

Dugout Club Meeting  
December 7, 2021

Present: Teri Charest, Ted Erickson, Colleen Brazier, Bree Stuflick, Dana Frederick, Sarah Anderson, Laurie Curnow, and assorted parents

October Meeting Minutes Approval (Teri)

- October minutes were amended and approved
  - ORIGINAL: We discussed what would be cut if we didn't hit our income goals. One of the largest items is coaches' salaries so it was determined that we would provide a more modest pay increase than is planned.
  - UPDATED: We discussed what would be cut if we didn't hit our income goals. One of the largest items is coaches' salaries so it was determined that we would make a goal of increasing to competitive market level pay outlined by Coach Erickson, but would leave ourselves room to increase at a smaller rate if fundraising was not as much as we planned.

Financial Update (Laurie)

- We made \$2400 at the November Cub bagging events
- Upcoming expenses:
  - Sports Engine annual subscription (\$500)
  - Player pack invoice
  - VFW tournament trophies
  - 2022 Gopher Classic (Legion)

Cub Bagging (Teri)

- Rachel Brazil volunteered to coordinate another event for the week before Christmas

Parent Meeting Recap (Teri)

- Good attendance and participation from parents in the meeting
- Sarah will organize the volunteer information we gathered and hand off a list of names to the appropriate board members
- Discussed possibly organizing a kick off social for parents in January

Winter Clinic (Ted)

- Winter Clinic will start Feb 13 for players in grades 6-9
- The clinics run for 3 Sundays and are 2 hours long. There will be open gym/cages after the clinic for all ages
- Will start to promote the clinic in January
- Will need volunteers to help with check in, supervise players, sell apparel
- Ted is speaking at the BATBA meeting on December 15 and will promote the clinic

Alumni Panel (Ted)

- Discussed whether we wanted to try to put together another alumni panel
- Last one was a few years ago and was held at the NSC when alumni were home over winter break
- We discussed moving this to the summer when we have players more engaged with the program in order to boost attendance
- Also considered holding a virtual session - would need to determine the ideal timing

## Fundraising Update (Colleen, Bree)

- Apparel
  - Expect it to arrive between mid December and early January
  - A parent suggested that we communicate how much of the proceeds come back to the Club
- Tumblers
  - Colleen shared a mockup of a tumbler etched with the Blaine Baseball logo that we could sell to players and parents. Could also etch a water bottle. The group liked this idea.
  - Colleen and Bree will continue to investigate options with the goal of having some made up to sell at the Winter Clinic. We could sell them for around \$25.
- Jersey quilt
  - Colleen shared a prototype. The quilt didn't really come together given some challenges presented by how the jerseys are made. Will continue to think about other ideas for how to use the extra jerseys.
- Raffle
  - Will likely increase the number of tickets each player is asked to sell and will shorten the window to sell the tickets to create more urgency
  - Will consider holding a "Blitz Night" like was done in past years with the coupon cards
  - We will continue to discuss the best time to hold the raffle. It doesn't have to be at a game and we could broadcast the drawing online.
  - May want to consider fewer prizes of higher value.

## Summer Baseball

- Teri will follow up with AI about getting room blocks held for Alexandria tournaments