

Attendance: Terry Olson, Corryn Anderson, James Saulsbury, Chet Latawiec, Eric Potthoff, Nate Greene, Stephanie Walschlaeger, Julie Cooley, Sara Taylor

Absent: Jamielynn Sparre (1st absence), Liz Jabs (1st absence), Christina Smentek (1st absence)

1. Meeting **CALLED to ORDER** at 7:05 PM

2. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** from March

Motion to approve by Chet. Seconded by Stephanie. Motion passes.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM –**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to move \$10,000 from Concessions to Capital Improvements budget by Nate, seconded by Chet. Motion passes.

Baseball is looking to build a double wide batting cage at City Park. The city of Ham Lake needs for us to make a donation before they will begin the build.

Motion to make \$20,000 available to be used for the batting cages for Ham Lake City Park by Nate, seconded by Sara. [All money made from the Baseball Hit-A-Thon will be put into the project. A donation of \$2,500 from Blaine Youth Hockey Association was earmarked for the batting cage project as well.] Motion passes.

Motion to modify the budget item with an additional \$1000 instead of \$750, \$1,750 total for a pitching clinic by Nate, seconded by Chet. Motion passes. [Lion's Park 10U+ pitching clinic on May 7th]

James – Lion's Park

Request for direction of what the next steps are to make the essential safety improvements for Lion's Park for aggregate, backstops, fencing, etc. James will talk to John Witcowski about the aggregate.

Big West asked us to host the 12U MN Qualifier June 24-25 (29 teams). We need a concession coordinator (\$500) and tournament director. Motion to pay concession coordinator \$500 by Chet, seconded by Nate. James will need to find a tournament director.

Field maintenance worker looking to hire. \$15/hour for softball field maintenance. A 2.5 hours per time. Information: \$1,000 for the season, \$1,500 for baseball. \$12.50/hour for baseball field maintenance hourly weekends.

Updated Balances

- General Fund: \$139,957
- Concessions: \$81,527

- Baseball: \$55,843
- Fastpitch: \$60,383
- Capital Improvements: \$15,207

Blaine All Night Party

Motion to donate \$500 for the Senior All Night Party from General Fund by Terry, seconded by Chet. Motion passes.

Registration Update

394 total baseball players, would be at 409 if all spots were filled

Fundraiser Card Pickup

There was one on Thursday, 4/13. Another one could be Wednesday or Friday this week.

Moose Agreement

Proposal to cut Fastpitch out of the process and change of accounts and have Moose players pay \$170/player to SBAA. There are 105 Moose players.

Motion to dissolve previous agreement, and create a new agreement to approve the change that Moose players registration will go to SBAA and not Fastpitch by Chet, seconded by James. Motion passes. This would start in 2024.

Concessions – East Bethel Booster Park

SBAA rule of thumb is to only open concessions if two or more SBAA games are being played.

Motion to NOT open East Bethel on weeknight games by Terry, seconded by Stephanie. Motion passes.

Banners at Parks

Corryn will send out the old contract that needs to be updated. This is for sponsorship/advertising to be placed on the banners at the fields. Sports Star will make banners for \$75.

Attendance

According to the Bi-laws, if you miss 3 in a row, or 4 in a year, you will no longer be a member of the Board. **Will be enforced starting April 16.**

Committee Reports:

Concessions – Anderson

- *Starting to order supplies, have to purchase propane holders*

Soderville Baseball – Potthoff

- Had meetings with coaches and drafted teams, uniform try-ons
- Eric Lovedahl from MN Twins for a pitching clinic at Lions
- Host a large baseball tournament May 5-7
- Baseball uniforms being stored at concession stands. If equipment is too old/unused, we could look into donating it to another country.
- 12U draft received more complaints than in years past. Add an “acknowledgement” in the registration process about the draft process.

Traveling Fast pitch – Saulsbury

- *Friday night training at Complete Game ended on 4/14*
- *Big West scheduling of 10U-14U took place, then more games needed to be added because one community didn't have a representative at the scheduling meetings*
- *Hit-A-Thon had a great turnout of players, the Blaine High School players did an excellent job pitching and volunteering at the event.*
- *8U Coaches meeting was last week, there are 15 teams in the league*
- *12U still needs players – Jaimielynn, please post on social media about the need for 12U players*

Field/Game Scheduling – Anderson

- *All the pre-work for scheduling is done*
- *Still waiting on high school scheduling before everything can be finalized*
- *We use a "top down" approach and start with the oldest age groups first*

Fields/Facilities – Anderson

- There is standing water on all of the fields at Lion's Park.
- At this time, the soonest we will be on the fields is the week of May 1.
- An email will be sent to the entire association about field conditions to try and deter the amount of questions about when the fields will be ready

Fundraising – Taylor

- An updated calendar will present at a future meeting

Sponsors – Wahschlaeger

- Discussed possibly combining sponsorship with fundraising committee

Web/IT – Greene

- Turning the plan back on
- Adding routers back to the concession stands

Town Ball – Olson

- No update

Social Media – Sparre

- Not in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

Charitable Gambling License

There is a 2 day seminar and application process involved in trying to obtain a charitable gambling license. There needs to be a paid individual as the gambling manager. Fogerty Ice Arena and the two locations of El Zocalo restaurants (Blaine and Lion Lakes). Cindy and Tony Cain offered to help with whatever is needed to get this going.

Storage World Usage

Eric – There are 6 double racks at Storage World

SBAA and Fastpitch has supplies on 4 racks, baseball has things on 4 racks. Corryn suggested that we have a clean out day at Storage World. James will look at the Fastpitch equipment this week.

AED's

James will talk to the city to see if they want to bear the responsibility of the AED. A trainer could come in to present and talk about liability. Discussion about whether or not a grant could be available to purchase one.

Table to the next meeting.

- 6. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN** at 9:47 PM
Sunday, May 21, 7:00 PM
Maxx's Bar & Grill