into this line item.

Currently the fire donations are at $30,517.

Angela discovered that there is a Home Run Account containing $44,603. $19,000 of this account will be moved into the general fund. The remaining $25,000 covers the budgeted amount for the hut. Overall there has been an additional $70,000 located in additional funds between the two trusts and the hut account.

Michelle has a debit card for expenditures this year rather than checks.

Need to add a budget line of $400 for the PO Box.

Eric motioned approval of the budget changes and Kristi seconded. The motion was carried by the Board.

The League accountant is writing a letter to the IRS regarding the League’s non-profit status to try to resolve the 2007 tax bill. If it is not resolved, the League will pay it to get it off of the books.

***2018 Registration Numbers:***

As of tonight, 355 players have registered. Factors affecting this year’s registration are the wildfires and the age change. Hoping to have 400-435 players this season.

We have fifteen age 14 players registered, with three on the wait list. We have enough 13 year olds for two teams. Total number of 11 year olds so far is twenty one. We have a lot of 10 year olds this year and probably will not move any 10 year olds up to Majors this year.

***Manager approval:***

Juniors: Josh Long

Christian Arryo

50/70: No applications received

Majors: Ryan England Red Sox (5 teams)

Matthew McHenery Cubs

Majors continued: Cliff Walker Reds

Aaron Freeman Royals

John Wedge

Jason Black\*\*

Minors: Kevin Wood Pirates (7 possibly 8 teams)

Cliff Whitemore

Tim Sarver

Manual Vera

Carter Vose

Jay Strinste

Jeremy Depp\*\*

Jason Black

Farms: Jeremy Depp (5 teams)

Anthony Restad

Michael Sacheli

Anthony Diaz

Dustin Koop

Ian Humber\*\*

Charlie Nelson\*\*

Pee Wee: Bryan Daher (5 teams)

T-ball: Anthony Terry (5 teams of ten players?)

Johnathan Westphal

Thomas Sandoval

Jay Coester

\*\*not selected

Need to recruit 50/70 managers. Kevin will email parents and offer co-managing options and mentoring otherwise, Ryan and other coaches have offered to mentor. There may not be any teams.

***50/70 Westside combined team (Brian Sweet)***

Westside has eight 13 year olds registered as Juniors. Two of those players have agreed to play 50/70. Maybe they can combine with Mark West to make a 50/70 team.

If Westside 50/70 players attended assessments, then Mark West could draft, but if Westside takes a team they would have to find another manager to replace Brian. Santa Rosa American doesn’t have a 50/70 program; no charter. Kevin says charter costs $50. Brian stated last year Santa Rosa didn’t complete paperwork so players were ineligible for All Stars. Rincon Valley has two teams, but they did assessments last weekend. Can combo leagues, Petaluma does it every year, but have to determine which league is running? Don’t want to wait list kids. Could move some 13 year olds up to Juniors to make a second team. May have to open to 12 year olds, but better option is to pull 13 year olds from another team.

Any ideas contact Kevin. Continued discussion is needed. May have to table 50/70 draft until managers are figured out.

***Interleague Games with Santa Rosa American:***

(Majors and Minors)

Mark West is anticipating 5 Majors teams and 7 Minors teams. Santa Rosa has 6 Majors teams and 4 Minors teams. Darin spoke with Chris of Santa Rosa American and he was concerned how it would affect standings. The Tournament could have a pool A & B that would end in the top three teams and single game elimination. One week and a weekend. Santa Rosa American does 7 weeks of baseball without a break for holidays. We can use their fields and our 50/70 field during our rain out week or later in the season. Darin said with the added number of fields scheduling would be possible. Darin proposed Mark West having 1 preseason game, not 2, and 16 regular season games.

Kevin suggested having the preseason games be all wood bat games, Mark West only. League needs to purchase 8 wood bats for use by the teams.

***Cal Berkley Little League Day:***

Andrew Vaughn, a freshman this year at Cal Berkley, came from Mark West and he reached out to Kevin about Mark West Little Leaguers attending a game at Cal. Group tickets are $6 each and players 12 and younger can participate in fan experiences such as the high 5 tunnel, anthem buddies, junior announcer, and running the bases. There is a 10 ticket minimum but can add more tickets later. Kevin will send the link to the Board members. The Board selected Sunday, March 18th 1:05 pm game against Oregon State.

***Mark West Strong: Tee Shirts:***

It was decided that we have enough money in the budget to purchase a shirt for all kids to use as practice jerseys. We can sell additional shirts to the parents. Once the teams are formed we can get sizes and Stephanie will give prices. Michel said we should modify the proposed logo to match our Mark West Tee shirts.

Ryan motioned that we add a line item to the budget for $5,000 to purchase the tee shirts. Rich Thomas seconded and the motion was carried by the Board.

***Miscellaneous***:

Assessments will be at Mark West. Need to mow infield. Discussed having 5 players at a time do everything (field and bat) then they are finished and can leave before taking the next 5 players. This will facilitate having less players at the field and will get through the larger groups of kids. Also discussed eliminating fly balls for the 7 year olds, possibly 8 year olds too.

Kristi is seeking volunteers to help with assessments and will reach out to the Juniors for help. Hoping the turnout is split between Saturday and Sunday, rather than the majority of players coming on Saturday.

Will figure out the Draft order later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm

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Next Board Meeting: 02/12/18