

## **1/4/23 Board Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Crystal Holmes, Lee Blackwell, Paul Painchaud, Colleen Ammidown, Matthew Antinori, Corey St. Sauveur, Dave Skarin, Andy Matczak, Jillian MacNeil, Kelley Byrnes-Benkart, Brian Benkart

1. Paul provided updates on Financials
  - \* Recent \$ deposited is for Winter Training & Tournament Fees
  - \* Small Expenses are for Sports Connect Registration Fees
2. Winter Training
  - \* 51 Registered (\$ received should be enough to cover expenses at Next9Up)
  - \* Volunteers will need to be CORI'd for 2023
  - \* No parents will be allowed in the training facility at Next9Up / they will need to stay in the lobby
3. Spring Season
  - \* Milford/Hopedale Season is 4/24-6/5
  - \* There are no teams for Grade 7+ in the Milford/Hopedale league / concern for Bellingham because we have enough kids to field 1 team in this age group. Lee will reach out to Franklin to see if they would be willing to allow us to have 1 senior team play in their league.
    - \* Hopedale/Milford indicated that there will be no fees for us to play; will split costs for trophies and we will provide balls for games played at our fields.
    - \* Lee needs to confirm with Milford/Hopedale about umpires in Spring / can Bellingham girls umpire games played on our fields?
    - \* Spring Evaluations are scheduled for 3/19 in the high school gym
    - \* There will be no concession stand buy-out for Spring (not enough opportunities to work in the stand)
4. Summer / Fall
  - \* We will still charge for concession stand buy out for Summer/Fall
  - \* Umpire fees are \$65 for the 2023 season
  - \* Milford/Franklin BellinghamTournaments will be the priority for Bellingham teams to play in - final decision of which tournament each team will play in will be made by the league director
    - \* Open summer registration the same time as Spring
    - \* TVL summer schedule will be 6/19-7/28
5. BGSA Scholarship
  - \* Agreement to offer 2 scholarships: 1 for Bellingham High School and 1 for students of other schools (Aggie, BVT, Tri County, Bishop Feehan) but student must still be a resident of Bellingham and meet other criteria.

6. Spring Photos

\* Crystal will reach out to Heather Best to see if she is still interested in doing the photos for BGSA.

7. We still need to select a vendor for shirts and store - we will need to design and order shirts for winter training. Claire is working on getting proposals.

8. 18u Tournament

\* Franklin 18u coach inquired about using the Bellingham Fields to host an 18u tournament. He indicated he would recruit teams, manage communication and get volunteers with no commitment from the BGSA Board.

\*\*concerns: could only use 2 fields (Lowry & Field 1 because of age group) / umpiring shortage / USAA indicated they wouldn't be approving anymore tournaments for 2023 / even though no required BGSA commitment their is concern that if volunteers fall through or if there are any field/equipment/concession issues it would fall on the BGSA board.

Given the legitimate concerns Crystal/Eric has communicated to the Franklin 18u coach that this isn't something we could support in 2023.

9. Special Olympics Softball Tournament will be targeted to be held on 7/29/23 / Lee will communicate the date to the Special Olympics to confirm