

BRANDON VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

March Board Meeting Notes

Sunday, March 10, 2019 – Tailgators

Attendees: Stuart Peschel, Mike Hokenstad, Al Kirkeby, Paul Peterson, Brian Bertsch, Craig Riley, Levi Sanders, Dan Wrightsman, Gary Walz, Chris Brown, Torry Sundall.

Meeting was called to order by Peschel at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – motion by Brown, seconded by Sundall to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Peterson presented cash flow document from October 31, 2018 to February 28, 2019. Balances as of 2/28/19 total \$145,197.26. Since that time there have been about an additional \$40K in deposits in registrations. Motion by Bertsch, second by Hockenstad to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

FIELD OF DREAMS PAYMENT – In late November we prepaid \$50K towards the \$67K payment due at the end of March. Peschel and Brown reviewed our financial position and recommend that the board pay an additional \$50K this month to complete the amount due for March 31 and prepay \$37K towards the September payment. Motion by Bertsch, seconded by Sundall to make a \$50K payment on the loan. Motion carried.

CITY CONTRACT – reviewed revised proposal from Park Board that included the provisions discussed last month. Motion by Bertsch, 2nded by Brown, to authorize Peschel to sign the revised agreement.

REGISTRATIONS /LITTLE LEAGUE/TEAM MEETINGS – team meetings will be at Pizza Ranch April 1, 2, and 4 starting at 5:30 and 7. Rookies and Intermediate LL will meet on Monday, Machine Pitch on Tuesday, and LL Minors on Thursday. There are 522 summer registrations, most leagues on small fields have some openings if we have any more come in. Big Field registrations are sixteen 13 year olds, twenty-six 14 year olds, thirty-eight 15/16 year olds, and 11 Legion players. There are 107 players registered for travel baseball, tryouts will be 3/24 for the younger players and 3/31 for middle school aged. All tryouts will be indoors. Levi Sanders has volunteered to head up the travel team coordination in the absence of a small fields DOB. Team sizes will be 11 for 12U Black, 12 each for 11U Black, 11/12U Combined, and 11U Red, 11 and 10 for the two 10U teams, and there will be 3 9U teams: 12 on Black and 13 each on Red and White.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES – motion by Sanders, 2nded by Hockenstad to purchase two new portable mounds (estimated at \$2,400) and red jerseys for the 13/14 year old teams to match the black uniforms purchased last year (estimated at \$2,500). Motion carried. The board also considered \$1,500 for wind screen on the side fences at First National Bank Field, but will revisit this purchase after we have our first two tournaments of the year in the books and can review our financial position at that time.

2019 DOB – we have two candidates for the small field DOB position, both were interviewed by Peschel and Brown. Ken Longman has a route delivering medical supplies. He played for and now manages the Lennox amateur team. He would like to coach in the BVBA program as well. Brandon Lane works at the Chamber of Commerce and lives in Brandon. He played for Iowa Lakes and currently has a son who will be in Rookie League this year. He does not want to be tournament director but is interested in taking on the other small diamond responsibilities. Chris feels that of the two Brandon is the more high-energy personality and both Chris and Stu feel Brandon is a better fit because of his organizational skills and the fact he lives in Brandon is a plus for being able to check on field conditions, etc. during the day. It is their recommendation to offer the position with a salary of \$5,000 per year, pro-rated to 9 ½ months since the fiscal year started 2 ½ months ago. Motion by Sundall, 2nded by Sanders to offer the small field DOB position to Brandon Lane without the tournament director responsibilities for the above salary. Motion carried.

DOB REPORTS – our new small fields DOB will be at the LL Draft on March 19. Large Field: HS Practices are going well but lost HS Gym with basketball teams making state. Had 9 hours of cancelled time at Legends from winter workouts and skills camp that can use for more HS indoor time. Varsity starts season in Lawrence, KS March 22-23. Need to schedule a field prep day, would like some board members there to help make sure batting cage nets installed properly. Mark Zalme has asked umpire pay be increased \$5 per game, advised him a request like that has to be submitted prior to October when budget is done. Stu will reach out to Zalme and reiterate. Tryout dates for travel teams and 13/14 year old placements will be March 24 and 31 with coaches VanHeel, Steemken, Hoover, and Longman. May use some high school players to help move players from station to station but they will not be involved in the scoring. Registrations for summer are 51 players age 15 and above. Need to decide if we will cut or keep all players. If keep them all, team sizes would be 18 Sr. Legion, 17 Jr. Legion, and 16 16U. If cut, would bring number down to 45 or 46 with 15/16 on Sr. Legion and 15 on each of the other two teams. Cuts would come from any/all age groups. So far there are 8 applicants for summer coaching positions in addition to VanHeel: Evan Steemken, Ken Longman, Joel Sage, Andrew Erkonen, Mitchell Hoover, Isaiah Chevalier, Jacob Johnson, and Payton Livingston. Still undecided are Cole Christensen, Matt Minnick, and Kelly Krzmarzick. Jeremy has reached out to Grant Hieb to see if any USF players might be interested in applying.

LEAGUE REP REPORTS – Fund Raising: there were 10 players that sold \$2800 in cookie dough. The Valley Springs pancake feed brought in \$1300 which is down a few hundred from last year. Brandon pancake feed is 3/24 and should be higher. LL Intermediate: coaches have been contacted, have 18 for the 9 teams. LL Minors: Jason will need some help with selecting coaches, needs to know who coached before in MP and Minors. Levi will help.

SPONSORSHIPS – Dakota Sports has become an FOD Sponsor and will sponsor the 3rd Base Patio area at FNB Field. So far this year \$11,000 of the \$26,000 sponsorship commitments have been paid.

With no further business to discuss Brown motioned the meeting be adjourned. Sanders seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next board meeting will be April 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Tailgators.