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| Grant Community Baseball and Softball (GCBS) | | | | | DATE: January 5th 2024 | | | | | |
| TIME: 5:00 | | | | | PLACE: Mateja's | | | | | |
| END TIME: 6:45 | | | | | | | | | | |
| MEETING FACILITATOR: Jenny Meyer | | | | | RECORDER: Lauren Mateja | | | | | |
| <i>Team Members in Attendance (Yes) or Absent (No)</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jenny Meyer, President, 2027 | Yes | X | No | 0 | James Schnell, Travel Dir., 2027 | Yes | X | No | 0 | |
| Lauren Mateja, Secretary, 2026 | Yes | X | No | 0 | Dave Behm, Baseball Dir., 2027 | Yes | No | X | 1 | |
| Jessica Rentzsch, Treasurer, 2026 | Yes | X | No | 0 | | Yes | No | | 0 | |
| Erick Mortensen, 2025 | Yes | X | No | 1 | Jeff Pilcher, 2025 | Yes | X | No | 0 | |
| Sharon Vroman, Player Agent, 2025 | Yes | X | No | 1 | Dan Kaye, Umpire Dir., Interim VP 2025 | Yes | X | No | 0 | |
| Missi Feltner, 2026 | Yes | | No | X | 1 | Mark Mateja, Asst. Ump Dir. & Grounds Director, 2026 | Yes | X | No | 0 |
| Paul Vroman | Yes | X | No | | Brianne Haschak | Yes | No | | | |
| <i>Guest: Terry Joerns</i> | | | | | | | | | | |

Grant Community Baseball and Softball Board Meeting Minutes Regular

Important Dates: Next Annual Report - Due March 15th, 2025 Insurance Renewal- January annually
Next Tax Filing - Due end of year annually
(Must include 990 form)
Next Name Renewal -Due April 2025
Sales Tax Exemption - Due Feb 2025

Grant CBS AGENDA

January 5th, 2025

Matejas, 5PM

I. Call to Order

- a. Attendance; Dan arrived at 5:10, James arrived at 5:20, Jeff left after voting at 5:30

II. Approve Last Minutes

- a. Approve September Minutes-Approved
No minutes for October, November minutes approved; Sharon abstained due to absence

III. Financial Reports

- a. Approve financials October-December; Approved

IV. Jenny email

1. Route 59 Update; Lauren has been managing the lack of guardrail near Field 4, has received support from the State Rep, but no one else. Now has IDOT contact info and will be reaching out to them.
2. Village of Fox Lake Partnership Update
 1. Believes our park update is a \$10 million project; Jenny met with Jen and 2 village workers. Our park and ideas will not even be considered for at least 5+ years.
 2. Estimated we needed to raise \$100,000 just to get the survey and plans together
 3. Must have budgets for 2025 and submit these, a lot of interest in what our "lease is."
 4. Skate park is "grant funded" and would have to look into if that can be removed
 5. Jeff mentioned getting an inspection of the park to push the Village into fixing. Sharon mentioned we need a large corporate sponsor like other organizations have, such as Lake Villa.
3. 2025 Jerseys (attached)
 1. Approval on designs
 2. Will get ordered
 3. Jessica as treasurer, affirmed we are in a good position to financially update our jerseys. New designs were looked at; suggestions were made, and new mock-ups are being created for approval and ordering. Partial mock-ups were approved tonight (baseball). Dan and Erick are looking at ideas for Rising Stars, Lauren suggested using bulldog puppies within the graphics.
4. Softball Update
 1. All star team update- tryouts in April/May instead
 1. July 4 tournament, (unknown cost for Lake Zurich) Barrington tournament in July (\$600), McHenry Round Robin in July, (\$300) Grant Grand Slam in August, Grant Costume Round Robin in October
 2. Cost includes team banner (\$99), jersey (\$25), two adults t-shirts (\$20 each), bag tag (\$8), branded water bottle (\$30 each), coach shirt (\$25 each), coach hoodie (\$50 each), and coach water bottle (\$30 each)
 3. \$118 per player for shared costs with 12 on each team, plus \$161 for branded swag comes to \$279 per player (without July 4 tournament) for four tournaments, plus practice times on Sundays May and June
 4. Would be great to have 1-2 \$500 sponsors to help offset costs and can be added to banner
 5. Dan mentioned we should be charging our teams and families something, that can be returned if they volunteer or donate time to the organization and/or tournaments.
 2. August and October All Star tournaments
 1. must submit birth certificates to play-Dan mentioned instead of using Tourney App to implement a common Challenge rule where there is a fee to challenge an age of a player, which is returned if the challenge is proven valid.
 3. Question out to CoL regarding update to birth date cut off changing to 8/31 instead of 12/31. Put sense of urgency since it will mess with team counts if we wait too long. Jenny will talk to Dave about cut-off age for boys (Nippersink League) and to Cassie about girls (Chain League.)
 4. Spring 2025 coaches to review.

