

Meeting Called to Order at about 6:30p

Members in Attendance:

-RJ Schmitt, Mark Dixon, Jeff Heuschkel, Darin Teichmer, Jake Baty, Tannya Hurley, Steve Griffey, Rachel Griffey, James Gall, Stacy Ashcroft

Letter From the President:

-Stacy handed out draft copies of the President's letter for the board to review. The board discussed any changes that may be needed before the final draft is sent out.

Rate Increase:

-The board discusses raising our rates across all divisions by \$5. Our fees have been very low in the past and a small increase should be manageable. The motion was moved and seconded to increase our rate by \$5. The motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that the rate increase be added to the President's Letter. We will also mention the scholarship program so we don't lose player due to fees.

Sponsorship:

-RJ updated the board on our sponsors. He handed out a spreadsheet and a letter that he is currently handing out to prospective sponsors. He mentioned the importance of our interactions with our community and our sponsors. It is important to thank you sponsors when we can and it is also important to attend City Council meetings and show them our appreciation for their partnership.

Baseball Updates:

- We are in need of some new equipment for our Umpires. Mark with work with Heather on specific needs.
- The board discussed adding a Pitch, Hit and Run competition to the Opening Ceremonies. Heather is willing to coordinate and we are going to give it a shot.
- We will be submitting our field use forms. James will submit the Medical Lake form. Stacy will submit the school district requests and it was mentioned that Rob usually take care of Cheney Parks and Rec request. Stacy is also in contact with Airway Heights.
- Board discusses the 10 run rule in the majors division. There were a variety of perspectives shared and, in the end, the board decided not to change our current ruling. The competition will be better this year with so many Majors teams needing to draft new players.
- Mark would like a time slot to talk with coaches at our Coaches Meeting.

Softball Updates:

- The board discussed steps that need to be taken to ensure a successful program this year.
- Softball players are in need of better equipment and jerseys. Some of the teams didn't have a softball patch last year. Tannya and Jake are going to inventory all of our softball gear so we know what we have. We need to ensure the uniforms all match and have the appropriate badges.
- We are planning a softball meet and greet in February. This will give parents and players a chance to meet the board members and hear about upcoming plans for this season. Tommy G's is willing to help by sponsoring beverages and snacks for the meeting.

-We will need to meet before the season to discuss inter-leaguering. We will need to have a set of rules clearly defined that all coaches and leagues abide by. Also, Mark Dixon would like to be more involved in promoting our communication rule between coaches and umpires and defining our league rules.

Website:

-Darin Teichmer was present to provide us with a demo for our new website. He wants to make some changes to the user-friendliness of our site and make future update easier. The actual design of the website would remain fairly similar.

-In order to make the changes proposed, we would change hosts, as our current host does not support the program Darrin uses for websites. After hearing the pros and cons of changing our website, It was moved and seconded that we allow Darin to move forward with his plans for the site. The motion passed unanimously. Darrin will keep us informed as progress is made with moving the website.

Equipment:

-Heather gave the board an update on our bat order. There has been a small hiccup with the order and she suggested we have a WPLL purchase card for easier purchasing. We talked about the need for new pitching mounds. New 8 foot mounds would cost about \$1100. The larger mounds will not fit in the storage sheds at Medical Lake so we will need a plan for storing them.

-The board discussed replacing some of our jerseys. We decided to hold off on replacing some jerseys until we see how much sponsorship money we get in and how much we are going to need for mound replacement.

Next meeting: 01/31/2018 at 6:30p at Wren Pierson