Board Meeting Date: 06/10/19

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Christine Gonzalez, Michelle Cook, Dave Wood, Cliff Walker, Gabe Johnston, Denise Whitmire

Other attendees: Brian Brogan

Meeting called to order at 7:46 pm.

***Review and Approve Minutes:***

Dave motioned to approve the Board minutes for 5/28/19 and Michelle seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

***All Stars:***

50/70:

* Starts 6/16 – 6/21, with the “if” game on 6/22/19. District 35 covers umpires for 50/70. Kevin will be working as District 35 umpire.

Minors:

* Starts 6/22-6/28, with a spot left for the ”if” game. Mark West covers umpires.

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* Has a “play in” game on 6/27

Majors TOC – Mark West has bye and plays 6/18 – 6/20. No one can pitch all 3 days.

Kristi sent an email to Michelle about the Hut. We need three persons per shift. Need a bbq person and keeping fries because they are big profit. Need to look into getting an outdoor fryer and check on for next season. May need permit and may need to fence off bbq area to prevent pass through by kids. Can make a back door in Hut to wheel out fryer.

Will need help setting up fields for 50/70 and Minors Tournament.

***Review of 2019:***

Division Commissioners are needed next year. Too many problems brought to Kevin and Kristi that would be handled by Commissioners.

Farms playoffs was a problem. Don’t know if the rain delaying games, practices, etc. is responsible but problems with Minors moved up to Majors parents also. Managers questioning about the rules. Will have a meeting at the beginning of the year which will be mandatory to cover rules, field prep and other relevant topics.

It will be mandatory that each team designate a scorekeeper. Attendance at scorekeepers meeting is required.

Will likely have more 10 year olds playing Minors next year. Not very many players that are candidates to move up to Majors like last year. 44 returning 11 year olds. 12 year olds will move up to 50/70. 5 teams already there since we’ll be right at 60 players.

More pitching for Farms this year worked well.

Need to have managers pitch more than 3 or 4 players. Getting the local rules from all Districts ½ in Farms have playoff and ½ don’t. Those that do have single rather than double elimination. Will look at what other teams do. There was a lack of volunteers for Umpires at Farms level by parents.

With regards to the Petaluma Farms Tournament, it is not open to other Leagues, it is essentially their playoff.

Want to limit the Farms every inning rather than having open innings. Also keep a strict time limit.

Want to set a 15 at 4th and 10 at 5th inning mercy rule. There is always one team every year that gets beat by more than 10 runs. Want to improve Farms and Minors experience and take pressure off in order to stimulate the development aspect, of Farms especially and may get more players pitching opportunity.

There will be changes to interleague next year. Mike Simpson will not be District next year. District will oversee interleague next year.

Problem this year with El Molino. They refused to reschedule a rained out game. They put it on the managers to reschedule, we gave them a reasonable time to reschedule and Kevin even offered our field, the only date they chose was Mother’s Day. Interleague refused to enforce the rules.

Juniors had issues with Laytonville and Covelo whom refused to reschedule and actually shut down the field after two hrs. into the game. The umpires walked off the field, even though not dark.

We will be teaching coaches how to properly fill out line up cards for games. District requires last names and jersey numbers.

Cliff said he was happy with the umpire schedule this year.

Josh Leo isn’t using Schopflin now, the Juniors are practicing at Piner.

Cliff needs to order medals and trophies now. Company in Ohio for trophies takes 3 weeks. Only first and second place get trophies, everyone else gets medals; need 34 trophies.

Brian Brogan apologized to the Board for recent behavior at a game where two of the Senior players were ejected from the game.

Problems with Cocoa as umpire have improved, but still need additional improvement.

During the A’s game against the Royals, one of the Royal’s parent chastised Junior Umpire Joel for his calls. He will point out the parent to Kevin.

***Miscellaneous:***

Potential new Board members next year:

* Ian Humber
* Johnathan Westphal
* Anthony Restadt
* Farm’s A’s Manager Mike
* 2-3 more

This is probably Dave Wood’s last Board meeting. He stated that everything is dialed in for sponsors and Prune Packers. He will help transition a new Board member into the role.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

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Next Board Meeting: Tuesday 08/26/19