

BRANDON VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

October Board Meeting Notes

Sunday, October 13, 2019 – Tailgators

Attendees: Stuart Peschel, Al Kirkeby, Paul Peterson, Brian Bertsch, Craig Riley, Levi Sanders, Jason Honey, Dan Wrightsman, Gary Walz, Chris Brown, Torrey Sundall, Jeremy VanHeel.

Having a quorum present, meeting was called to order by Peschel at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September meeting minutes were unavailable to approve.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Peterson presented cash flow document through September 30. We made a \$52,000 payment on the loan in September bringing balance down to \$206,808.41. As of Friday, October 11, balances in accounts are: \$22,934 in main account, \$44 in umpire, \$2,229 in savings, and \$18,098 in FOD account. Motion by Bertsch, second by Sundall to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

FOD Report – Brown reported there are 2019 pledges outstanding of \$21K approximately. Of this he feels \$2,750 is at risk of not being paid. This is still way under what the bank projected we would lose. High School registration has an option for people to donate to FOD as will summer registrations when they go live. Still looking for a \$50,000 sponsor for the top of the grandstand. Would like to add left field bleachers in the future but this does not seem likely in 2020. This year we will be adding some windscreen and replacing some that was ruined but no other major expenses expected. We want to cut down on the use of metal cleats in practice to save wear and tear on the turf, Chris and Jeremy have already discussed this. We already have some college teams reserving the field for 2020 games. Update on Valley Springs improvements: we have commitments from Legends for \$3,000, the City of Valley Springs \$4,800, Post 131 \$2,000, Brandon Community Foundation \$5,000, and Baseball Booster Club for \$750 towards the improvements. New scoreboard has been received and will be installed within 2 weeks. Estimated cost of scoreboard installed is \$11,000. Concrete pads are in for the new dugouts on Little League Field. Valley City Council has been discussing replacing the lights at the park using the same poles. The sprinkler system on the LL Field has been repaired at no cost to the BVBA.

2020 LEGION STATE TOURNAMENT – dates are expected to be July 24-28, 2020. Chris presented a list of committees that will be needed to organize the event and many of the board members volunteered for slots as committee chairs. Chris met Mayor Lundberg at the diamonds and the Mayor is very excited that we are hosting this tournament and pledged city support with a city employee on site during all hours of the games and patching the entrance road to eliminate as many holes as possible. Portable fencing will be put up to close off FNB Field more and portable bleachers brought in to increase seating.

LITTLE LEAGUE SURVEY – we will put a survey out on the website asking for feedback on whether the start of league play should move two weeks later or stay the same. Thought is this could potentially avoid some of the bad early season weather that cancels practices and games. This would push the end of the playoffs to around July 9 instead of before the end of June.

SPRING TRYOUTS – travel teams ages 9-12 will try out at the High School Activity Center Sunday 2/16 from 5:30-8:30 for fielding and base running and on Saturday 2/22 at Legends. 13/14 year olds will be indoor at Legends Thursday and Saturday, 2/27 and 2/29. Looking at some Wednesdays and Sundays in

April for outdoor times. High School try outs will be Sunday 2/23 at the activity center and 2/24, 25, and 27 at Legends. Try outs for Jr. Legion and 16U will be outdoors on a Sunday in April TBD.

SPIRITWEAR STORE #3/DAKOTA SPORTS/LEGENDS DAY – Spiritwear Store will open this week and goes through the end of October. On October 25 from 6-9 p.m. Legends will host bat representatives, players and parents can try out bats at Legends and order through Dakota Sports on the spot.

DOB REPORTS

BIG FIELDS – weather impacted fall ball. Overall the fall ball season went well except for some weather impacts. Coach VanHeel is working with Sanford Power to set up an off season lifting program specific to baseball 2 days per week. High School varsity and JV as well as Sr. Legion schedules are on line. Freshman/Sophomore schedule working through Brookings to set up. Working on setting up tournaments now. Our Jr. Legion tournament was very popular, some teams in it last year want to return. We may look at putting our 16U team in as well this year. Field clean up is done both in Valley and at Aspen. The net on the 1st base side of the backstop to the dugout still has to come down.

SMALL FIELDS – Brandon has completed some templates for the future small fields director and is working on descriptions for coaches and expectations they would sign. Stuart and Brandon met with the 9U Black coach from last season about complaints and had a very good conversation, the expectations document is in large part coming from this conversation. There was a coach's meeting last month and another will be held before the season starts next summer. There has been one person so far that has expressed interest in the small fields director position for next year.

SPONSORSHIPS – the yearly sponsorships for 2019 are all collected. Augustana rented FNB Field two Sundays for their fall program and the adult baseball league rented Valley Springs. We netted approximately \$1,000 from these two organizations.

FUNDRAISING – we will run a World Series pool with half the proceeds going to the BVBA. Torrey is looking at options besides cookie dough for the high school fundraiser.

With no further business to discuss Sundall motioned the meeting be adjourned. Sanders seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

The next board meeting will be our annual meeting on October 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Tailgators.