MARS BASEBALL
FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

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April 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 4/17/24 (CLOSED)

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Adams Township Building

Board Attendees:

Executive Board:
President - Sandy Sanderson
VP of Baseball Ops - Brad Schmidt
Director of Facilities – Mike Sirney (ABSENT)
Treasurer – Joe Derouin
Secretary - Vacant

Board of Directors:
Opening Day Chairperson - VACANT
Assistant VP of In-House Ops – Ron Shebek (ABSENT)
Assistant VP of Travel Ops – Sean Ranson
Assistant VP of Softball Ops – Shane Malone
Community Outreach Coordinator - VACANT
Equipment Manager – Steve Norris (ABSENT)
Field Maintenance Assistant – Ryan Moore (ABSENT)
Umpire Coordinator - VACANT
Assistant Treasurer of Travel – Eric Schrecengost
Concessions Stand Manager – Christy Wilson (ABSENT)
Fundraising, Signs, and Sponsors – Adam Dunn
Registrar - VACANT
Uniforms and Spirit Wear Coordinator – VACANT
Assistant Secretary of Social Media – Priscilla Knieriem
Assistant Secretary of Website Management – Priscilla Knieriem (Rebecca Ravenstahl-incumbent)
Immediate Past President – Larry Fox (ABSENT)

Discussion Items:

Brad Schmitt: Open Meeting

Mike Sirney (Fields):

- (2) Pallets of infield conditioner have been ordered from Advanced Turf. It will be delivered to Callery and I will disperse from there. I'd like an email to go out to all commissioners to send to all coaches

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stating that no more than 3 bags should be used to get a game in. That's been the general rule of thumb since I've been involved in Mars Baseball.
- (1/2) Pallet of Mound Clay has also been ordered from Advanced Turf. Also being delivered to Callery
- (2) Pallets of Field Liner are ordered with Dealer Supply. Waiting on the truck to show up. I will pick it up and most likely store both pallets at Callery and disperse as needed.
- The fields are all in terrible condition. I believe you are all already aware of it. We need to look into getting them laser leveled again. It's been a few years. Jake Turner from Unlimited Landscape Supply did it last time - I have a call out to him to see what the cost would be to get Vet, Rotary and Kiwanis done and when he'd be able to do it.
- I'd like to work in a budget item to have the fields leveled every "x" years. Not sure on what the value of x is, but its something that needs done to be able to maintain the fields in an adequate fashion.
- Scoreboards at Kiwanis and Rotary have been installed and controls are in the sheds.

Steve Norris (Equipment):

- All equipment has been received and dispersed.
- Still have four travel equipment bags that need to go out.
- Where do we store the pitching machine? Currently in my garage but would love to move it. Shed floods so probably not best. Recommendation to put one in shed at Kiwanis and one in shed at rotary and purchase keypad locks for both sheds.

Adam Dunn (Fundraising/Sponsors):

- The uniforms are being finished - should be completed by our meeting on Wednesday - Short on adult sized hats, more coming but some coaches won't have them for opening day.
  Pictures update
  - Set up in Rotary Pavilion
  - Schedule posted
- Banners
- Kampas Give-A-Ways

Joe Derouin (Treasurer):

- Finance Update
  - Quickbooks access has been achieved
  - $180k in general account, $28k in Travel account, and $33k in Mars banks.
- Coaches Clearances
  - All active head and assistant coaches (travel and inhouse) will go through the clearance process. MBA will pay the costs of the background checks and Joe will oversee the process of getting coaches the background check link.

Eric Schrecengost (Travel Finances):

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- Review Travel Budgets - Concerns some teams are near a negative account balance and haven't yet submitted for tournament entry costs. Worried that some travel parents are going to be shocked by end of season bills dues to over spending on uniforms and hats.

Priscilla Knieriem (Website/Social Media):

- **Facebook Access:**
  - **Current Access:**
    - Content, Messages, calls, Community Activity, Ads, Insights
      - Priscilla Knieriem
      - Bradley Schmitt
      - Jamie Schmitt
      - Don Krafjack
    - **Page Deletion, Permissions,** Content, Messages, calls, Community Activity, Ads, Insights
      - Stacey C Palmer – Need to get admin access transferred from Stacy to MBA general account… Sandy to assist.
  - **Need to add:**
    - Shane Malone
    - Who Else?
    - Sean Ranson- Do you want your wife to have access to help with Travel?
- **Go Daddy (Website hosting/ Email)**
  - **Domains:**
    - Marsbaseball.org
      - Billing:
        - Domain Renewal (1yr) $22.99
          - Last Renewal 04/05/2024
        - Full Domain Protection (1yr) $12.99
          - Last Renewal 04/05/2024
  - **Billing Reimbursement:**
    - Priscilla Knieriem $531.48
      - Order # 3017897638
        - 04/05/2024
        - AMEX 1025
        - $ 36.16
      - Order # 3014541799
        - 04/03/2024
        - AMEX 1025
        - $ 495.32
- **Registration Moving Forward**
  - I would like a meeting with Ron, Sean, Shane (any board member) to walk through registration and the website moving forward and act as an After-Action meeting. I want to ensure we are all on the same page and ready to move forward for the years to come. I was

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thinking maybe a Sunday afternoon/ Evening or possibly before the May Board Meeting. I would say we would need approximately

Sean Ranson (Travel Baseball):

- Concept behind enhanced travel baseball evaluation process and overview (*document enclosed can be attached to the agenda for review*) - Will address off line and then bring back to board
- Proposal for cost structure change to 7U and 8U
- Initial thoughts for 2025 winter training (very preliminary)
- How can we influence the creation of a 7th and 8th grade baseball team
- Any chance we could use the little field near St. Barnabas?

Sandy Sanderson:

- Exec Board elections: Secretary – Andrew Downs suggested as option
- Website/App… I'm getting lots of complaints that people don't know how to use it and are giving up.
- Site Manager Access.. who gets what?
- Keys, can I get a set? - Plan is to put coded lock boxes with keys inside
- 2023 MASD Field Usage has been paid.
- Why was 8U Travel plan aborted?

Next Meeting: Wednesday May TBD (OPEN)

Minutes Submitted by: Sandy Sanderson - President

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