

WHYBA Meeting Minutes 9/22/2022

Attendees: TJ Stevens, RJ Sherman, Misse Toth, Marcus Ranalli, Scott Bodenschatz, John Toth, Jamie Carzima, Mike Amorosi, John Lamberti

Officially Called To Order: Meeting started at 7:35pm

Main Topics Discussed: Board Member Positions, Fields and Inventory, Fall Ball registration, Meetings/training/etc

Public Comment: John Lamberti introduced himself and would like to be considered for VP #2; has experience and connections with marketing

TJ Steven President's Report:

- Review of the year on coaches; will have a meeting w/board members beforehand with a write up to hand to coaches to be signed; for next season we need to focus on coaches and communication
- Look into the by laws on board member attendance requirement

RJ Sherman Vice President's Report:

- ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association) Convention is January 5th-8th, 2023 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN; offers a \$1 million liability insurance policy; coaching clinics and presentations, etc.

Misse Toth Secretary's Report: Nothing new to report

Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report:

- We came in about even on expense/revenue for the year, not including slug fest, raffles, 5k; uniforms went up about \$1,000, banners up \$500, porta-johns up; lost about \$1,000 on Somerset Patriots (*for next yr try to do it during Little League night so kids can go on the field; need to promote more*); extra \$3500 in sponsors (*should get the man who won the raffle to write a testimonial to use for next season*)
- Still have 2 bank accts.—need to meet up with Mike to cancel the one; use PNC for everything

Scott Bodenschatz Equipment Manager's Report:

- Ordered 2 more dz baseballs for fall team
- December feeler for coaches to come out to our meetings so we can prepare them
- Wants to do something for kids clinics during winter months

John Toth Field Manager's Report:

- Called for prices of clay; medium pro is \$85/ton pick up, \$105/ton drop off for 1 inch—field with grass would need ~13 tons; pick up is Great Meadows—see if a company would be willing to haul for a sponsorship opportunity
- Misse to reach out to Cousins or ACF to see pricing for field maintenance and to line fields for game days; also possibly reach out to Becky Roberts about Oxford field to see if they would be willing to fix the field or go in on half the cost

Scott Bartlett Safety Coordinator's Report:

Joey Matarazzo Umpire Coordinator's Report:

- Needs game times for the rest of the games for fall (*Scott will reach out to Joey*)
- Needs more notice about games
- No one was available to ump in fall from Spring, would like to know earlier if planning on doing a fall ball season so can gauge if there are any umps that would be willing to ump in the fall. (*We will add a question to the Spring Registration sign up to gauge interest of a fall season to better plan for umpires*)

- *District is suppose to send umps; Scott talked to the head coach, then reached out to the VP and said we had to provide umps*

Ryan Lance IT Report:

John Sands Coaches Coordinator's Report:

Jamie Carzima Uniform Coordinator's Report:

- Need to start thinking of branding and a new logo
- Should we try to get Spirit Wear out for the holidays?, get it out earlier in the year
- We use 2 vendors now, but it is easier to go with 1; doesn't know if All Sports can do Spirit Wear; Joe at Destination Athlete is significantly cheaper in hats
- Can we close registration earlier to get shirts in time –or– have a strict end date, but if they sign up later have \$25 fee to cover the price of the shirt
- Things to think about—having All Stars tryouts earlier (early May?) so we can get shirts done in time; add questions to spring registration—would you like your kids to sign up? The dates would be ...
- What to do with the leftover Jerseys and hats? - *donate shirts, give out hats to the participants of the Columbus Day Clinic on Oct 10th*
- All black hats for Spring

Mike Amorosi Player Agent's Report: Nothing new to report

Matt Olson Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report:

Additional Comments:

- November when new board starts—set dates for everything
- Umpire \$ raised for next yr?
- More fundraising time for raffle
- Spotighting Board Members on Social Media
- Coaches Coordinator and President present the coaches to the board and board accepts or denies the coach

Calendar of Events:

October 20th @7:30pm—Next Meeting

October—Vote for board members

November—New board starts