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Bill Varley, Concessions Manager

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SFBSA Meeting Agenda:

March 13, 2016

1. Roll Call/Sign In Sheet:

There were 34 people present including board members.

2. Treasurer's Report:

\$82K balance after registration. \$1,675 in new sponsors (OH Valley General Hospital, MZ Marketing, Applied Geology, and Mount Lebanon Dermatology); late registration fees of \$525.

Expenses: AD Starr for equipment - \$11,931; Uniforms - \$16K; Refunds – about \$50 in registration fees, etc.; Insurance \$1,782; Home Depot (Field Maintenance Day) - \$800. \$1,650 in Blue Sombrero processing fees (but already subtracted out from the revenues that came in)

3. Boys Commissioners Report:

- All divisions have been drafted, have had to make some adjustments due to kids added since the registration date and other factors. Thanks to Mike Vennum, Mike Rynn, Rob Speer, Mark Urso and Tim Mantick for their help.
- Coaches meeting held on Saturday – reviewing the rules, clearances. Only coaches and scorekeeper should be in dugout, please let your families know of this prior to the start of the season. Modifications for Kid Pitch to five walks, then must be replaced. Bill will clean up language and submit to coaches & to Laura for website update. All other rules are on the website.
- Pony: Thanks to Mike Sarnowski for stepping up and taking the second team. Both teams have 13 players, unfortunately we had to turn away four kids at this time. Bill has been in contact with three of the four families. Awaiting the league rules, scheduling planning meeting is this Thursday (3/17). Thanks to Carl for providing dates and times.
- We schedule all the umpires for those divisions needed. Home Team Manager: Please make sure to contact Ken Santucci within 30-45 minutes prior to cancelling a game so that we don't have to pay the umpire fees for that game. Also need to contact Bill Varley for concessions notification as well. Once game is either determined to be made up (or not made up), please also contact Carl Satira for the rescheduling. Laura will send out an email closer to season to remind everyone.
- Trophies: Between 80-90 trophies in the equipment room – most are baseball. Bill sent an email to Damon for who we have dealt with in the past for trophies. Will look at options to re-plaque or replace pieces (dates, etc.) to reuse this year.
- Call Up Lists – coaches start watching kids at practice and select a few at the highest age of the age range to be available for call up to the next level. Laura will send out an email in a couple weeks reminding coaches and asking for a list for each level.

4. Girls Commissioners Report:

Justin not present for meeting – will cover these at next meeting

- High School Softball Report

- Youth Recognition Day @ HS
- Youth Mentoring Program
- Call Up System
- League Updates
- Clinics
- 2016 ASA Tournament July 15-17 – can use as much help as we can get
- Misc

5. Old Business:

- Field Maintenance Day(s) – update
We had another great turnout for this. Paula and Butch were shocked at the amount of people that we had there to help on Saturday. It goes a long way with the township to see the help and support we have from everyone. There was a good turnout and a lot of people stayed late to help – especially on Field C. Thanks to all who came out.
- Dick's Shop Day – 20% off – Sat March 12; 11-6 Robinson
142 coupons were redeemed on Saturday
- Mid Season Classic/Opening Day??
Discussed possibility of Opening Day on 4/16 – lots of Tball games scheduled that day. Jim from Dick's indicated he may be able to get us the Pirates Pierogies to show up for opening day.
- Coaches Clearances
Just a reminder that all head and assistant coaches need their clearances. Please get them to Laura as soon as possible.

6. New Business:

- Final Registration Updates
Tball – 10 Teams; Coach Pitch – 11 Teams; Kid Pitch – 9 Teams; Little League – 6 Teams; Pony League – 2 Teams
8U Softball – 6 Teams; 10U Fast – 1 Team; 10U Slow – 3 Teams; 12U Slow – 2 Teams; 12U Fast – 2 Teams; 15U Slow – 1 Team; 15U Fast – 1 team
- Code of Conduct Review
We went over the Code of Conduct and reminded everyone that they accepted this during the registration process. Please be mindful of the Code of Conduct and adhere to this – coaches, kids and umpires and doing their best.
- Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Delete last sentence of XII: Manager Responsibilities; Spring Ball; Section 2 regarding Little League Cutoff Date

Section 2: Spring Ball is played at the T-ball level and up to Colt League on the baseball side and 8U Slow Pitch, 10U – 15U slow & fast pitch on the softball side. Spring Ball will follow Little League birthdate cutoff requirements of 04/30 for baseball and 12/31 for softball. We will follow Little League rules regarding any changes to the cut-off date.

Delete Section 3 in same section above as it is not really a bylaw item

Section 3: ~~All Managers should share Spring Ball registration information with their Fall Ball team as it becomes available to remind them of the registration.~~

Delete Section 3 in Fall Ball Section also as is not really a bylaw item

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Also in Fall ball Section 2 – make it like spring. Play next year's age.....so move around if board discretion

Section 2: Fall Ball is played at the Coach Pitch level and up to Pony League on the baseball side and 8U Slow Pitch, 10U – 15U slow & fast pitch on the softball side. Typically for Fall Ball players are **should** register for where they will be playing in the Spring season (CVC & GPSL Rules require that players play at the level they would in the Spring).

Article XIV: Player eligibility

Section 1: Players joining the SFBSA must be a playing age of 5 years of age (this is based on the playing age cut-off date). Boys: April 30th of the upcoming season. Girls: December 31 of the previous year.
EXCEPTION: Girls that reach age 5 by April 30 of the upcoming season may play tee ball. **And girls that reach age 7 by 4/30 of the upcoming season may play 8U softball.**

~~Parents must declare the playing age of their boy or girl at the time of registration and~~ **All parents must supply** provide the Association with a copy of the child's birth certificate **at the time of registration and register to play in the corresponding age level. Parents of children only at age 6 may request approval from the Board to play up in age level as described in Section 2.** This age will be the age that the player must play all games that season, including but not limited to regular season, Sunday league, and Tournament/All Star Games.

