Board Meeting Date: 03/12/18

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Angela Jolliff, Kristi Willis, Darin Phelps, Dave Woods, Cliff Walker, Michelle Cook, Christine Gonzalez, Denise Whitmire

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm.

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

***Opening Day:***

We need to discuss a transition plan B. First, Kevin spoke with Nate Young and there will be no color guard with the fire department. Also, no singer. Kevin asked Ryan Kaminski about a singer, nothing, but if necessary Kevin has a recording we might have to use.

We lost Bryan Burke as an announcer also. Kevin will try speaking with Robin Josch or Brett Ferris (KZST).

Due to the forecasted rain we may need to bump games a week later or the weekend of April 7th. Right now there is a 40% chance of rain. Possibly move to April 28th Hit-a-Rama and Picture Day.

According to Cliff, Farms and below shirts are due to be delivered March 22nd. The order went out today for shirts because we were waiting for sponsors. Problem is we are earlier this year due to Easter and the fact that the past sponsor information was lost in the fire. Farms will be getting a two button dri-fit shirt and Pee Wee and T-ball will get regular tee shirts. Cliff will distribute on March 23rd. Next year we may be able to get shirts ordered sooner so that at registration we have sponsors. It was discussed that we move up assessments, which would require a turf field. This year’s assessments went well, except for the makeup day. Next year we need to look at improving by pushing the on-line registrations and putting a hard close date on registration before assessments. The lower divisions got a good turnout for sponsors this year, but it was super time consuming for Dave due to the loss of the past contact information. Another sponsor has offered to give a pizza party for anyone who hits homerun over the fence. We will give a free sandwich to anyone hitting a homerun. Scores and stats are reported each evening so names of homerun hitters will be given to Michelle and they can collect their gift card/ticket which will be valid until its expiration in June 2018.

Aaron Lockes (CYO Athletic Director/National Athletics Academy) wants to set up a radar station for promotion. Kevin told him that he can give out trinket prizes.

Kristi asked about District 35 with respect to honoring Eric Curtis, Ron Galloway & Gary Sol stated that they would not retire #22 as Eric was only and umpire for them for one year, but we could do whatever we wanted as there is no registry at Mark West. Kevin will ask Karen Stout to give information as to what we should put on Eric’s plaque. The plaque will be mounted (24x24) on the tower and his children, Dillon (Pickle) Curtis will catch and Jessie Curtis will toss out the first ball. Kevin invited them to be guests at the Opening Day ceremonies.

It was decided that we should also get a plaque for Katie Goman; Kevin will speak with Chad Goman about lettering on the plaque.

***Hosting All Stars:***

It was decided that we have the nicest field for the 50/70 All Stars and since there are only eight teams. Mark West has 2, Rincon Valley has 2, Petaluma has 2, and El Mo and Healdsburg only have one each. That it would be an easy tournament to host. Probably will only have 5 teams and if we host, we get the bye. Looking at starting on June 11 and ending on June 16th with double elimination games.

Minors All Stars starting June 23 through June 30th depending on how many all-star teams. Santa Rosa American currently has 4 majors’ teams, Rincon Valley has two, Petaluma National and American have four, El Mo has one, and Mark West has six.

Majors could have two All Star Teams. It was discussed that we could host something in July, the next round of All Stars say a couple of the early rounds majors and minors. No 10 year old All Stars, either 11 or 12. Can host a week of games, say the winner or loser bracket. Would need a lot of help in order to do this. Announcer, tournament director, scorekeeper, field manager, and hut has to be open. Majors All Star tournament will start July 1st. It will be tough to get help so we could wait until we see how many teams. Last year Santa Rosa American umpired 6 or 7 games and we hope to have them back. Also, we have Allison. Greg is a new District 35 umpire that agreed to umpire 1 majors and 1 minor’s game on Saturdays. Dooley and Allison have Wednesday’s 50/70 games covered.

Will be asking Brett to cover the Juniors games. Mike Lin is moving to Texas so he is not available any longer. Darin is not managing this year, so maybe he can umpire.

***Miscellaneous***:

Dave needs a check for Home Run Pizza to cover the winners of the banner contest in each division.

Angela paid the taxes and has submitted a letter to the IRS requesting that they waive the penalties. Kevin received the letter extending our non-profit status.

We have $47,444.97 in savings. $20, 155.28 from the Home Run Hut will be transferred to checking leaving the $25,000 budgeted in the Home Run Hut account.

Cliff asked how we are looking for practice fields. Juniors will be at Piner JV field next week. We are using North West Prep on Wednesdays. Currently we are sharing Schopflin. RAA will be available in April. Also they are more open to having a container placed there. The 20/30 Club will donate money for a riding mower. They have a contact to get a really good mower. RAA lost theirs in the fire. Also could store a quad there. We need to convince them to allow us to leave a permanent container there. We could make it look nicer. Currently the field are full of weeds. Kevin will take a look at them this weekend. We need a big quad, ours is too small so we are working on that. Reaching out to places selling Rhino side-by-side and asking for sponsorship to get price down. Ultimately, the blue quad will be at Schopflin. Cannot put two 20 ft containers behind the Farms field, need a crane and dry weather to move them.

Still have two pallets (1 used helmets and 1 catchers gear) down to black totes. Reaching out to bigger organizations to send out the rest of the binds and get down to 10/10 storage unit. Cannot finish backstops because have to be dry to paint.

Umpire Clinic and fences must be put up. Still waiting for 10 banners. Cliff says he needs the younger coaches to volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

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Next Board Meeting: 04/9/18