

**OBX Baseball League Board
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Britt at 7:05pm.

Roll Call

In attendance at the Ash Jones Field were: Jon Britt, Pat Hudspeth, Chelsea Tillett, Jamie LaVier, Fran Dunn, Steve Fowler, Danny Sawyer, Brianna Vann, Anthony Cooke and Zane Gillespie.

Approval of Minutes- The minutes of the January 19th meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report- Fran

- \$40,835.67 in our new bank account with Southern Bank, \$12,000 of that amount is the Bill Walker fund. A small amount remains in the First National account which needs to be transferred.
- A new QuickBooks account was opened for simplicity in transferring to the new treasurer and the new bank account.

Update on Registration Numbers- Chelsea

- As of 2/9/22 we have 104 total registrants: 61 Rookies, 27 Minors, 16 Majors.
- Registration closes February 20, except for Majors which will close on February 26 to accommodate middle school tryouts.
- Rookies will likely reach 72/6 teams. We will open a waitlist at that time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Equipment Committee- Danny

- Some catchers gear needs to be thrown out and order new. It was noted that a lot of the Majors players have their own gear so we need smaller sizes for rookies and minors.
- Jon reported that MLB uniform prices have increased. We may consider different options at the next meeting (OBX shirts with MLB hats, made up team names or sponsor named teams). Danny suggested using college teams.

Rules Committee- Pat

- The rule changes with Tarheel vs. Babe Ruth are minimal. The Rules Committee will compile a summary of the differences and suggestions of local rules we may want to pass.
- Rules discussed included using standard pitch counts instead of innings, setting a time limit for games, being able to start a game with 8 players, a 5 or 10 run rule for Rookies, and 1st base overthrow rule for Rookies.

Fundraising Committee- Chelsea

- \$8500 pledged sponsors from existing sponsors, \$4950 in new sponsorships. Board members should continue to reach out to their contacts.
- Banners are being made by Access Design, the fundraising committee will need help hanging banners before opening day.
- We are in great financial standing. Pat suggested revisiting our scholarship idea for both the registration fee and for gear purchases (about \$200). Chelsea will advertise on social media and on our registration site that scholarships are available and to email Jon with any inquiries.

Fields Committee- Jon

- Parks and Rec will be able to prep fields at 3:30pm on game days
- Jon will schedule a fence work day with Jimmy Ray and board members
- We need to fix the front field bathroom lock again
- First Flight field needs work, Danny and Jamie will work with Tim White on this

Concessions Committee- Chelsea

- Our permits expired in 2020. Environmental Health limited food permits have been applied for and issued for both concession stands. The health dept will do an unannounced inspection once games begin.
- Capt'n Franks is donating \$500 worth of hot dogs and will order for us at their cost after that. Henry's Restaurant is donating \$500 worth of soft pretzels and will order for us at their cost after that.
- Considering donuts and pizza sales for opening day, looking into options
- Sink leak fixed at the front field concessions (donated)

Coaches Committee - Jon reported that coaches for the 3 age groups are in good shape. He will schedule a coaches meeting as we get closer to starting to review any new rules.

Publicity - Brianna reported that we have a new website and new instagram page. Registration and skills day is being advertised on social media as well as peachjar flier and Parks and Rec newsletter. Signs were placed around town as well.

NEW BUSINESS

February 20th, Tar Heel Meeting in Williamston- Jon really would like to attend this meeting as we are new to the league, but he needs a ride.

2022 Umpires- There is a Tarheel umpire clinic in February. Jon suggested providing our umpires with a travel stipend to encourage them to attend. Jamie suggested asking if a rep could come here to train our local umpires. We need some people to umpire rookie games to make scheduling much easier.

Set Skills Day Dates and Times-

- Sunday, February 27 with drafts to immediately follow.
- Rookies 1pm back field with Anthony/Bill in charge

- Minors 1pm front field with Steve/Danny in charge
- Majors 3 pm front field with Jamie/Jon in charge
- We will have the gear swap set up, but not open concessions
- Chelsea will email out a sign up sheet for skills day.

Update on Bill Walker Fund - Jon reported that Matt is working on having the back field named for Bill Walker by opening day. Jon is pricing scoreboard options.

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Jon. Our next meeting is in approximately 2 weeks, date and time TBD.