

MYBA March 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting convened at 6:45 p.m. at McRae Park. Present at the meeting: Mike Blumenfeld (via phone), Alicia Skow, Elise Fine, Christine Jackson, Justin Benjamin, Erick Nelson, David Poindexter, Cheryl Sullivan (via phone) and Scott Fazio. Not present at the meeting: Guy Cierzan, Bryan Barnes, Bill Garrison and Scott Zosel.

Secretary Update

February minutes approved

Brad Williams: Krown Apparel

Discussed uniforms and apparel. Specializes with sublimation and semi-sublimation. Sublimation will never fade, crack, or peel. Some embroidery. Reviewed product samples. Can design/print any get whatever we want. Quotes based on order and need. Available quickly – can print on-site if needed and time is available. Sample shirt shown (semi-sublimated) = \$18 (printing on front/back/sleeve). Pricing is consistent up to Adult XL; increases \$2/size above Adult XL. Also does traditional jerseys.

Justin mentioned using the sublimated jersey style for mini-millers second jersey.

Potential to consider for Art Harlow tournament jerseys. Can print on-site and will invest in shirt inventory pre-tournament – determine base price and agree split between Krown and MYBA. Eliminates need for up-front investment. Cheryl Sullivan to follow-up.

Officer Updates

- a. Treasurer (Bill Garrison)
 - Operating Acct: \$31,645
 - Travel: \$4463
 - Cooperstown: \$1,280

Checks: Paid all evaluators except Nagel. Payments made for 1st round tryouts, not second. Filing last-year's 990. Bill for Patrick Henry gym received.

- b. Travel Director (Alicia Skow)

- c. Registrar (Elise Fine)

Registration up by Friday. Ngin policy changed – get 7 days for free registration. Will receive emails.

Team Breakdown: 270 total players

14U: 37 players (AAA, AA, A)

13U: 36 players (AAA, AA, A)

12U: 36 players (AAA, AA, A)

11U: 62 players offered position (AAA, AA, AA, A, A) – 13 players per team

10U: 48 players offered position (AAA, AA, A, A) – 12 players per team

Mini Millers – 48 participated in tryouts and expected to participate. 3 tried on uniforms but did not tryout. 3 more reached out and not sure what final intent is. If all participate: 54 mini millers. Will have in-house league for mini millers. Will play each other and potentially some other local teams. Will compete in 3 tournaments. 2: 9U (10 y/o players would not be eligible); 1: 10U; looking at additional 10U tournament.

Five potential players dropped out pre-tryouts. Refunds will be issued.

d. Asset Manager (Christine Jackson / David Poindexter)

Need to order uniforms ASAP. Will place order as currently known.

Ordered 6 sets catcher gear 9-12.

4 sets of gear ordered for min millers.

Baseballs

Total cost ~ \$5,900.

Ordering 1st aid kits.

Discussed care of gear and need to keep in working condition. Suggestion to raise in coaches meetings . . . ask for balls back after games/tournaments; take due care of equipment; maintain equipment for future use – Alicia Skow will raise at coaches meeting.

e. Risk Manager (Scott Fazio)

Elise Finet to send coaches contact details to Scott

Working with Ngin to get online process started – will test with a few coaches then proceed

Justin Benjamin needs copy of insurance policy.

Alicia Skow needs copies of concussion certificates for any coaches, assistant coaches, etc *before* season starts.

f. Coach Coordinator (Mike Blumenfeld)

All coaches set

2 non-parent volunteers at 11U

7 first year coaches – discussed assigning buddies for some of the newer coaches

Will conduct periodic survey-monkey check points throughout the year and understand how things are going.

Coaches meeting to be scheduled (aiming for prior to spring break)

g. Fundraising (Cheryl Sullivan)

Proposed holding opening day party Friday night May 1st. Will be held at Lumber Exchange Building. Will get kick-backs on drinks. Working on silent auction items. Will invite alumni parents as well as current parents.

Old Business

a. Tryout Review

Location: Need to determine what to do for next year. For discussion at future meeting and vote. YMCA did not work well. Gyms were less expensive (approximately ½ price of YMCA); but, they are small and not fully baseball conducive. To utilize better space, will cost more. Need to make a recommendation sometime this month.

Process: Interested in opinions from evaluators as to what their impressions are of tryouts.

b. Travel Directors Meeting Review

Eligibility Date Change: Birthdate eligibility moved from May 1st to January 1st – determined by USA Baseball. Clarifying which January they are referencing.

Bat Changes: USA Baseball making changes effective 2018. Changes announced when confirmed with manufacturers.

Non-Community Teams: Club teams playing in spring season. MBL will not permit in neighborhood or state tournaments. MYAS concurs with MBL. MBL requesting organizations to not permit dual roster players. Some local organizations are not allowing (Bloomington / Woodbury). Discussed issue, will not forbid dual rosters, but strongly discourage and will manage on a case-by-case basis.

Berth packets received for Art Harlow Classic.

New Business

Opening Day: May 3rd. Need to select food vendor. Justin Benjamin will explore and recommend. Discussed photography and whether to continue. Potential for action photos versus posed photography. Exploring options.

Art Harlow Classic: Minnetonka dropped out; opening at 14AAA. Kick-off meeting potentially scheduled weekend of March 14 – 15. Discussed potential food options for tournament.

15U: Potential 28 names received. Also have some expressed interest from AAA players. Drop dead date for commitment to MBL is March 19th. MBL alignment meeting is April 2nd. Teams will need to fully fund equipment – not purchasing anything because will not reuse.

Alicia Skow reported will hear from park board in next couple of weeks about field options.

Members Comments (non-voting members)

None

Adjournment: Motioned by Scott Fazio, second Erick Nelson. Adjourned 8:23 p.m.