1. As of 12/29- Travis R, Paul M, Ashley S; emailed Chris K, Jimmy M, Sam G, and Wyatt V to complete coach registration form to be considered.
5. Winter Clinics (attached)
 1. Cost considering \$30 per player; includes t shirt
 2. Baseball and softball offer 3 clinic days; each day is 1 hour with 30 minutes between clinics; run on Sundays **1/12, 1/19, 1/26-it was decided to start clinics on 1/19 instead of 1/12 due to short notice.**
 3. Alternating between a baseball level and softball level to give board and others time to leave for food, family, etc
 4. Softball reached out to CLC softball to see if they had players interested in running skill clinics for pitching and hitting (these would be additional cost)
 5. Softball looking at additional clinics targeted at pitching and hitting. These would be an additional cost. These would be run on Sunday 2/2, 2/16, 2/23.
6. Spring 2025 Evaluations
 1. March 2; need schedule; Jenny is working on organizing the softball and baseball clinics, evals, and drafts. Baseball will look a little different this year as far as timing and how the draft is run. NO DRAFTING will be done for baseball until all clinics and evals complete, per Dave's piloting of this new method. Sharon will need to CLARIFY with parents that no drafting will be done until later than usual.
7. Spring 2025 Draft
 1. March 8 or 9 at Township Center or Lakefront Building- Evals on 3/2 for baseball and softball, no draft on 3/2 for baseball.
 2. New draft policy- rate kids A, B, C with A being top player and draft those kids first; kids on N60 or all star teams must be identified and equally divided across teams
8. Spring Practices
 1. We heard from coaches that more practice time prior to the season was needed. With that in mind, we want to offer each level Grant gym time on 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13.
9. Spring 2025 Equipment Bags
 1. Must be ready by 3/15 and handed out 316 at indoor practice.
10. Field of Dreams
 1. Jenny will email Kay with FoD requests for fields TBD on days TBD for baseball, rec softball, and travel softball.
 2. Remaining days and fields can be scheduled for travel teams outside of GrantCBS
11. Softball Tournament Reg Pages Up before end of January
 1. August 4-10th for Grant Grand Slam Tournament at \$400 per team
 2. October 11 for Grant Costume Round Robin with rainout date beginning October 18. Only 4 teams per level allowed in at \$250 per team. Team costume mandatory. All-star tournament only, no full time travel teams or travel players.
12. Baseball Memorial Day Tournament- Cancelled
13. Family Appreciation Day
 1. Grayslake Aquatic Center on Saturday, June 21st at 6pm; \$50 deposit that is non-refundable
 2. This is most likely day of championships but should be over by 5:00pm
 3. Board approved to book Grayslake Aquatic Center ahead of time.
14. Opening Day
 1. Get sponsors for 2025 by March and invite to Opening Day
 2. Jenny to get principals to throw pitches
 3. Concessions with baseball hat sundaes??
 4. What other ideas were thrown out in 2024? Lauren sent ideas to Jenny from 2024.
15. Hired Help Conversation
 1. Concession Stand contract; Terry submitted Lawn Service and Concessions Proposal to the Board for voting next meeting.
 2. Lawn/Field contract??
 3. Concession Stand workers
 1. Do we need to solicit for help or do we have a pool? We have a pool; Terry and Lauren do not need Board vote to approve new helpers.
 2. How is pay going to change for 2025? Jessica is looking into this.
 4. Umpires
 1. When do you want a clinic to happen? Dan declined for now.
 2. What is the going rate for brand new umpires?
 3. How is pay going to change for 2025?

16. Pancake Breakfast
 1. Saturday, April 26, Vince with photography and Lakefront venue are secured
 2. Board raffle basket is secured
17. Spirit Wear Store (attached)
 1. Review PowerPoint to approve direction for shop to be up by end of January
 2. Board, voted against partnering with apparel/ spiritwear company at this time due to lack of professionalism in presentation, quality of printing and no show and late to meetings. Lauren will let businessowner know that we will revisit in September.
18. Equipment to Order; Jeff will be helping with a U-Line order
 1. 6U softballs
 2. tees- how many?
 3. baseball pitching mounds
 4. Additional black buckets
 5. Additional decals
 6. Additional red lids for buckets
 7. Adult umpire masks
 8. Mark got field quotes
19. Rising Stars and Rookies
 1. 2024 we discussed delaying this group; when are we ending registration?
 2. When are we starting practices, and when it is ending?

V. Committee Business

- a. **Softball-Jenny;**
- b. **Baseball-Dave;** winter clinics dates; Board could really use a knowledgeable and ambitious baseball board member
- c. **Travel-James and/or Erick;** Annual Wiffleball Tournament at Grant High School on 2/16, Dawgs practices are in full swing at Fattfro and Grant High School; teams are registering for tournaments, travel teams should not be booking games for Pancake Breakfast day
- d. **Grounds-Mark;**
- e. **Player Agent Update-Sharon;** emails went out with registration info and counts
- f. **Concessions-Terry** and/or Lauren;

VI. Other Business

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Discussion

IX. Adjourn; 6:45

Next meeting will be: 2/1/25 at 5pm at the Township