



## **Board Meeting**

**March 7, 2019**

**Meeting Start Time: 7:30 Meeting End Time: 8:58**

**Board Members Present:** Larry Holden, Soren Llanes, Michael Edwards, Cesar Garcia, Rob Freytag, Kevin Regan, Lucy Regan, Kurt Fluegge, Mike Garrett, Chris Freer, Fred Clarke, Doug Brown, Erika Satterlund, Elisabeth Carroll

### **Coaches were voted in:**

A: Jeremy Campbell, Josh King

AA: Brian Chu with Sam Brann, Michael Altfield with Rob Condiotty, Chris Boone, Jason Cruz, Michael Thompson

### **Budget:**

- Registration is at 377, down 100 from last year.
- Boeing contributed \$5000.
- Reagan Dunn from King County donated \$5000. Lucy and Fred will get the actual check from him.
- Michael made a motion to approve the 2019 budget. It was seconded and approved.

### **Registration:**

- We lost a bunch of 12 year olds.
- Tball is also down.
- Softball only has 7 players registered.

### **Recruiting ideas:**

- Create a video that schools could play during lunchtime.
- Pass out flyers during kindergarten registration night.
- Reach out to current t-ball families and encourage them to invite friends that could play on their teams.
- Send out message to 4 and 5 years olds about softball recruitment opportunities for college.
- Organize t-ball at the Chinese school that would be directly after the end of their day, on their field.
- Note: The current rate for t-ball is \$75, we are hoping that registrations will still trickle in.

### **Uniforms Update from Jack:**

- March 11 is the deadline for uniform sizing
- Weekend of March 23 uniforms will be picked up
- Larry and Lucy will talk about ordering the All-Star pins

### **Mariners Day from Elisabeth:**

Elisabeth explained the process each team coordinator goes through to order tickets for their team trip to the Mariners Little League Event. She has already sent the info to Lucy to distribute to coaches.

### **Umpires Update from Cesar:**

- Cesar has a training on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Youth Scholarship Fund has been budgeted for. In the past we talked about giving meal cards to the volunteer umpires. We can hand this to them since we can't pay them. Cesar will contact the person from Bellevue East and work with D-9 for the trainings. Cesar needs 10-20 rule books sets. Lucy will order them. If we want to give out shirts and hats, it would be nice to have them with the Thunderbird logo. Jack is the uniform person. It needs to come from BSN sports – formerly known as Kimmel. They have all of our logos. Jack can help us order from them. They have done the all-star caps and could make a black hat “umpire version.” Our contact person at BSN is named Smitty. Cesar should tell Soren about the total.
- Each field needs two sets of umpire gear – one adult and one child. We need a helper to go to each field to inventory the gear or simply wait for people to notice what is missing and report back. Alan can be our contact about equipment. Michael guesses that there are more adult than kid size gear in any box. Larry notes that the Puesta shed is AKA “The Umpire Shed.” Question: If equipment is missing, how should it be replaced? If we order umpire gear from Kimmel, it will be more expensive than if purchased somewhere else. There is a lot of catcher's gear in the storage shed, Mike, Alan, and others had a huge work party.
- We need to see if we can export AAA and above games from Bonzi into D-9's Arbiter software. Concern – we don't have background check system in place for Arbiter that is used with Bonzi. D-9 uses background check software called Sombrero. Cesar thinks that if we don't use Arbiter, we won't get the volunteer umpires we need.
- Two parents from each team need to go to March 16<sup>th</sup> umpire training from 10am – noon at Cougar Ridge. This would make sure that volunteer umpires are trained. There will be an hour of classroom time and an hour of field time.

### **Safety**

- The safety clinic was held and turnout wasn't optimal. A video and quiz will be sent to verify that coaches are knowledgeable about required safety measures.
- Coaches are required to attend every three years, but more often would be better.

### **Team Selection, Details**

- Lucy R. is working as a player agent trying to create balanced teams that honor friendships. We start Wednesday before Opening Day (this is April 17<sup>th</sup> this year at Eastgate Elementary). T-ball starts on this Wednesday every year. We aren't doing last names on the t-ball jerseys, Lucy R. should double check on April 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure that Mark Linden's welcome and practice time is coordinated.
- Doug said the drafting was fun. Majors and AAA took a long time. Coast was easier. They created equitable rosters. Coast- 3 teams of 12, Majors – 4 teams of 12, AAA- 3 teams
- Scheduling practices is trickier because of coach preferences and availability.
- Fred is field scheduling and says it is amazing, but he is NOT the right guy for the job. Larry is working hard on it too, but gives most of the credit to Fred.

- Doug is still working on connecting with a few parents. If we work on a computer instead of a mobile device, there is a lot more information visible.

### **Opening Day from Chris**

- The biggest challenge is the game day schedule that needs to be worked around. The sooner he gets that information, the sooner he can start the photography schedule and distribution of photo packets, raffle tickets, post online... He has to know the game schedule BEFORE he can work on these important details. Chris will talk with Michael about ordering Krispy Kreme, he will coordinate overflow parking with the Mormon church and Newport Covenant Church. Chris has a connection for tables and tents.
- Lucy C. will pick up the coffee at Starbucks on 156<sup>th</sup>. We need around 10 adult volunteers to help with Opening Day. Larry has that info based on what people indicated interest in, Chris will blast our needs to that group, and things will fall into place. We need someone at the raffle item booth (baseball camps, Mariners tickets, Blake Bratt can get a reduced Xbox from Microsoft and we have a budget for that, tell Chris what we can each donate). We should think about Volunteer of the Year Award, All-Star Teams, (maybe the 10U team for making it to the district final last year), 10U Softball won state. We can utilize a couple kids from those teams to throw out the first pitches. Chris will write a script for Lucy C. to read. We need scouts for the honor guard. Peter Koo helped us with this in the past. Lucy C. will reach out to the Puesta scout contact and we can also include Somerset.
- We have division sponsor banners in Chris' garage. Are Republic and GLY still sponsors? Republic made a seven year commitment and has their logo on our uniforms. GLY may not be continuing. Chris has the Republic banner ready. If we get another division sponsor, we can have a banner made in a few days.

### **Training From Kurt**

- Coach trainings are coming up, pitching clinics are coming up. Kurt checked out a whole series of 90 minutes videos for coaches. Modules include info about setting up teams, drills to run, and all sorts of valuable nuggets. It is pretty slick stuff. The district 9 president, Bob, advocates that coaches are required to go through training EVERY year. We will be able to view who logged in, created an account, and passed the assessment.
- Doug thinks there should also be a certificate of course completion. Kurt can take a photograph of the sign-up sheet at the coach clinics that can be used for record keeping also.

### **Future**

- Board Meetings are held at Newport High School in room 1113 the first Thursday of each month at 7:00, 7:30 or 8 pm. The next board meeting will be Thursday May 2, 2019.
- Note: The February meeting was canceled because of unsafe driving conditions due to snow.