Board Meeting Date: 01/28/19

Board Members Present: Kevin Wood, Kristi Willis, Mike Willis, Cliff Walker, Darin Phelps, Dave Wood, Rich Thomas, Michelle Cook, Christine Gonzales, Jason Black, Tony Gates Denise Whitmire

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

***Review and Approve Minutes:***

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

***Vote in New Board Members:***

Jason Black

Tony Gates

Kristi motioned that Jason and Tony be accepted as new Board members. The motion was seconded by Mike and carried by the Board.

***Registration and Assessment Review:***

Of the 263 players registered that required assessment, 247 players were assessed over the weekend, missing 17 players:

13 =1

12 =1

11 = 1

10 = 2

9 = 1

8 = 2

7 = 8, of the 8 7 year olds five will probably play Pee Wees. Kristi noted it is not worth setting up the field to assess 8 players, most of which are returning players.

Total number of players registered: 352

We are down some this year, but not the only league experiencing reduced registration. Rincon Valley is down to 8 Majors teams from 12 last year. Travel ball is a significant factor.

The 50/70 draft is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 7-9 pm.

The Majors draft ~~is scheduled~~ ~~for~~ was held Monday, February ~~6~~ 4, 7-9 pm.

The Minors draft ~~is scheduled for~~ was held Wednesday, February ~~8~~ 6, 7-9 pm.

Kevin will try to schedule these at SCOE.

Before the drafts we need new commissioners:

Farms/PeeWee

Majors/Minors

Juniors/50/70: Darin will cover 50/70

Kevin has attended the interleague committee and while he cannot be on a committee since he is President, he is representing the Juniors.

**Juniors:** Josh Leo\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**50/70:** John Wedge

 Alonzo Rizo

**Majors:** Cliff Walker

 Cliff Whittemore

 Jason Black

 Donnie Steagal

 Tim Sarver

**Minors:** Carter Vose

 Jay Striniste

 Jeremy Depp

 Anthony Restad

 Dustin Koop

 Dan Towers

**Farms:** Chris Pearson

 Bryan Daher

 Michael Sacheli

 Tony Russell

 Alex Olgesby

We still need one manager

**Pee Wee:** Ian Humber

 John Wedge

 Fred Pena

We still need two managers

**T-Ball:** Johnathan Westphal

 Lisa Ryan

[Possibly, Johnathan Napp]. We still need one manager, if Napp won’t manage.

Cliff motioned to approve the current list of managers and Mike seconded the motion which was carried by the Board.

***We have the following teams:***

***# of teams*** ***Division*** ***# of players per team***

 1 Jr 14

 2 50/70 13

 5 Majors 12

 6 Minors 12

 6 Farms 12

 6 Pee Wee 10

 4 T-ball 9

***Field Work Dates:***

Actual work dates will be weather driven.

* Hoping to pour scorekeeper pads on 2/7 and build tables on 2/8. We need to submit drawing for scorekeeper platforms to County. At the Farms and Minors field we will epoxy to concrete.
* Mounds need work. Will use bagged clay rather than bricks.
* Grass – receivers can stay in and can drive over but should avoid
* Challengers are purchasing the extra conics.
* Kevin has gotten someone to remove the dirt piles
* A new home plate needs to be installed at the Majors field
* New nets need to be installed. Kevin purchased new nets, just need the triangles which run about $100 each.
* Need to install the 50/70 and Majors fences
* Need to put up the Sponsor banners
* Need 100’ of hose cut into 3 pieces to put hoses at the fields.
* Batter’s box at Schopflin needs fixing.

$20,000 was approved by the Board for field improvements this year, but we saved a significant amount of money on the riding mower and the quads. Kevin suggested that we approve a budget increase0f $2,000 to cover the cost of purchasing a new scoreboard with pitch count for the 50/70 field and moving the existing 50/70 scoreboard to the Farms field to replace the Farms scoreboard that needs replacing.

Darin motioned that we increase the budget by $2000 to cover the cost of the new scoreboard for the 50/70 field. Cliff seconded the motion which was carried by the Board.

***Miscellaneous:***

Kevin will speak with the District about how the league boundaries are drawn, specifically Windsor since the high school falls within the Mark West boundaries, but the elementary school Maddie Washburn doesn’t.

Kristi cautioned that Santa Rosa American may want to redraw boundaries to incorporate the area behind Monroe into their league.

FBK1 has been using the field at Schopflin for practices and has expressed they will wait until the Juniors practice schedule is set. Kevin had given them permission to use the field until the last week of February. It was discussed that we should ask for a donation to cover the cost of field maintenance. We cannot charge a fee since we don’t pay a fee to the County but FBKI should help with the cost of maintaining the field. Santa Rosa American has also expressed a desire to use Schopflin, but the Board needs to decide whether a donation would be asked of them since they are a non-profit.

We are planning on having interleague games again which may include Healdsburg and Sebastopol, possibly Westside; one or two weekends and possibly a weekday.

The FBKI Clinic for players and coaches is being combined. Coaches may attend for free, but there is a fee for players. Looking at Saturday, February 23rd. Equipment and safety and manager folders will be handed out.

Tony stated that Athletic Edge is interested in putting on a free 4 hour clinic for Mark West. Kevin suggested it be mid-season since FBKI is at the beginning.

Kevin is meeting with RAA’s facilities manager on Friday, February 1. New 50/70 receivers are available for insert though the grass may need to be cut back and infield dirt placed. We can use the portable mounds once the Juniors have use of the Piner High School fields.

50/70 can use spikes. The only field that doesn’t allow spikes is Prince in Petaluma but it has to be included in the interleague by laws. We will include the no on deck batter requirement for Mark West. Main issue with 50/70 is pitch count report. A Google Doc has been created for managers to report within 24 hours after game. It was suggested that both managers meet after games, sign the report, snap a picture and email it to Mike Simpson. Violations of the reporting requirements could result in suspensions or other disciplinary actions.

It was asked if head first sliding is permitted. It is permitted for 50/70 up, but is only permitted for Majors and below going back to a bag.

Little League Internationals biggest rule change is the pitcher/catcher rule. If you catch a certain number of innings (Kevin will confirm how many) you may then only pitch 20 pitches if you plan to catch again.

Dave contacted Prune Packers in Healdsburg about sponsoring clinic for $500. They will put up our banner and Division 1 players go one-on-one with the kids. Tickets for games are $5 for adults and kids are free. Admittance to one game is included in registration.

Kevin will be emailing out to the leagues and managers important upcoming dates. Practices can begin on February 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

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Next Board Meeting: Tuesday 02/12/19