



Board Meeting

February 7, 2018

Board Members Present: Larry Holden, Fred Clarke, Paul Santulli, Mike Garrett, Tim Chin, Scott Collins, Eric Lee, Lucy Regan, Kevin Regan, Kurt Fluegge, Peter Koo, Lu Zhang, Elisabeth Carroll

Meeting Start Time: 8:05 Meeting End Time: 9:05 pm

Sad News: Jack's father passed away unexpectedly. Fred will send his family some flowers to let him know that we care and are thinking about him.

Board of Directors – open positions

- Sponsorships: This position is STILL vacant. Chris is willing to get checks from those already committed.
- Uniforms: Mike will cover while Jack takes a break.
- VP Majors: Hopefully a t-ball family will be interested in filling this opening.

2017 Items to Address

- **Registration:** We have 403 players registered (-38 compared to this time last year). Larry predicts we will end up in the 465 range. On February 25 we will close registration. Posting a deadline typically triggers stragglers who register after it has passed.

Baseball: Although we would like to have five AAA teams, it looks like we will have three teams. We could potentially interlock with Bellevue East, but they typically play "Coach Pitch" instead of "Machine Pitch." A compromise would have to be worked out at the start of each game to determine how the game would be pitched.

Softball: (16 girls in AA, 23 in AAA, 29 Coast, 19 majors, 10 juniors). If we are interlocking with Bellevue East to form a joint softball organization, it would make sense to share our evaluation data. We might also combine with Bellevue East/West on Juniors?

- **Marketing:** Facebook posts should indicate that registration is still open for t-ball and A/AA. "Ages 5-8, No experience required..."

Instagram is becoming more popular. Chris knows someone who knows about Instagram who could help us use it as a marketing avenue. We could leverage some successful older players sharing their baseball accomplishments?

- **Fields:** Lu reports that the wording on the rental agreements isn't a perfect match for the school district. Fred will help make the changes needed.
- **Opening Day:** Chris has arranged for the photographer, MC, and checked on an insurance permit that needs to be renewed. We need raffle prizes. The event will be held on April 21st.
- **Manager/Coach Approvals:**
 - Majors: Garrett, Santulli, Lee, Slater, Wittman, Clarke, Freer, Herr, Wilkos, Manson, Anderson, Auld, Chao, Ng, Elisabeth, Skally, Drew Oliver, Ryan, Barade, Wong, Bratt, Aulabaugh (There will be six teams)
 - Coast: Brent Novotny, Eric Loh, Steve Baum, Kurt Fluegge, Aaron Jackson, Wes Chin, Jason Ackermann, Nate Graddy, Emil Paguaia, Erik Lawrence, Erik Drever, Denger, Rattigan, Kelleher, Jamie Short, Hay(s)
 - Softball: Joon Huh, Erik Broughton, Andre Barashkoff, Matt Blank, Scott Collins, Jeff Piha, Kyle Bowers, Jennifer Agustin, Justin Connell, Alan Takuba, Matt Brown Ruegg, Tim Chin, Leforce, Castillo, Roellich, Colquitt, Marty, Kerry + Josh
 - AAA: Rob Freytag, Anthony Allison, Ken Hutton, Dan Frumin, Kaleb Miller, Grant Suehiro, Bill Quashnok, Eaj Sarowitz, Price, and Munoz. Douglas Brown is approved to be a coach.
 - A/AA: No Approvals Made

Elisabeth will send minutes to Fred ASAP so he can remind everyone approved that they must register as a volunteer to be assigned a team.

Monday will be the draft night for AAA.

The Coach's Code of Conduct will be updated to reflect our rules. For example, we need several coaches for each team and a coach must be in the dugout at all times. Each team needs a coach and manager.

We usually have a coaches meeting where we talk about rules/philosophy before practices start. This will be at the end of the month. Stronger wording will be inserted that will include expectations and consequences.

- **Other business:**

Kid Pitch at AAA can be painful for batters and fielders when the pitcher is inexperienced. Brainstorming... Maybe we can have a maximum number of

pitches per player, instead of a strike count? Maybe we can make rules that address the number of pitches before a coach steps in and takes over for the pitcher? We don't want kids to just walk around the bases and not swing because pitches don't cross the plate.

Divisional VPs must write expectations for the year that include updates based on local rules. We will bring this up in March. In the past AAA included rules about "no stealing" and use of safety balls. Cesar is the point person for this.

Michael asked a question via e-mail about UNW requests. We will book them just for the tournaments and Big Diamond. We can expect fees at the end of the season.

Larry will open umpire registration. Umpire volunteers need to sign up as umpires so we can access them in our database. Larry will work on this.

Some teams will be announced at midnight on Tuesday, February 13th.

- **2017-2018 Calendar**
Board Meetings – first Wednesday each month (Room 1113, NHS, 8pm)