

BRANDON VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

February Board Meeting Notes

Sunday, February 10, 2019 – Tailgators

Attendees: Stuart Peschel, Mike Hokenstad, Al Kirkeby, Paul Peterson, Brian Bertsch, Craig Riley, Missy Livingston, Levi Sanders, Jason Honey, Gary Walz, Chris Brown, Jeremy VanHeel. Torry Sundall arrived at 7:13.

Meeting was called to order by Peschel at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – motion by Brown, seconded by Bertsch to approve the January minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Peterson presented cash flow document from October 31, 2018 to January 31, 2019. Balances as of 1/31/19 total \$99,692.36. Motion by Hokenstad, second by Sanders to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

AMATUER BASEBALL – Josh Mulder contacted Peschel and requested that the Valley Rats be allowed to play all their home games on FNB Field but they don't have the ability to pay for using the field. Our rate to rent the field out would be \$325 for a 9 inning game. Also, there are teams that belong to the organization such as our 15/16 year old team that gets only one game per year on the field. It was suggested that the Valley Rat players could donate umpiring as a way to pay for using the field but a concern that if they were scheduled they might not show up leaving us short-handed. After discussion it was agreed the team could use FNB Field for 3 games and play the remainder of their games in Valley Springs. Coach VanHeel to determine the Sundays they will be able to use the field.

CITY CONTRACT – options were reviewed for costs associated with tournament prep by the city. Recommendation was that Option 3 was preferred for 2019. Suggestion was made that if the city goes to smaller dumpsters instead of garbage barrels, that the barrels be left by all dugouts with liners for ease of emptying. Also would like to know if the city's garbage pickup includes using a leaf blower in the dugouts. Also suggested that at the end of the season when the summer is evaluated that the city and associations enter into a multi-year contract, perhaps with inflation triggers, so we don't have to negotiate this every year.

REGISTRATIONS – 59 players have signed up for high school baseball and Coach VanHeel thinks the final number could be as high as 63. We will go with 4 teams for the spring season. There are 48 teams registered so far for the summer tournaments.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES – current needs are hitting mats, pitching mat, warm up circles, "NO SEEDS" signs for dugouts, seed cup holders, and additional windscreen to close in FNB Field prior to state tournament. Total cost of all items estimated between \$3000-3500. After discussion it was decided to purchase everything except the windscreen this year. It is also possible the hitting mat from Valley could be brought to Aspen Park and used, Coach VanHeel will look into that.

LEGION SUPER SENIORS – discussion around Legion players who are age-eligible but have graduated from high school. Experience with super seniors has been positive in our program but all have been players who came up through our program. It was decided that players who previously have been in our programs (high school or summer) would be eligible to play as super seniors, but not new players who are returning from club teams outside of BVBA. Peschel will draft a policy for the board to review.

DOB's - as of now, we have no candidates for either position for 2019. Matt Reece is meeting with a subcommittee of the board following tonight's board meeting.

SPONSORSHIPS – Dakota Sports has become an FOD Sponsor and will sponsor the 3rd Base Patio area at FNB Field. So far this year \$6,000 of the \$26,000 sponsorship commitments have been paid.

With no further business to discuss Brown motioned the meeting be adjourned. Livingston seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next board meeting will be March 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Tailgators.