

CBA Board Meeting 2-8-2021

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00

- **Fall Ball Update**

Ryan gave an update on some thoughts on a potential fall ball season. Opportunity for kids to extend their season. Could start in either August or September. Ryan is willing to take whatever lead the Board would like to see taken. Tate thinks it is worth a shot to try it. It would be open to all ages. Thought is that this wouldn't be through Gopher State or MBL but rather through our Association.
- **Board Structure Update**

Jeremy has worked on a possible structure for the Board to operate under. The Board used to function in a fashion that Jeremy has outlined and has more recently switched to the current structure. The idea with the new structure is to be more efficient and have more of the committee work done in between meetings and have the actual Board meeting be more efficient with updates from Committees versus doing the actual work at Board Meetings. One thought is that we would have a packet sent out with the Agenda a few days prior to the meeting so that we can be more efficient. Dan will continue to work on the Bylaw revisions.
- **Volunteer Policy**

Jeremy gave an update on the volunteer policy. There is a clause regarding the State Amateur Tournament and needing families to volunteer for it. We may need to look at raising our volunteer fee up from \$150 in the future. The policy now states that checks will be cashed in September for volunteer hours not completed.
- **Minutes from January 2021**

Angela moved to approve and Brad seconded approval of the January meeting minutes.
- **Concessions Update**

Crystal said we are waiting to hear from the City on whether or not they will allow us to use concession stands. It may be a good idea to think about not having concessions this year. People may not be ready to congregate yet after games, etc. We may want to consider options for the Chaska Classic such as food trucks and other options for food and drink for the Chaska Classic. Still talking to softball about trying to partner with softball for concessions.
- **Registration Update**

Tate noted that Bri has registration up and running and she has ordered pants and socks. We are starting to see registrations from 13/14s and the youth is at about 85 registrants at this point. We are at about the same numbers that we were at this time last year.

- **Umpire Update**
 Looking at some investment in Umpire gear. We have lots of extra chest protectors and masks. It all has to be gone through to see what is still usable. Typically, there are about 5 to 7 kids that we rely on for umpiring. Umpires are typically ages 12 and up. We need to figure out an umpiring scheduling system. We should be getting a master schedule from MBL soon.

- **Communication Update**
 Jeremy gave an update on the March Newsletter topics. 13/14 tryouts, need for umpires, fundraising, hit/pitch/run event through MLB. Possibly another Senior spotlight. Possibly more opportunities for cage time at Pitch 2 Pitch. The newsletter should have a note regarding buying undershirts for catching gear.

- **Travel Baseball Update**
 David noted that we will be having 13/14 tryouts. They will be from 6:30 to 9:30. Teams will be announced hopefully before spring break. There is an MBL Director meeting next week. Practice has started at P2P for travel teams. 12A and 11A will be having a tournament team vs MBL teams. In the past we have used paid coaches for 14s. We have one coach candidate for 14s. If we can't find paid coaches for all three levels we will use parent coaches for all levels.

- **Youth League Update**
 Angela working on the Expo. Chaska Baseball Association has traditionally not had T-Ball. The City used to have it put they don't anymore. We may need to consider a T-Ball program in the future. Carver is doing a Tball program this year.

- **Treasurers Report**
 Eric is working on the budget for the next meeting.

- **State Amateur Baseball Tournament Update**
 David met with the Cubs last week. They looked at possible layouts for concessions at Athletic Park. We are going to try to utilize the vendors the Cubs already have in place for food and beverage. Also, trying to work with Schramm Brewery for the fundraiser headquarters. They have a lot of parking and we can utilize a shuttle from Schramm to the Ballpark for volunteers.

- **Player Development**
 Eric is thinking about how the summer camp will look. Eric also noted that we need to assign teams to work the concessions stands at Cubs games. This is not a dubs fundraiser but a general fundraiser for the Association.

- Community League Update
Working on getting registration finished and getting fields reserved.
- Field Maintenance Update
Tate has been in contact with the City. The City does not have money budgeted for field maintenance apparently. We need to get a plan together for Community 4 for field maintenance. The City will likely be more receptive to spending some money on Field 4 if we show some initiative to make some field improvements. Can we get the City to put some signs up that Community that say “No Dogs on Field?”
- Equipment Update
Brad went through and made a budget for equipment and needs about \$4,700 for equipment. He will make an order soon. The items will be delivered by about mid-April.
- Webmaster Update
Brannon is going to be working to figure out the scheduling system. Brannon asked about an electronic filing system for documents that we would like archived. We could also create a document with all of the various accounts we have and the user name and login information.
- Fundraising
Ericka gave an update on fundraising. How does Ericka best get feedback from the Board? She will keep Tate and Sam updated on fundraising. It seems like the City isn’t interested in signage at fields at this point. This needs to be a larger discussion with softball and the City in the future.

Motion by Brannon to spend \$400 to purchase Quick Books for our accounting system. Second by Dan.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn 9:45 PM.