Board Meeting Date: 08/27/18

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Tim Sarver, Angela Joliff, Christine Gonzalez, Cliff Walker, Michelle Cook, Kristi Willis, Dave Wood, Rich Thomas, Denise Whitmire

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

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

***Fall Ball:***

Mark West has five Minors teams, three Majors teams, one 50/70 team, and one Junior’s team.

We had to refund 6 players for lack of a Majors coach. 3 players dropped after that, one from each team because of not being put on team with friends. Problem this year was lack of volunteers to coach despite the email discussing the need to refund due to lack of coaching.

Believe that the fire in October had an impact. Dave asked if Kevin anticipated this will be a problem for regular season. Kevin hopes not, but we should have an idea in December. Worst was trying to come up with Majors coaches, younger divisions have more parents interested in coaching and getting involved. Kevin stated that someone will need to volunteer to be coordinator of Fall Ball next year he won’t do it again.

Santa Rosa turned the 50/70 Fall Ball over to Kevin. Cory (Santa Rosa American) was three weeks behind in ordering jersey’s which is why professional rather than college teams. We were told to pick from the top 30 MLB teams, but Sonoma Design went ahead and chose randomly for us.

Donnie Steagall is coaching a Majors team

Josh Long is coaching the Juniors

Nate DeJung is coaching the 50/70 team

Kevin Bertland is coaching the Majors team (he coached the regular season Minors Braves two

Charlie Nelson is coaching a Minors team

And four Newbie coaches so a lot of hand holding

***TOC and All Stars:***

Just wanted to recap how well we did this year: The MW Majors Red Sox made it to the TOC Championship, but lost 6-2 to Petaluma. The MW Minors All-Stars also made it to the Championship, and unfortunately lost also. Should have had a 10 U Team in hindsight.

MW 11 U’s did a great job getting to the semi-finals (lost to Petaluma American and Petaluma American won sectionals but lost in State to Rocklin. Rincon Valley’s 10 U won State. The 12 U team went 2 and 2 in the playoffs. 50/70 won District Sectionals, Woodland went on to Livermore and won State. Juniors didn’t do well 0-2 and one coach was ejected. El Mo coach spit on a District umpire after being ejected from the game. The President of El Molino’s league was screaming on the field. A terrible memory for Conner Delaney who hit a two run homerun in the game.

All that said, next year on Opening Day we should give recognition to the Divisions for their accomplishments this year.

***Year End Financial Review:***

We have approximately $30,000 carry over with $25,000 in the Hut.

The Hit-a-Rama made $13,000 this year, but we need to bump up budget from $1,500 to $3,000

Scholarships need to be $2,500 rather than $17,000.

Uniforms and Equipment was increased from $28,000 to $35,000; however, this coming year the uniform budget will be small and need for bats will be minimal for 50/70 and Juniors. We have wood bats, but need more baseballs. We will leave the line Item at $28,000.

Remove fire donations and savings account transfer as line items

Want to combine Athletics and Cal Berkley tickets into Game Day Tickets

Need to increase the bank charges from $120 to $250 to cover bounced check and service charges.

At October’s meeting we will adopt a new budget

There was discussion about the Vice President of soccer wanting to create a sports complex at Schopflin, but we have a five year lease and we maintain the baseball field the same as Maddux. Anyway, the County is not happy with soccer because they disregard what the County wants and do their own thing. We have plans to improve Schopflin next year. New landscaper, currently free of charge because of Fall Ball Manager footing the bill, his landscaper.

Need a lock box for deposit of checks and money. We had bounced checks this year because they were not received for deposit and two of the Dick’s $50 gift cards expired. Still chasing checks for Fall Ball.

Pushing registration on Courtney to do on line and pay on line, by rolling the fee for the transaction into the cost of registration. Also eliminate the age which creates confusion; Sports Engine may be able to calculate the appropriate fee by player birthdate. Also need to have the Medical forms on line so no need to collect hard copies.

Plan to maintain the fields during off season (aerate and overseed) Working on Farms field irrigation and resodding.

Rich motioned to accept the budget changes and Kristi seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by the Board.

***Year End Season Review:***

Everyone liked the interleague.

Only one incident at Santa Rosa American with a fan.

Thinking of having Majors play weekdays at mark West and other leagues play weekends.

Want to reach out to Healdsburg and iron out a couple things about the local rules that need to be understood prior to playing the game such as Minors not stealing home until halfway through the season and that we are the only league with mandatory 2 innings per position.

Westside President Ernshaw is stepping down.

Cliff stated that we need to encourage younger kid’s parents to get on the Board in order to get them involved. Also need another parent in the dugout. Loading the ball into the pitching machine issue can be solved by loading it for your own team as this has been a bone of contention for Farms.

PeeWees need a new pitching machine.

T-ball and Peewees had good coaches. Freddy and Johnathan are interested in joining the Board.

Taking down temporary fences became an issue at the end of the season. Speaking with soccer about leaving up the 50/70 fence year round and only taking down the Majors fence

Weird issue with Farms parents accusing team parent of embezzling collected money.

One player was ejected from Minors because of behavior towards another player.

Allison had a problem with a 50/70 player after a game because he didn’t agree with her umpiring of the game.

Two coaches that have a Hatfield and McCoy relationship need to stop coaching.

One of the Minors Managers was wrong fully ejected. Several suspensions this year. Have to discuss how to handle with the rules.

There was minimal theft in the Hut. Biggest theft item was the large bag of sunflower seeds. Michelle had to keep an eye on certain individuals.

***2019 Board Members:***

1. Michelle is not returning as Hut Coordinator. She will help the ordering, etc. at first, but need a good committee. Kevin feels if we cannot get volunteers for the Hut we will close the Hut. Ideas for the new committee is that we struggle at the end of the year. Food truck could be utilized for playoffs and all stars as it qualifies as concession. Can speak with John Berry of Berry’s Market. He has a food truck. Propose the first $500 goes to Barry’s to pay employees and expenses and we split any remaining monies.

It was proposed we don’t host playoffs due to lack of volunteers. Kevin stated every league has same problem, no volunteers at end of year. We have to be forward thinking and get new people to commit.

We also could let other leagues host and have 1 field used on Saturday rather than 6-8 games which changes the number of volunteers required. Discuss splitting with Santa Rosa American if host, no fee.

1. Tim Sarver is not returning next year
2. Brett Gripe is not returning (he will umpire)
3. Allison will umpire but will not return as UIC. Kevin could take over as UIC and not manage a team.
4. Aron Freeman not returning
5. Richard Key not returning
6. Jerry Abundis not returning
7. It is unclear if Ryan England will return
8. Erik Thompson not returning?

Darin Phelps agreed to stay on one more year and do the scheduling.

Courtney Van Ploos is exploring using Epicenter for registration rather than Dick’s this coming year.

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***MISCELLANEOUS:***

New projects:

* score tables
* 50/70 scoreboard with pitch count (move existing scoreboard to Farms to replace that scoreboard)
* Received 3 new remotes with longer range that can be interchanged by selecting which scoreboard to control

Off Season Projects: Schopflin and RAA 50/70 Bases with receivers

50/70 shed has right tools on shelves that are labelled to maintain fields.

Want to switch out 10’ conics at Majors field with 20’ and sell 10’ conics to Challengers.

One sprinkler we thought was fixed is leaking

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

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Next Board Meeting: 09/19/18 (annual meeting/elections)