Board Meeting Date: 05/14/18

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Allison Emery, Christine Gonzalez, Michelle Cook, Courtney Van Ploos, Kristi Willis, Darin Phelps, Cliff Walker, Denise Whitmire

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm.

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

***All Stars and TOC:***

50/70 All Stars will take place June 21-June 26. Currently there are four Junior’s teams: Mark West, Rincon Valley, Petaluma, and El Molino. If El Molino backs out, Mark West will get the bye.

Minors All Stars will take place 6/22 – 6/29, except for 6/25 when only a Junior’s game will be played. Games will be played on Saturday and Sunday at 10 am, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Three games can be played at Mark West, utilizing the Minors, Majors and 50/70 fields. Weekday games are at 5:30 pm.

Volunteers for All Stars will be discussed at the All Star selection. Umpires will sign the home books for pitch counts once reconciled at end of each game.

We are not hosting the Majors All Stars this year. Majors All Stars will begin on July 1st.

TOC will begin on 6/18. Mark West got the bye and will play the winner of the El Molino game on Tuesday June 19 at Mark West. The winner of Tuesday’s game plays on Wednesday 6/20 in Fort Bragg, and the Championship game will be played on Thursday 6/21 in Ukiah.

Cliff stated that not all of the 12 year old All Star jerseys were returned last year so more have been ordered. 10 New red jerseys. The 11 year old blue All Star jerseys (20) will be given to the Minors All Stars. New blue jerseys will be ordered for the 11 year old All Stars. The jerseys are lighter weight and have two buttons. They cost $46.95 each x 15 jerseys = $807.25 with tax. The money for the jerseys will come from transferring the $900 in the budget for bleachers at the Pee Wee ball field. The Pee Wee bleachers will be purchased next year.

***Local Rule Change:***

All Board members were polled by email prior to tonight’s Board meeting about changing the local rule which states the penalty for a first offense of violating the pitch count or pitch and catch count is suspension and the manager is not allowed at the game. All Board members concurred that for a first offense the manager shall be suspended, but allowed to view the game from the end of the foul line fence provided they have no contact with coaching staff or players. This change does not apply to a suspension based on behavioral issues, only for pitch count or pitch/catch count violations.

***Playoff Schedules:***

The Majors playoff Game No. 3 will be played on Friday June 1, rather than Saturday June 2. June 9, the Championship Games on the 50/70 field will be played at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm

***FBK1:***

A $100 discount will be given to any player who lost their home in the October fires.

Also, a scholarship opportunity for 2 players is being offered. The managers of the Junior’s and the Majors Divisions shall pick worthy candidates. The Junior’s managers will pick 2 players each for a total of 8 candidates and the Majors managers will pick 3 each for a total of 15 candidates. The managers will verify availability of candidates to commit to program and provide justification for their nominations. One candidate’s name will be drawn from the pool of Junior’s candidates and one from the Majors candidates making the selections random.

Kristi will send out an email to the coaches. The selection shall be kept confidential.

Kevin will send out an email to the parents regarding the $100 discount for players that lost homes in the fire.

***Interleague Incident:***

A Mark West Juniors Pirates player, Cameron, quit the team and then showed up as a pool player for Rincon Valley in a game at Mark West. The player was told he was ineligible to play and Kevin called Dan Hermsmeyer to request the book to make sure that he has not played in any other games since he quit. The Rincon Valley President has been notified of the illegal player.

Kevin spoke with the player’s father before the game. The father stated he didn’t know his son was suspended. Kevin told him his son was never suspended. The player was asked to provide a doctor’s note before he would be eligible to play due to missing several practices and complaining of sore arm. Instead of a doctor’s note he turned in his uniform. The father then stated he did that because there were problems with the coach. Kevin queried him whether he spoke with the player agent, the President, Vice President or anyone regarding the coach and he said he didn’t. Kevin told him he had no recourse since he failed to follow any procedure to remedy his alleged problem.

***Fall Ball:***

Registration opened 6/14for Minors through Juniors Fall Ball. Kevin has emailed Mark West to see if we can continue to use the 50/70 field for Fall Ball. Fire funds will be used to repair the fire damaged fields at Redwood Adventist Academy and Schopflin.

The problem last year with player ages at registration has been eliminated by setting a flat fee across the board. Furthermore, 15 year olds cannot pitch in Fall Ball.

***Miscellaneous:***

Have added higher backboards and padding at the Minors and Farms fields. Will work on the 50/70 field prior to All Stars. The Majors field backstop might need modifying due to bleacher placement for spectators. Might not happen until next year or might attach padding to the chain link fence.

There is a leak in the 50/70 outfield at the Culligan sign.

The leak in the Majors outfield has been repaired and will be covered with plywood for Tuesday’s game. The area will be covered with sod and the outfield will be fertilized.

The Majors pitcher’s mound looks good, but the Minors mound is terrible. The coaches are not watering the mound after games and practices.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

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Next Board Meeting: 06/11/18