MARS BASEBALL
FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

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May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 5/10/23 (CLOSED)

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Adams Township Municipal Building

Board Attendees:

Larry Fox – President (ABSENT)
Brad Schmidt – Vice President of Baseball Operations
Ron Shebek – Assistant VP – In-House Operations (ABSENT)
Chuck Palasik – Director of Field Maintenance (ABSENT)
Adam Dunn – Spirit Wear/Sponsorship Coordinator (ABSENT)
Shane Malone – Assistant VP – Softball Operations (ABSENT)
Sandy Sanderson – Secretary

Discussion Items:

Brad Schmitt: Open Meeting

Softball:

- Kiwanis Bathrooms (Township) Can we get a key to put in our shed to unlock/lock on game days. Working on securing a lockbox to house key.
- Base plugs - missing from Kiwanis
- Batters Box Frame missing from Kiwanis
- New bases = Kiwanis doesn't have a safety 1B. An umpire made a fuss over this for a 10U game.
- Field Liner
- Sidenote not for the agenda: Found out that 15U doesn't have the same umpire rate as 10 and 12U. The rate is $65 - I shorted myself $105. No dire need but will be looking for a check next month.
- Rumors of disgruntled parents over how teams are divided up. Apparently one team has 19 players and another age group has 2 teams of 15. Mars softball developing bad reputation and grumblings of parents taking their kids elsewhere next year. How do we fix? Move 2-3 players up to join 19 players and make two teams? Does the level of 30 players divide into 3 teams? Is it too late for their league to accommodate a schedule for an additional team? Should we have not allowed so many girls to sign up?

Sean Ranson:

- Batting cage replacement at Adams 1 and 2
- Picture makeup days
- Dirt for Adams 1 and 2
- Board voting on the consistent uniform and approval of travel coaches rule change you and I discussed from back in March/April In the future there will be 3 (Blue, White, gold) uniform jersey options for travel teams. Blue will be required but it will be up to each team if they want to carry the 2nd or 3rd option. Point is that all Mars travel teams will have the same uniforms.
- End of year celebration to take the place of opening day celebration
- Website and mobile app updates and when the official cutover will be

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- Consideration for tarps to use at field to prevent games being canceled for rain….tie in to not rely on centennial turf as much Price out mound/plate/base tarps for 4 fields.

Priscilla Knieriem:

- Social Media Updates
- Website Updates

Jen Bauman:

- Spirit Wear update/issues Some UA items were sized wrong and led to customer dissatisfaction. Working through a solution whether it be a refund or item replacement. Sales were up more than 30% from last year.
- Team photos with TSS Photography – date selection and next steps make up date will be announced and photo booths will be stationed at Vet, Adams, and between T-ball and Rotary.

Sandy Sanderson:

- Adams 1&2 Bathroom lock change Check has been cut, keys should be in hand by the weekend.
- Still awaiting invoice from MASD for 2022 field usage. They claim they are confirming the usage prior to invoicding. Expecting the charge to be around $1900
- Game Changer League option for Minor In-house league?
- Pitcher's masks/heart guards. Have coaches been notified that they are a requirement? Need commissioners to remind coaches.
- Tractor at Centennial Dirt not starting. Mike Sirney says it was running for him last Weds. He suggests swapping out the tractors at Centennial Dirt and VFW because the VFW tractor is nicer and rarely gets used.
- 10U Blue won Tallmadge Tournament, should that be included in the newsletter? Send Details to Priscilla for posting on facebook.
- Recommend Tallmadge, OH as a close out of town tournament for future teams to consider. 1:20 away, nice facilities, GREAT rules for 10U.

Accounting:

- MBA has several open "credit" accounts with local businesses specifically so field maintenance supplies can be purchased and put on the MBA tab. Purvis (Fuel) and Agway (Hardware) specifically. Joe and Eric recommend that we limit who is allowed to add to the accounts for fear anyone can walk in and mention "Mars Baseball" and walk out with items we have to pay for. It is recommended that Chuck Palasik, Ryan Moore, and Mike Sirney be the only ones allowed to charge to these credit accounts as they are the heads of the field maintenance team.

Next Meeting: Weds 6/14/23 8:00pm - Adams Twp Municipal Building - (CLOSED)

Minutes Submitted by: Sandy Sanderson - Secretary

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