Board Meeting Date: 10/12/2020

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Cliff Walker, Angela Jolliff, Sid Andreis, Kristi Willis, Jennifer Carroll, Rich Thomas, Jason Black, Bob Greene, Gabe Johnston, Jay Striniste, Gary Navarro, and Denise Whitmire

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm.

***Review and Approve Minutes:***

Review and approval of the minutes for the Board meeting on September 16, 2020, will be postponed until the November 9, 2020 meeting.

***Review Board of Directors and Voting:***

Elections went well. We lost Michelle Cook as a Board member, but she is still willing to act as a resource and volunteer. It is a great sign that someone no longer on the Board is still willing to help out.

We have 21 Board members and all incumbent members were voted back in, except Jennifer Carroll because her name was inadvertently left off of the ballot; therefore, Cliff motioned to make it official that Jennifer is reinstated into her position as Home Run Hut Committee member and Denise seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the Board.

***Review 2020/2021 Calendar:***

Kevin moved up the in-person registration more in line with Petaluma and to avoid the end of season crunch. So, we will end the regular season by May 21st before school is out on June 4th and graduations would impact games. We may be unable to hold in-person registration this year, even if the stores allowed it.

Jennifer suggested that we have the in-person registration at Mark West instead. Kevin stated that this would require obtaining a hot spot, but it is doable. The other restriction, if any would be the health department not permitting it, or if it rains. The in-person registration is only for new players that have to provide paperwork and register on Sports Engine. We will just have to wait and see.

These are the dates for the 2020/2021 year as projected:

11/09/2020 Board Meeting

12/07/2020 Board Meeting

01/02/2021 In-person Registration

01/11/2021 Board Meeting

01/16/2021 Field Workday

01/23/2021 Assessments Age 7-13

01/24/2021 Assessments Age 7-13

02/01/2021 Board Meeting

02/04/2021 Manger Safety Meeting

02/06/2021 Tee Ball, Pee Wee, Farms, Minors, Majors, 50/70 & Juniors Coaching Training & Equipment Handout

02/15/2021 Practice begins for Farms Division and up

02/22/2021 Practices begin for Pee Wee and Tee Ball

02/23/2 021 Parent Meeting for all Divisions

03/05/2021 Youth Umpire Rules Clinic

03/06/2021 Youth Umpire Field Clinic

03/09/2021 District 35 Rules Clinic (Minors & Majors – Part 1)

03/10/2021 District 35 Rules Clinic (Minors & Majors – Part 2)

03/11/2021 District 35 Rules Clinic 50/70 and Juniors

03/13/2021 District 35 Adult Field Clinic

03/15/2021 Board Meeting

03/20/2021 Opening Day

04/12/2021 Board Meeting

04/24/2021 Picture Day/ Hit-a-Rama

05/08/2021 Movie Night (Having it in the gym was successful, we will do it again)

05/10/2021 Board Meeting

06/14/2021 Board Meeting

6/19-6/25/21 Minors All Star Tournament

07/24/2021 Fall Ball Mangers Equipment Handout/Field Shutdown

07/26/2021 Fall Ball Practices begin

08/21/2021 Fall Ball games begin

09/16/2021 Annual Business Meeting and Board of Directors Elections

* We have paid for A’s Little League Day, but we have no dates and do not know if they are going to allow fans in the stands.

***Off Season Projects and Improvements:***

* We have revamped the tower and the umpire room.
* We need to perform field work outside the lines of the field in November. Right in front of the 3rd base on the 50/70 field; however, each field has problem areas. We need to sod some areas. The Minors outfield needs dirt and seed.
* Another problem is the shape of the Hut. Kevin has been speaking with Jennifer and Kristi and we need to completely gut the hut and replace virtually everything inside, especially the floor. Jennifer states that the floor by the door is very soft and it is a safety issue and a liability if someone falls through the floor. Because it is a large expenditure the Board needs to be onsite to see what needs to be done and approve the expenditure. We will meet at Mark West our next Board meeting a little earlier so that we can all come up with ideas and see what can be done this off season.

***Review and Approve 2020/2021 Budget: (See Attached Budget)***

* We are starting out this year with roughly $91,000 as our Balance on Hand.
* If anyone donates last year’s registration fee or any other amount. (We have included a space on the on-line registration this year for people to be able to donate any amount to the league when they register). We are estimating, on the low end, about $5,000 in new registrations. It could be up to $6,000 if we get a good turnout. The budget is conservative as we do not know what is happening with Covid or any restrictions that might discourage parents from signing their children up to play.
* Sponsorships are reduced because we rolled over the Sponsors from last year. Jay will be sending a confirmation of donation letter to the Sponsors for them to use as a write off for their taxes.
* Kevin stated that District 35 is going to charge annual dues again. He asked the District what they did with last year’s dues and they stated that they created an emergency/savings fund with the money.
* Taxes went flawless last year thanks to Angela.
* We do not need to buy uniforms for Minors Division and up, but we still need to purchase shirts for Farms, Pee Wee and Tee Ball. We also need to purchase baseballs, and hats for all divisions.
* We are roughly $15,000 in the hole this year. We will need to borrow money from our savings account. The Home Run Hut work would be in addition to our budget deficit which is why the whole Board must provide input on this matter. Angela states that we have roughly $45,000-$50,000 in savings and is in support of remodeling, but w should wait to see if the season is possible first. We were in good shape going into Covid. Kevin states that we may need to put off the Hut modifications for a year; however, temporary modification of the floor at a minimum is required. Angela said she can set aside $10,000, but prefers we wait until December at the earliest though December is difficult due to the Holidays. We could do the work in January and February, utilizing an outdoor Hut during assessments. Whatever we do, we must have the Hut operational by Opening Day on March 20th.

Cliff motioned to accept the budget as proposed and Gary seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Next Board Meeting is November 9, 2021 at Mark West field.