

February CBA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order at 7:09 PM

Attendees:

Tate Brandt
David Verduzco
Eric Ricard
Dan Jochum
Brannon Weigel
Eric Welter
Jeremy Laughlin
Brie Westberry
Beth Vriesen
Ryan Connors
Sarah Connors
Jessica Beekman
Nikki Moen – fundraising
Julie Bresser
Jeff Freide

Absent:

Chris Franz
Ericka Waterman
Brad Keenan

Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Jeremy Laughlin seconded by Brannon Weigel.

Grounds Crew Leaders

Motion made by Tate Brandt to appoint Ryan and Sarah Connors Grounds Crew Directors. Seconded by Eric Welter.

President Message

Tate would like to have everyone send a bullet point list to Tate prior to the meeting so that we can be more efficient with meeting prep and minutes.

Player Development Update

Eric noted that tryouts for 13-14s are coming up at the end of the month and we will need a few more volunteers. Eric will send another sign-up sheet out to the board meeting. More information will be coming for other player development items as the season starts.

Registration Update

Beth noted that registration is open for 13/14 and Youth and Community. 18 registered for 13s. and 19 for 14s. **Youth and Community** - 62, with 41 registering within the last 7 days. Metro 13U - 18 registrations and 14U - 19 registrations.

Uniform Update

Brie noted that uniform ordering is underway. We need to think about getting in touch with BIG for a spring apparel. We also need to have an option for ordering another pair of pants for kids. David passed around the new hats that we will be using this season.

We also offer financial assistance and have a fund built up for this. We will handle cases on a case by case basis.

Umpire Update

Going all in-house umps this year. We have 35 new umpires signed up. Jeff Pierce is going to assist with Umpire training. We will be providing umpires for all of the MBL at this point but we are going to check with Ken with the umpire group to see what they may be able to cover. We will continue to advertise for umpires over the next few weeks.

Field Scheduling Discussion

Discussion regarding working with softball on field scheduling. There may be opportunities to utilize Lions Park more. Tate will talk with Zach with the City regarding field scheduling.

Financial Update

Eric reported we gave an advance to a 12-year-old team going to Omaha that will be paid back to the association. The insurance is renewed for 2022. COVID is not an insurable communicable disease. We have about \$99,000 in the bank. We also just purchased 3 new mounds and 3 new Z screens. We are ordering 10 new sets of umpire chest protectors.

Website Update

Brannon is preparing for the upcoming schedules being made. He doesn't have much else to report at this time. Brannon also reminded people to use the Google Accounts and use the storage feature so that we are building all of our information.

Youth League

The Expo is going to be April 16th. We will need volunteers with baseball experience to work the stations and we will also need "runners" to bring groups from station to station. The season will start on May 1st with practices and games on May 16th. The end of year tournament will be in mid-July.

Discussion on Cubs Concessions

CBA is still in discussions with the Cubs on if there is interest in CBA in taking over concessions. There is risk to running the concessions because we don't know how much money we would make doing concessions. We are going to table this discussion until there is further discussion with the Cubs and Ericka.

Communication Update

Jeremy needs newsletter updates by the end of February for the March newsletter. Burger Night is going well. They have raised about \$1,200 so far.

Fundraising

Nikki is working with Scheels on sponsorship. Scheels is interested in sponsoring our association and would be a \$1,500 sponsorship. Nikki also is working on a golf tournament. Discussion on when this tournament would be. Discussion about either September 9th or 16th. There is an opportunity to expand the golf scramble to an evening fundraiser as well. Nikki is also working on grants through the Twins for equipment and field improvements.

Motion to adjourn by Nikki Moen seconded by Eric Ricard. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.