Board Meeting Date: 03/11/19

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Kristi Willis, Mike Willis, Angela Jolliff, Cliff Walker, Darin Phelps, Dave Wood, Michelle Cook, Tony Neil, Christine Gonzales, Rich Thomas, Gabe Johnston, Jason Black, Tony Russell, Denise Whitmire

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

***Review and Approve Minutes:***

Kristi motioned to approve the minutes for the February 28, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Michelle, and carried by the Board.

***Opening Day:***

Brett Gripe and Richard Keys are the two nominees that will be honored this year. Brett Gripes plaque will be made from the Majors home plate.

The Parade will be the same.

We have four vendors:

* Wine Country Roofing
* Brava Restoration
* FBKI
* National Academy of Sports (with pitching machine)

The Jumpies have already been arranged.

Tables and popups have been procured.

An email will be sent out the week before setup. Mark West Elementary is having their walk-a-thon on Friday, March 29th after school which will limit how much set up can be done. The Maddux side can be done.

***Review Finances:***

There is $8,000 in hut money

$30,000 in savings

$53,000 in checking

We received $20,000 in revenue. We have a reserve of $52,800.

Kevin said that he met with the landscaper and reached an arrangement for them to work 2 days a month (edging, cleaning, and sprinklers). They went out 4 times in January. We need to increase the budget for field maintenance by $10,000 to cover January’s bill and $800 a month for 11 months. They will fertilize if we provide the fertilizer. Kevin will let the landscaper know that the area around the Majors field mound needs attention.

Change $35,000 in budget for field Improvements. Used $22,000 so surplus of $13,000. Maintenance and supplies was $10,000, we used $8,000 so surplus of $2,000. We did not have to pay FBK1 for the manager training. Umpire costs are down from $13,000 to $10,000 so surplus of $3,000.

We need to change the budget for the PO box from $400 to $500.

Rich Thomas motioned to accept the budget changes and Michelle seconded the motion. The Board carried the motion.

***Wood Bat Weekend:***

Only the Minors and Majors teams will participate.

Santa Rosa American wanted to play against their own teams not interleague.

Cliff will assess the wood bat distribution needed. 6 per field with heavier bats for Majors

It was decided the wood bat weekend will be 5/11 and the teams having a bye that weekend will play the wood bat game on 5/13.

 Darin motioned to have the tournament on the above dates and Gabe seconded. The motion was carried by the Board.

***New D35 League Donations:***

* Round Valley – 5 Tee ball teams, 4 coach pitch teams, 2 majors teams and 1 Juniors team
* Laytonville – 5 Tee ball, 3 Minors, 1 Majors, 1 Juniors

They have requested equipment to help jumpstart their gear/equipment. Kevin organized the container and we have two 4-wheel aluminum chalkers that we could offer. We have helmets (red and black). Kevin will reach out for specific needs.

***Player Hold Down Requests:***

Very lengthy discussion and differing opinions but, Jared Roy quit the Majors team that he was drafted onto and was accepted by CalRipken. When he left there was some bad mouthing going out the door. Armand Azevedo (Cal Ripken) former Fall Ball Coach 2018 allowed Jared to play for Cal Ripken. There was alleged coach intimidation; however, Kevin believes that Jared had already made up their mind to leave Mark West.

As a result we need to bring up a player from Minors.

Under Local Rulers Skills Assessment, Players age 10-12 may choose, in writing, to stay down in a lower division. We had 7 players make the choice to stay down, only 3 submitted written request. The dilemma is that one player that elected to stay in Minors has changed his mind and now wants to play Majors. He is 10 years old. Also, we have a 10 year old on the waiting list to play. Both of these players could play Majors as their skills are similar.

John Dooley says unless in rules, no such thing as request to stay down.

Questions considered:

* Do we contact the other 6 players who requested to stay down?
* Do we pull up the player on the wait list?
* Do we allow the player who changed his mind to be moved up?

It was determined that we get the list from the manager of the team who lost a player. If the player contacted says no, and stays down, they cannot be sanctioned for All Stars.

Kristi stated that previous years, regardless of written request or not, we have honored requests to stay down. One of the Farms teams has only 10 players so Kristi has contacted parents of Pee Wee players to move a player up.

Rich Thomas motioned that we take the Managers list and go down the list until a player is picked. Any player declining cannot come up if another player slot opens during the season. Darin seconded the motion and the Board carried the motion.

The matter of stay down requests will be resolved for next season as the Board will eliminate the option from the local rules next year.

Tony Russell brought up that the lack of players is an issue that we should address. The Board concurs that lower player registration, not just in our league, is a real issue that can be discussed at future meetings. Any suggestions on how to increase player interest is encouraged.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

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Next Board Meeting: Tuesday 04/08/19