

Dugout Club Meeting
July 12, 2021

Present: Teri Charest, Colleen Brazier, Hans Christensen, Sarah Anderson, Dana Frederick, Al Stauffacher, Jesse Davies, Ted Erickson, Bree Stuflick

Minutes Approval (Teri)

Financial Update (Ted, Teri)

- Laurie was not able to attend
- Ted shared current account balance
- Upcoming expenses include summer coaches, hotel reimbursement for VFW/Legion coaches, our portion of the 2nd batting cage
- Check from VFW donation was received and deposited
- We will need to have money in the bank to cover player packs and coach apparel
- Our fiscal year ends Sept 30 and will do an in depth review of our budget at September meeting

Summer Baseball (Al)

- VFW tournament - had 14 teams including 2 Blaine teams.
 - Centennial was not able to field a VFW team this year. Board agreed to allow them to carry their payment over to next year if they ask.
 - Made about \$1000 (was \$1650, but we gave teams a \$650 credit towards next year due to Sunday rain out)
 - Overall, the tournament went smoothly.
 - Concessions were run by BALL and they were busy.
 - Notes for next year: will need a tournament director because Al will be with the Legion team. Can replat the trophies for about \$150.
- Alexandria Tournaments
 - Good feedback from both VFW and Legion teams.
- Summer Baseball Feedback
 - Bree will draft a parent survey to gather feedback about summer baseball.
 - Put Post number on VFW jersey
 - Get started earlier - info to parents, registration, jerseys, etc.
 - Good feedback about VFW coaches
- Coach Pay
 - Board agreed that we should pay our summer coaches more. We don't want to be the highest paid, but we are at the bottom of what other programs pay.

Banquet Recap (Sarah, Dana)

- Good feedback on each of the events
- Recommendation is to continue to have separate events for 9th grade, 10th grade, and JV/Varsity

Owen Johnson Update (Ted, Teri)

- Coach Erickson and Coach Boos dropped off a signed helmet. Freshman coaches and Coach Erickson also dropped off a gift card for Owen
- Board agreed that the Dugout Club would send a \$250 check

Parent Volunteers (Teri)

- Board agreed that we want to increase parent involvement in the Board, for events, VFW tournament, etc. (especially parents of incoming 9th/10th grade players)
- Sarah will pull a small group together to map out all of our volunteer needs throughout the season and Ted will reinforce with parents and players.

Officer Roles (Teri)

- Confirmed the following officer roles:
 - Teri Charest - President
 - Bree Stuflick - VP
 - Laurie Curnow - Treasurer
 - Dana Frederick - Secretary
- Will continue to seek other parents to join the Board

Fundraising Update (Colleen, Bree)

- Received check for apparel sales
- Jesse is looking for a Legion post to sponsor our Legion team
- Brainstormed potential donors:
 - Rotary has been interested in supporting us (usually want player volunteers for their events)
 - Lions Club has donated in the past
 - Kiwanis may have donated
 - Blaine Festival has donated in the past
 - Consider reaching out to the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce

Thank yous (Dana/Sarah)

- Board discussed wanting to send thank yous to donors, sponsors, volunteers who helped us this season
- Dana will draft a template that can be customized
- Consider printing picture of the team to send with the thank you
- Print on Blaine Baseball letterhead

MSF Tournament

- Board discussed whether to help run the MSF tournament in Ham Lake again this year
- VFW, Legion teams may still be playing, but won't know until a few days before
- Board agreed to put together a volunteer sign up and see what we can get for help then decide