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February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 2/21/24(OPEN)

Time: 7:30 pm (Board Only) 8:00 pm (Public)

Location: Adams Township Building

Board Attendees:

Executive Board:
President - VACANT
VP of Baseball Ops - Brad Schmidt
Director of Facilities – Chuck Palasik
Treasurer – Eric Schrecengost
Secretary - Sandy Sanderson

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

Discussion Items:

Brad Schmitt: Open Meeting

- Dick's Discount days March 22-24
- With no opening day coordinator, recommendation is to forego the bells and whistles of bounce houses, parades, etc. Stick to the basics of music, expanded food offerings, lots of baseball, and hopefully decent weather.

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- Recommendation made to try to do more of festival for the end of the in house season in conjunction with conclusion of inhouse championships.

Sandy Sanderson:

- Exec Board elections: President/Facilities/Secretary
  - Nomination of Mike Sirney for Facilities? – Approved unanimously to executive board
  - Approval of Jason Barrett to replace Adam Dunn as Fundraising, Signs, and Sponsors Coordinator. Unanimous approval.
  - Nomination for Rebecca Ravenstahl to take over communications. Will confirm at March meeting.
- MASD 2022/23 Field Usage. How do obtain data? – Contact Todd Wearing to confirm MASD HS Field usage.
- Centennial Turf Field Request has been submitted and acknowledged. – As per text to Shane Malone from MASD A.D… we are approved for softball usage with a "short Leash".

Ron Shebek (In House):

- In-House registration numbers – Numbers are behind, need a big push this last week. Registration closure pushed back to 2/29.

Priscilla Knieriem (Website/Social Media):

Baseball Inhouse

- 4/5U: 74 Players
  6U: 57 Players
  7U: 53 Players
  8U: 47 Players
  9/10U: 81 Players
  11/12U: 51 Players
  13/14U: 13 Players

Softball

- 8U: 20 Players
  10U: 24 Players
  12U: 15 Players
  15U: 3 Players

Travel Baseball Tryouts

- 7U: 15 Players
  8U: 27 Players

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Shane Malone (Softball):

-Donation has been made to softball boosters, and programming is currently underway for youth clinics and interactions.

Sean Ranson (Travel Baseball):

-7U/8U Travel numbers are not ideal so hope to add a few more to better balance roster numbers.
-7U/8U Travel eval dates are set, may not need to do in house evals as so many are playing travel.
-10U Blue Winter Training, can their space/time be repurposed to another group (7U/8U) that could use it so it's not wasted?
-Hats are in and ready to distribute. Jersey's not in yet. Budgets were due 2/1 with most submitted and over to Eric to review.

Eric Schrecengost (Finances):

-Install a monthly accounting/finance report to monthly board meeting starting in March.

Steve Norris (Equipment):

-$15k annual equipment budget proposed and approved by board.

Chuck Palasick (Fields):

-Mike Sirney approved as replacement
-Field clean up day set for April 6th with rain date of April 13th.
-Need proposed field budget for March meeting.

Adam Dunn (Fundraising/Sponsors):

-Jason Barrett approved as replacement
-Corporate sponsorship submissions through website. Ready to activate.
-In house hats have been approved and are off to production
-Fundraising idea to sell Mars Baseball Jersey yard signs, sourced through Frank Tagano

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3/20/24 (OPEN)

Minutes Submitted by: Sandy Sanderson - Secretary

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