



March 1, 2017

Board Meeting

Members Present: Cesar Garcia, Fred Clarke, Mike Garrett, Michael Edwards, Chris Freer, Larry Holden, Peter Koo, Jay Terry, Tim Chin, Scott Collins, Dave Lilley, Steve Wilkos, Lu Zhang, Lucy Regan, Kevin Regan, Alan Whittman, Elisabeth Carroll

2017 Items to Address:

- **Registration:** Our registration numbers are quite low so our registration income is also lower. Last season we ended with 530ish players and we are currently at 468. We need more kids at the t-ball level, despite having the "best run program ever" last year. The Baseball Positive practices were great. We all need to reach out to families we know to encourage them to sign up. Word of mouth is going to drive this. We could have a brainstorming meeting at a fun place to figure out how to market and reach the younger kids. Kids are getting older and younger kids are not registering. This is a big threat to our league. Conversation about possible reasons this is happening. We only have enough players for two teams at A, compared to four or five in years past. Another league that is very successful plays kickball at the t-ball level. Lucy and another volunteered to meet with Tim to brainstorm making changes to t-ball.
- **Sponsorship status:** Republic Services will be our major sponsor and division sponsor of Coast. GLY will be majors division sponsor. We will get an e-mail with a soft copy. Toyota of Bellevue and Lake Hills Orthodontics are out.
- **Equipment:** We have balls, bases, gear. We need equipment back from last year's coaches. We also need to distribute equipment at the storage shed. This can happen Sunday night with Alan. If coaches need balls they can pick them up from his porch. We need to start training someone else to help in this role.
- **Board member needs** (consider recruiting parents of younger kids who are particularly engaged).
 - VP AAA - Jay is available to help support coaches at AAA practices.
 - VP Softball - Younger Divisions
- **Umpire Training:** Saturday March 18th, Sunday March 19th we will offer on-field training. Fred will blast out another message about umpire training. Maybe we could train some 12 year olds after majors games?

- **Coaches slate...** We will consolidate A/AA into a "rookie" division since we have low registration. These are the proposed coaches: *Rookies:* Mark Rindy, Steve Johnson, Anthony Allison, Megan Pike, Doug Brown, Tommy Bligh. *Softball Coaches:* Jerry Colouitt, Matt Blank, Gran Shehiru, Scott Maresh, Abraham Castillo, Jim LaForce, Melissa Roelich *Baseball Juniors:* Thom Robb, Steve Groews *Baseball & Intermediates:* Dave Lilley, Steve Wilkos. All approved.
- **City Tournament:** Some leagues are more concerned about scheduling and all-stars. All star pick will be June 1 to start on June 17. We could break apart into 2 groups of 10 and doing double elimination with two groups of ten, like a gold/silver. This would compress the length of time but still guarantee that kids get at least two games in. Request to set playoff schedule prior to the beginning of the season. We are getting a smaller allotment of fields this year. Suggestion to double-up teams on fields for practices. The bigger problem is scheduling games. Idea about asking players for their availability and match kids with similar schedules on teams.
- **Other business:** Batting cages - A 3 part request was sent to My-Linh for first access to fields, lower prices, and access to batting cages. She said that we should go to a school board meeting with kids in uniforms. Fred will do the spiel but we need to bring in kids also. Fred, Pete, Tim, almost everyone volunteered to attend with our kids. We also want Bellevue East and Bellevue West to participate. We need a rule change that will give us access. Discussion about the history and confusion about current policies.
- **Opening Day:** April 22. We should start sending out emails every 7-10 days with information about the event. School has been reserved.
- **Questions:** There is a clinic at Newport High this weekend. When is the pancake breakfast?

2017 Calendar: Board Meetings - first Wednesday each month (Room 1112, NHS, 8pm)