



Meeting Minutes

01/25/24

Board members in attendance: Cindy Farrell, Candice Howard, Geoff Kuzas, Tessa Tegel, Dan Carlquist, Kathy Parmelee, Alex Vukoder, Chris Falconer, Bob Beesley, Terry Abramovich, Randy Ruff, Emily Ostrander, Joe Platten. By phone: Tim Farrell and Mark Lipstreu.

Meeting called to order: 6:05. December minutes approved.

Dan

1. Evaluations Feb 17, 9 to 5. Feb 24 is first indoor practice. Kids who couldn't make it to evals on Feb 17 can come on Feb 24 during their practice time.
2. Open board positions are listed on website. A priority right now is Treasurer as Kathy would like to be done. Names are typically brought up in August and voted on in Sept, but if anyone has any suggestions before then, please invite them to a board meeting. Try to find people with younger kids.
3. Geoff will take over as Field Manager so we will try to get a new NL Commissioner.
4. Dan will handle scheduling. Will assign days for travel and rec, baseball and softball. Will use Saturdays. Sundays will likely be make-up days.
5. Insurance has been paid. Rate is based on # of players and goes up by age. It was renewed based on last year's numbers so we may need to pay more once we have all sign ups. Dan will check to see if we can pull on-demand forms.
6. Fields: Softball 14U travel and rec can use the high school field. T-ball will use Richfield Woods center field and Field 8; will not use Bath Elem anymore. E League will use Field 8 and maybe high school. F league will use Richfield Town Hall or Richfield Woods center field.
7. Coach Cottrell and Wido will be starting a 22U travel team for college players. A motion was approved for the team to be run through RBSA. The team would pay for insurance. We would set up registration and uniforms. We will not handle umpires and baseballs. Games will be at the high school field. Potential to ask for a camp day in the future or some other connection between college players and our youth players.

8. Indoor practices Feb 24 through the end of March. Every Saturday 9 to 5.
9. Numbers so far: 48 T-ball, 44 Machine Pitch, 30 H League, 26 G League, 12 F League, 14 E League. Softball: 15 CP, 6 American, 9 National, 5 Junior.
10. Looking for a high school or college kid to prep fields. Need to figure out pay rate.
11. Guardians youth camp 6/17 to 6/21. 9 am to 3 pm at high school. Will send out info soon. \$425. Ages 6-14. High school will get a donation.
12. Will do scholarship again for \$500 for one baseball player and one softball player.
13. Meetings: We'll go back to the 2nd Sunday of the month. Will try to have it at the high school.

Bob

1. For evals, will switch to machine pitch for batting, and use the batting cages.
2. Will need 10 to 12 volunteers to stay the whole day.
3. Will handle data entry after evals.
4. Beginning of Feb - send out email asking for volunteers. Can use sign-up genius.
5. Candice will put a list together of all play-up requests. Coaches will keep an eye on them at evals to make sure they're ready.

Cindy

1. Flyers went out to all Bath and Richfield students. Two email blasts went out.
2. Candice built an app to automate sponsorships. 31 sponsors. $\frac{1}{3}$ of them are new are from cold emails sent by Candice.
3. Extra sponsors could be used for other things - Softball Youth Day, extra scholarship if two kids are eligible, etc.
4. Will recognize sponsors in several ways - website, social media, ad in Bath Country Journal. But no banners.

Kathy

1. Taxes have been filed.
2. Insurance has been paid.
3. Board members should not pay for registration.

Candice

1. Will send next rec registration reminder to all RBSA emails, including travel, to make sure we're reaching kids who tried out and didn't make it.
2. Will pull report of all play-up requests.

Mark

1. Need insurance link updated.
2. We buy one set of catcher's equipment for 8U travel team when we order rec equipment. Need to start doing it for 8 U travel softball, too. Should last for 2 years. Older kids have their own equipment. Chris has an extra set from last year so won't need a new one this year.
3. Terry will order catcher's equipment and baseballs.
4. We will give a \$750 donation to baseball for 12U Cooperstown pin-trading event. Will give to softball, too.

Chris

1. 4 teams: 9U (13 players), 10U (10 players), 12U (10 players), 14U (13 players).
2. Will buy an extra jersey for subs.
3. Looking for something for girls to do similar to boys Cooperstown event.

Alex

1. Received grant from Bath Community Fund. Asked for \$3500, received \$2500. Will pay for high school clinics for travel and rec, pitching clinic, and coaches day (for coaches only, Feb 17 at Sculpt, 9 am to 10 am).
2. May not have a 10U team this year.
3. 14U team has joined STAHL League. \$75 fee - RBSA will pay.
4. Alex will work on a letter/article about grant to recognize Bath Community Fund.

Terry

1. Needs uniform orders by end of March.

Geoff

1. New Field Manager
2. Bath Baseball Park – all scheduling must go through township. They'll use a site called RecDesk. They will require team rosters and addresses.

Next Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 11. Location TBD.