Board Meeting Date: 05/04/2020

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Rich Thomas, Darin Phelps, Kristi and Mike Willis, Gabe Johnston, Krista and Cris Cordoza, Sid Andreis, Jason Black, Cliff Walker, Bob Greene, Angela Jolliff, Michelle Cook, Jay Striniste, Jennifer Carrol, Jonathan Westphal, Denise Whitmire

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm.

***Review and Approve Minutes:***

Darin motioned to approve the Board minutes for 4/13/2020 and Cliff seconded. Minutes were approved by the Board.

***Little League Updates (World Series & Regional Tournaments)***

The Little League World Series and all Regional Tournaments have officially been cancelled for 2020. The only games that could be played would be at a District level, if at all. District sent an email to all the League Presidents that we will not be able to plan without the Government guidelines (State/County/City). Even when the shelter in place (SIP) ends, we will have to see whether or not the restrictions will make it possible to play with potential social distancing.

We pay fees for each team, including insurance approximately $4,300, but will only be getting a $900 credit from District 3; at least the insurance will cover Fall Ball.

***League Updates (Finances & Refunds)***

* The survey had a marginal response, only 154 out of 365 responded. Some people stated that they did not feel comfortable replying because of finances at this time. Even though the survey was anonymous, Kevin believes people were afraid to commit, for fear their decision may change their decision depending on the length of the SIP.
* Based on the responses received:
  + 87.7% said they would return if spring season could resume, 12.3% said they would not
  + 37.1% said they would be willing to donate the fees, 39.1% would accept a credit, and 23.8% would want a refund
  + 69.5% said they would be willing to play some ball if we can play, and 24.7% said they would be playing another sport.
* Looks like 1/3 donate, 1/3 credit and 1/3 refund
* The numbers were focused on Spring and removed the field improvements so far we have incurred $44,000 in expenditures this season.

Angela gave the to-date financials: $2,500 sponsorships, $68,000 in checking, $27,500 in savings and $3,500 in the Home Run Hut so roughly $100,000. We have $1,500 in outstanding invoices as of April 4, 2020. Going forward, we will be okay financially. However next year with credits for registration and sponsorships, roughly down $20,000. Although that would be offset by the $20,000 in field improvements not done this season. We can look at the refund possibilities.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the percentage of registration which we could afford to return, granting registration credit for 2020 to be applied to 2021 or how many we thought might be willing to donate their already paid fees to the League. We still have 42 players that have not paid registration for 2020. We had 2 players which had fees returned and 4 scholarships were granted ($7,800). Kevin said that no other Leagues are discussing refunds and that Mark West with its response to the fires, smoke out and now the pandemic are setting precedent for the community. Kevin has received several emails, since the survey went out, that retaining 50% of the registration for a hat is a problem for them.

Kristi made a motion:

*In the event that the Spring 2020 season is canceled, the League will apply a 100% credit to the Spring 2021 registration for all currently paid players. However, a refund may be requested in writing, in lieu of the 2021 credit. The refund must be requested by {specified date to be determined}. If a refund is not requested by the {specified date}, then the registration credit for the 2021 season will be automatic, and a refund may not be requested. If the player does not register for the 2021 season, regardless of the reason (aged out, not playing, etc.), the registration credit will be deemed a donation to the League.*

The motion was seconded by Mike and approved by the Board. The specified date will be reviewed when the Board meets again on May 26th when we will determine the go- or no-go date for restarting the 2020 Spring season.

***Fall Ball***

Kevin asked for ideas if the Spring 2020 season is canceled. He expects that more players will want to play Fall ball so maybe interleague for T-ball, Pee Wee and Farms. It was also mentioned that other sports such as soccer and basketball may not be able to play due to social distancing restrictions that baseball might be able to maintain. Need to discuss this with other Leagues since no other Leagues have mentioned it. Kevin will probably email Santa Rosa American before discussing it at a League meeting. Santa Rosa American charges $1,000-$1,200 per team, but spends no more than $500 on hats, shirts, baseballs with a credit for the use of fields ($1,000). Kevin wants to suggest that each League purchase its own hat, shirts and baseballs and have the fees reduced. Leagues that want to order through Santa Rosa would be able to do so. He also wants to discuss maybe Mark West taking it over Fall Ball or at least having uniform rules for Fall Ball. Most of the League Presidents are new, whereas Mark West has a strong Board going into this.

***Miscellaneous:***

Kevin stated that the CCL, of which Prune Packers are a team, have scheduled their season to start on July 1st.

Kevin asked if anyone is interested in sponsoring a Prune Packer Player? The Wood’s sponsored a player last year and plan to do so again this year. They can contact Kevin for further information if interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm

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*Next Board Meeting: Tuesday 5/26/2020 (Zoom)*