



Board Meeting

June 7, 2017

Board Members Present: Larry Holden, Michael Edwards, Lucy Regan, Kevin Regan, Cesar Garcia, Jay Terry, Dave Lilley, Peter Koo, Fred Clarke, Tim Chin, Eric Lee, Elisabeth Carroll, Alan Whitman and Chris Freer

Start Time: 8:10

- **Financial Report:** After All-star uniforms are paid for, we will still be under budget. Lower registration numbers have resulted in one or two fewer teams. The net proceeds from photography should be on target. Michael is getting matching donations coming in and contacting individuals he knows have connections. Storage rental fees just went up again. Michael is looking for a cheaper alternative. It has progressed to \$360/year. Last time we moved it went down to \$180/year. We should look out for something less expensive but we need drive-up access (not anything going up stairs). Fred has an idea about Amazon printing apparel and we wonder about the rules for reimbursement. This could be a fundraiser. We want to sell the hats we have left and some hoodies.
- **2017 Items to Address**
 - **Sponsorships status:** nothing to discuss tonight
 - **City Tournament:** We need chalk at Lake Hills. Otherwise, things seem to be going smoothly.
 - **All Stars:** We are working on getting affidavits. There is an online form that populates into a PDF. The first set of games is Majors softball, starting on June 10. They are set with affidavits. The next set of games starts the following week. We need to approve the coaches, along with the managers. Majors: Manager - Holmes, Coaches - Rattie and Zilmer, 11s: Manager - Lee, Coaches - Garrett and Witman, 10s: Manager – Herr, Coaches - Unay and Delluge, Intermediate: Wilkos and Lilley, Juniors: Manager: Tom Rob, Steve Grouse, Greg Allen (Bellevue West Coach)
 - **Equipment:** All Star uniforms – maybe we could have some t-shirts that say “Bellevue All-Stars” instead of Thunderbird All-Stars. (We are forcing Bellevue West and East to assimilate when they adopt our team name instead of finding common ground.) Conversation about putting up a fence and when we need one for a game. Kevin will reach out to Chadwick and mention that we don’t have a fence and confirm that it is okay. The Newport High School JV field is the only one available for us to rent, but it doesn’t have a fence. We need to fix a field with a tractor – JV baseball. There are

two tractors in the shed at Puesta. Someone might be able to get it started and fix it. Larry will reach out to him. We may be running a little short on baseballs for all-star games, but maybe we have six boxes. We should check.

- Umpire Status: D9 is very excited that we are willing to supply an umpire sometimes. Jay needs the schedule for 9-10s and 10-11s. Maybe someone would be willing to come out of retirement. Our older youth umpires would also be great. They should connect with Cesar. Our hired umpires don't seem like reinforcing our safety rules are their first priority. They might need closer supervision at the games. At the all-star games the rules are enforced, but really they should be enforced at all the games. Next year the league could require each team to have a registered parent as an umpire to attend the training and have a background check. They should also require at least two coaches who will be background checked. We agree that this is necessary and like the idea of taking the pressure off the coaches to staff the positions. We will have further conversation about it. Jay suggests that we have an enforcement mechanism similar to what used to be in place for the safety meeting. The league could present this at sign-up time where parents have to check a box to agree when they sign up. Cesar will set a meeting in late July when we will talk about this more and the scholarship money.
 - Next year Jay doesn't want to do evaluations or winter training. We should also consider what we are asking the kids to do. For example, maybe we don't need to measure their throwing speed since that number doesn't inform much about their contribution to a team.
 - Feedback about coaches warming up pitchers. Kids need to wear throat guards. Coaches may not warm them up because of concerns for their safety – coach injuries are not covered under our insurance.
 - Other business: The mesh fences at Hidden Valley are great and make it feel more like a little league game. They provide feedback about where outfielders could stand. They cost around \$1000 per panel, our sponsor information could be displayed on it. They have to be out at the end of the day to allow for mowing. We could have 200 feet of netting and charge sponsors on it.
 - We have lots of old catchers gear in the storage unit (20 chest protectors and 40 pairs shin guards). There is a charity that takes them and ships them to Haiti or Vietnam. It would be nice to avoid paying for shipping.
- **2017 Calendar**
 - Board Meetings – first Wednesday each month (Room 1112, NHS, 8pm)