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February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 3/25/24(CLOSED - VIRTUAL)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: ZOOM

Board Attendees:

Executive Board:
President - VACANT
VP of Baseball Ops - Brad Schmidt
Director of Facilities – Mike Sirney
Treasurer – Joe Derouin
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)
Umpire Coordinator - VACANT
Assistant Treasurer of Travel – Eric Schrecengost
Concessions Stand Manager – Christy Wilson
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

Shane Malone (Softball):
- April 5th or 6th is the tentative date for the HS Softball youth day.
- Using Centennial Turf for softball, and working around baseball schedules to fit in additional field time including on T Ball fields

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Ron Shebek (In House):

-Instant Imprints has all in house jersey orders and is expecting a staggard completion schedule so that uniforms can be rolled out as completed rather than having to scramble to distribute everything the night before opening day.
-Mounds are needed at the Vet, Rotary, Kiwanis, Adams 1&2, and Centennial Dirt. What is the status of the mound at centennial turf?

Steve Norris (Equipment):

-Board approves the purchase of a new portable mound for the Vet, and Mini Bump Mounds for use at 8U.
-Has quote for final equipment purchases for in house which board has approved the budget.
-Needs to recall all old catcher's gloves from travel equipment bags so they can be dispersed for in house. New ones should arrive soon and will be distributed to travel teams.

Sean Ranson (Travel Baseball):

-Working on new Winter Training procedures for 2025 to avoid problems with teams paying for space and having minimal attendance due to conflicts with other sports. Will pitch the finalized idea at a future meeting since not imperative at this time.
-Working on new Travel Evaluation procedures for 2025 and will pitch ideas at a future meeting since not imperative at this time.

Joe/Eric (Finances):

-Request adoption of a procedure to monitor travel coaches spending. Preplanned expenses between $500-$1000 have to be approved by the treasurer. Preplanned expenses over $1000 need to be approved by the board. Board approves
-Wants to drop our NexTier (Formerly Mars Bank) account and just roll into PNC because of ease of operations with PNC. Board approves.
-Plan to remove Stacy and implement an internal set of controls to provide transparency and protection from fraudulent allegations.
-Once implemented, wants to bring in an accounting firm to audit MBA procedures.
-Requests a $500 Door Dash GC donation to the John Clark family. Board Approved.
-Finance Update:
    -$171k General Fund
    -$25k Travel Account
    -$41k NexTier Account

Adam Dunn (Fundraising/Sponsors):

-In House unforms have new colors we've never had before so kids should be excited to see new team colors.
-Hats should be in on time though coming in two separate orders.
-Need to find volunteer to help TSS organize picture day.

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-2 new scoreboards are in though don't currently have sponsors for them. Will install without sponsors and add sponsor signage once secured. Scoreboards will be installed at Rotary and Kiwanis and will have wireless remote controls in the sheds.

Priscilla Knieriem (Website/Social Media):

-Rebecca Ravenstahl is scheduled to replace Priscilla, but need her to attend a board meeting to get board approval for the transition.
-Complaints about the new app for the website making scheduling difficult. Debate over whether using GameChanger or Stack app is better.
-Demonstrated how in the new website, back end, there are help buttons where you can type questions and get answers on how to do things.

Christy Wilson (Concessions):

-Opened Vet concessions for an Easter Egg hunt event. Not much profit, but built a good relationship that could be used for other events outside of baseball/softball.
-Planning to initiate remote concessions sales during softball games at other fields.
-Opening Day Menu: Pulled Pork w/ drink and "Take Home Meal" options.
-Need to draft an email to all members to solicit opening day concessions volunteers.
-Requesting a procedure to notify concessions manager whenever games at the Vet are rained out/cancelled.

Mike Sirney (Fields):

-Has completed assessment of Community Fields, needs to complete assessment of MASD fields so that he can finalize the "Field Clean Up Day" to do list. Should be completed this Thurs/Fri.
-Toro has a bad carburetor and is in the shop getting fixed.
-Field clean up day set for April 6th with rain date of April 13th.
-Email being drafted to secure volunteers for "Field Clean Up Day".

Sandy Sanderson (Secretary):

-T-Ball, how do we prevent coaches from pitching to kids in T-Ball games? Sandy is willing to email all T-Ball coaches and set the expectations as well as policy execution of the "No pitch" policy while attending T-Ball games. Board approves the philosophy.

Brad Schmitt (Vice President):

-Dick's discount day was not as lucrative as in past years. In the past MBA/Dick's coupons were handed out on site to any and all patrons. Not so this year. Coupon distribution was done electronically via email and social.
-Proposed Election of Sandy as MBA president. Seconded and approved by board.
-Mars Baseball day at Washington Wild Things. Friday May 24th. Details to come, but tickets will be free to players and coaches with purchase of a $10 ticket for other family members.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday 4/17/24 (CLOSED)

Minutes Submitted by: Sandy Sanderson - Secretary

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