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Sept Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 9/20/23 (CLOSED)

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Adams Township Building

Board Attendees:

Larry Fox – President
Brad Schmidt – Vice President of Baseball Operations
Shane Malone – Assistant VP – Softball Operations
Ron Shebek – Assistant VP – In-House Operations
Chuck Palasik – Director of Field Maintenance (ABSENT)
Adam Dunn – Director of Fundraising, Signage, and Sponsors
Sandy Sanderson – Secretary

Discussion Items:

Brad Schmitt: Open Meeting

Larry Fox:

Shane Malone (Softball):
- Winter Training – Looking to create a softball winter training option at Home Plate on route 8, $20 per player per session, potential for Mars Softball to partially fund each players enrollment to motivate more enrollment to improve player development. Shane will get us maximum cost to review for potential funding approval. Board interested in funding youth softball clinics at NOS, with Mars HS players doing instructing, with a donation to Mars Softball boosters.
- Bobby Bartle – Board approved purchase of a $500 gift card for the family to assist.

Ron Shebek:
- Website - How do we want to handle play up requests for next spring registration? – Players sign up for their appropriate age group with a "radio button" that can be checked if they wish to play up. Registrar (position to be filled) will then review all requests along with commissioners to approve/deny move up requests.
- Opening Day date 2024 discussion – Suggests moving it up one week to try and catch better weather and create an immediate make up weekend should foul weather cancel open day.

Jen Bauman (Spiritwear):
- Store Reopening – Can the store remain open indefinitely? If not, when we reopen it how long can it remain open? Goal is to find this info and open the store so that it's available for holiday shopping.

Priscilla Knieriem (Website/Social Media):
- Spring Registration Dates - Looking to fill the volunteer role of registrar. Registration to open 12/1.

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- Lesson learned from Summer/ fall registration. – Commissioners need to learn how to use/update the site.
- Dates moving forward
- Close out of old site – November 1
- Any website/ user questions – How to upload meeting minutes, landing page for posting meeting minutes will be created.

Sean Ranson (Travel Baseball):
- Leasing NOS (heard rumors they are looking to sell) for MBSA – Did not address
- Purchasing of tarps for fields - Did not address
- Purchasing 3 JUGS machines – Open to Atec brand, just would like to have 3 more pitching machines
- Rebuilding the relationship to use Centennial Turf – Will formulate a plan (Potentially: Softball only, travel only, no mounts, Mars in 1st base dugout), once plan is formulated, Sandy will work to get a meeting with Super Intendant to try and rebuild relationship and regain use of turf.
- Player discounts for board members (at least volunteer credit off registration - sandy) – Did not address

Eric Schrecengost (Finances):
- Financial Update Needed – Board unanimously approved access for Joe to operate MBA quickbooks. Additionally MBA will secure a laptop for Joe to use specifically for MBA accounting purposes. Need to acquire a new audit firm to review finances annually.

Chuck Palasick (Fields):
- New equipment (possible quad for rotary/VFW/centennial). – Did not address
- Batting Cage at Adams 1/2. – Did not address
- New Dirt from the District – Adams or VFW – Truckload of dirt courtesy of MASD should be used on Adams first, then Callery/Vet next.
- Lights for fall ball at the vet. I would prefer manually turning on and off, would require a key for the concession stand. – Did not address

Sandy Sanderson:
- Still awaiting invoice from MASD for 2022 field usage. Every time I ask I get ignored. – Estimate we still owe $1865 for 2022 MASD field usage.
- Potential volunteers not knowing about the meetings and wanting to get involved. More OPEN meetings. – Will try and have more OPEN meeting during the summer season so that community members who have concerns and interest in getting involved can attend during the season while baseball is fresh in the mind.
- Where are bylaws and documents on the new site? – Board to review and potentially update bylaws. Priscilla has created a space on new website for documents to be uploaded.
- Bylaws call for a Presidential election this year. – Is Larry intending to step down or be reelected? Additionally need to find new sponsor coordinator to replace Adam when his term is over.

Next Meeting: Weds 10/18/23 7:30pm – Adams Township Building (OPEN)

Minutes Submitted by: Sandy Sanderson - Secretary

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