Section 2: SFBSA encourages **requires** all players to play in their given age groups. ~~However, once a player is 5 years of age he/she may play in an older age group if approval is granted by the Board of Directors prior to the first scheduled game of the season.~~ **However, a player at age 6 years of age may move up to the next division in baseball or softball. No other ages may play up. If a 6 year old moves up, parents must sign a waiver allowing the child to play at the next division; he/she will not be eligible for All Stars as a 6 year old; and he/she will play 3 years at that next level (coach pitch baseball or 8u softball). Approval needs to be granted by the Board of Directors prior to the first scheduled game of the season. A tryout will be made available with at least one Board of Director in attendance for those players looking to move up to evaluate that he/she can play safely at a higher level.**

Section 3: Any player granted by Board approval to play in an older age group (referred to as "playing up") MUST PLAY ALL SFBSA approved games at the older age level for that entire season. ~~For example, an age 10 player that is granted Board approval to play at age 11, must play ALL games that season as an age 11 player, including but not limited to regular season, Sunday league, and Tournament/All Star Games.~~

- Picture Day for SFBSA – Saturday, April 16, 2016; Sturgeon Fire Hall
Laura will send out a schedule for coaches to sign up in a time slot this week
- Fundraising:
 - Team Sponsors/Banners/Advertisements Update
So far we've had \$2,900 in new sponsorship commitments, checks into Dave at this point total \$1,675. Projected money coming in from last year commits is \$1,625 (Total \$4,600 this year so far combined) Joe Sanders is currently working non one year commits from last year, is out of town for those totals (about 4/5 to contact), Bill Heinz has committed to another year. Still willing to take banner commitments – Laura updated contact info and letter on website. Thanks to joe, Ryan Neve, Mike Rynn, John Obritz and Eric Lawlor for helping with this committee.
 - Lotto Tickets
Had hoped to have tickets for Field Maintenance Day – but will get to coaches to pass out to their teams as quickly as possible! Not everyone on each team will receive as it is one per family so if there are any questions, please let Laura know.
 - Spirit Wear – Jody at Sew Much More will again give us an option for spiritwear this year. Should be available this week to send out to coaches to share with parents and will be sent out through the website as well. A link to Jody's site will also be posted on the website. Laura is also in the process of setting up a fanwear site right on our website as we were selected as a beta test site for Blue Sombrero/Dick's. Should be up soon.
- Equipment:
 - Uniforms
Uniforms are all ordered – last names on back. Should expect them before first game and before picture day. Will provide updates when ready for pick up. We aren't giving out pants this year, but if anyone inquires about getting pants, or can't afford pants, we have tons of extras in the equipment room, please reach out and ask. Send Dan an email.
 - Equipment Update
All but 6 coaches were able to pick up equipment at Field Maintenance Day. Dan will set up another day for those coaches to get the equipment.
 - Facilities:
 1. SFBSA & SFTWP Joint Proposal
Justin is working on a joint proposal with the township – more details to follow
 2. Managers Responsibilities
Cleaning dugouts, dragging fields, etc. (both teams should try to help)
 3. 2015 Tournament Problems – Garbage
Township is in the process of developing a fee schedule. As it stands right now, we would be charged \$75 per day for our all star tournaments. One of the major issues the Township had with our tournaments last year was garbage issues. We are trying to work together with the township given the amount of man hours we put into keeping our fields in shape and getting fields ready for tournaments. Discussed some other

ideas with the township about putting a separate shed for outside teams to use when they rent our fields so they are not using the items that we are purchasing.

4. 2016 Project Ideas

Any field project ideas let Dan/Justin know – the budget for the township is due in July so we could present our ideas to Township before then so they can include things in their budget for SFBSA

- Scheduling:

- Release of Schedule

Game schedule is complete for baseball side and should be posted tonight. 8U softball is also done. 1 Bridgeville team will be added giving 7 teams at 8U to play. The other softball leagues are in CVC so working to put that schedule together with CVC.

- New Website tutorial

Carl did a tutorial for coaches on how to find open field times for practices/rescheduling games. Please contact Carl once you find open field time to reserve it.

- Dick's Team Headquarter App for Coaches/Parents

Encourage all teams/coaches to get the app for your mobile device....easy to track RSVP's and team discussions. You also get an email notification when team discussions are posted. RSVP's automatically default to YES, so if people are unable to attend, make sure to switch the RSVP.

- Concessions:

We sent out an email to all users of the website for everyone interested in applying for their kids to work at the concession stand this spring season to let Bill Varley know. The cutoff date is 3/15 for applicants interested. Please reach out to Bill for additional details. Once applicants are in the Board will set criteria and select individuals to work.

- Tournaments:

- ASA Tournament – July 15-17 (10U, 12U & 16U @ Morgan; 14U @ Cuddy; 18U @ Fairview) – again Justin can use as much help as possible to set up and keep fields in order this weekend!

- All Star tournaments hosted by SFBSA will be posted in April this year which is one month earlier than last year. We will stick with the same continuation of dates for ages as last year.

- Other New Items Discussed:

- Possibility of having some type of player evaluation prior to the draft – either for coaches to see themselves or a 3rd party evaluation done....look at maybe forming a committee to do so.

- Laura to send out an email shortly regarding game cancellation requirements, who needs notified, etc.

7. Close:

Next meeting will be held: Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM at VFW