MARS BASEBALL
FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

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July 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 7/10/24 (CLOSED)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Adams Township Building

Board Attendees:

Executive Board:
President - Sandy Sanderson
VP of Baseball Ops - Brad Schmidt
Director of Facilities – Mike Sirney
Treasurer – Joe Derouin (ABSENT)
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 (ABSENT)
Community Outreach Coordinator - VACANT
Equipment Manager – Steve Norris
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 (ABSENT) – Jason Barrett-Incumbent
Registrar - VACANT
Uniforms and Spirit Wear Coordinator – VACANT
Assistant Secretary of Social Media – Priscilla Knieriem
Assistant Secretary of Website Management – Rebecca Ravenstahl
Immediate Past President – Larry Fox (ABSENT)

Discussion Items:

Brad Schmitt: Open Meeting

Sandy Sanderson:

- Do we owe Prescilla money? – Priscilla confirms she has been reimbursed in full.

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- Exec Board elections: Secretary (Andrew Downs) – Andrew approved unanimously by present board vote as new Secretary.
- Keys: is Callery Shed accessible? – Plan is to replace padlock with new one, install lock box to house key on site so the code can be distributed on a need to know basis. Sandy will purchase and install new lock and lock box.
- Rotary Light Keys: I have, what should I do with them? – Sandy to hold on to.
- 2024 Summer/Fall MASD field reservation needs? – M-F 6-8pm, weekends 8a-8p through October. Request Submitted 7/11/24.
- Sean's new travel eval plans.
- Facebook access from Stacy? – Haven't been able to get Stacy to respond. Mike Sirney is working to establish contact to try and get resolved. Goal is to gain ownership of the Facebook Page and to eliminate the Facebook Group.

Mike Sirney (Fields):

- Scoreboard at Vet issue – Think it's a signal connection issue, Brad will contact the manufacturer about service.
- Potential request for laser leveling - when to try to do this? – Todd's "inexpensive contact" for laser leveling has vanished. Will explore alternate quotes to evaluate cost feasibility of scheduling routine laser leveling. Suggesting we provide field dragging demonstration prior to the start of each season for all coaches.
- Request to buy another quad – Mike will look for used quad options to present for purchase approval.
- Request for garbage cans closer to dugouts at Rotary – Brad will contact the park to request.
- Request to purchase new backstop padding at Rotary – Approved by board to back fill with gravel, and purchase padding to hang.
- What fields are to be used at the upcoming tournaments being hosted? Want to move quad from Adams 1/2 to Kiwanis if it is being used and Adams 1/2 are not. – Only fields in the park will be used, ok to move Adams Quad to the park for use during the tournament.
- Chalk delivered to Adams 1/2
- Fuel filled at all machines for upcoming tournaments.
- Field Conditioner delivered to Kiwanis, Rotary, and Vet.
- Vet Batting Cage Repair (via Sandy) – Mike feels this is a relatively inexpensive fix, just need time and volunteers with ladders to work on it.

Steve Norris (Equipment):

- I'd like to discuss travel baseball. How do we view it? I feel like our by laws state it's tournament ball, no guaranteed playing time but the message doesn't get to the parents. – Verbiage on the website accurately describes the view of the board. Suggested to have parents sign a notice prior to registering for travel tryouts that there are NO playing time guarantees.
- Needs to know how many baseballs he will need for fall ball. Only 23 dozen left. Additional game balls will be unbranded due to long turnaround.

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Adam Dunn (Fundraising/Sponsors): Jason Barrett

- Needs to start working on fall ball uniform orders.

Eric Schrecengost (Travel Finances):

- Suggests alternate options for travel teams to opt in/out of winter training or to share space to reduce travel team dues.
- Suggests travel teams not be allowed to use travel team budgets for social reasons. Team expenses should be for tournaments, uniforms, and game expenses. Social functions and additional team embellishments should be handled by a "pass the hat" approach amongst parents and the coach.

Priscilla Knieriem (Website/Social Media): Rebecca Ravenstahl

- Still no luck getting Stacy to respond to her requests to hand over facebook access.
- Rebecca has noted that she feels totally comfortable handling the website.

Sean Ranson (Travel Baseball):

- Travel Tryout Dates: 8U/9U – Sunday 8/25, 10U/11U – Sunday 8/18, 12U – Sunday 8/25
- Proposal of new evaluation standards has been proposed, critiques were made, and a revised final proposal will be sent to the board for comment and potential approval.
- Sean will gather in house coach player evaluation data for use during tryout process.

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 21 (OPEN)

Minutes Submitted by: Sandy Sanderson - President

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