



Board Meeting

May 3, 2017

Members Present: Fred Clarke, Cesar Garcia, Michael Edwards, Tim Chin, Jack Chao, Eric Lee, Scott Collins, Jay Terry, Lucy Regan, Nathan Regan, Steve Wilkos, Mike Garrett, Chris Freer, Elisabeth Carroll

Start Time: 8:04 End Time: 9:26 pm

- **Financial Report** We are expecting \$300-\$400 from someone from Opening Day Raffle and a little more from the photographer. This will total \$500 more compared to Opening Days in previous years. There are two boxes of sweatshirts left to sell. The start of All Stars season would be a good time to sell them. We are now earning \$5 on each shirt sold from the Edmonds based company we advertise on Facebook. They haven't updated us on sales, but will eventually send us a check.
- **2017 Items to Address**
 - **Sponsorships status:** We are missing a few division sponsors. We are recognizing individual team sponsors on Facebook. It would be smart to loop the recognition back to the person who recruited the sponsor. (Elisabeth will need details in order to make this happen). We are looking for All Star sponsors and could recognize them on banners and practice shirts.
 - **Equipment:** The chalk is at Puesta and VPs need to go there to get it from the shed. Fred will go to chalk world in Renton to restock. There is a brown cardboard box at Tyee with icepacks. Michael Edwards will put some first aid kits in the green box at Tyee.
 - **Board member needs:** We will have an open board meeting next month to encourage new memberships. We should send out a bulk e-mail and Facebook post to invite everyone in the league to attend. Every single person is invited. These positions still need to be filled:
 - VP AAA
 - VP Softball – Younger Divisions
 - **Umpire Status:** We have 32 volunteers, 20 in the system; others are parents and kids who like to help. A small number of people are signing up on the schedule, but not lots.
 - Jackson Roos was canceled this year.
 - We need help from our umpires during the all-star tournament. If we could have Thunderbird parents doing it for even 3-4 games, it would be fantastic.
 - Cesar is still training umpires with kids shadowing him during games.

- The Coast teams have been really pleased to have consistent umpers. Hooray!
- It would be nice we could notify umpires when games are changed/cancelled. Cesar needs help connecting the coaches and umpires the day of the game. This is a huge job and Bonzi doesn't allow viewing of the information both need. Maybe we need a new scheduling system. Another idea is to could include around six people in e-mail conversations and ask if one of the people receiving the message has time to connect with the umpire. Team Snap is a software possibility and something else Michael mentioned (Dick's?).
- Matt is willing to help ump on the weekend, depending on where the games are.
- Thunderbird Tournaments are scheduled (except for one game.) Managers have all been notified. AAA and Coast are scheduled, one game needs to be moved for the majors. Larry is taking care of A and AA. We just have to complete the notification process and create an umpire schedule.
- City Tournament: We are hosting AAA because there are fewer teams and it is easier on fields. There are 22 teams. The other levels have more teams. We will have to hire Umpires NW for this. This will happen after Memorial Day.
- All Stars: First, we need to get nominations from all the coaches. VPs will get nominations on who players could be. Tryouts start on June 1. Majors softball will start on June 10. Practice can start June 1 or 14 days prior(?).
 - We have 68 11 year olds and 36 12 year olds. Kids vote on who they would like to be on a team with. The pool includes up to 24 kids.
 - Conversation about All-Star uniforms. We may not ask parents to purchase uniforms, but parents have been volunteering to purchase supplemental items to enhance uniforms. If we wanted to eliminate this practice, we would need sponsorship for all levels. Plan for this year: everyone in the pool gets a hat and then kids who make the team get a t-shirt.
 - We would like to get sponsors for All Stars. Money should go to fund costs for the league. Ten to 20 percent could go to teams (or not). There are a lot of costs for fields and balls. Sponsors could expect a banner, Facebook post, or logo on t-shirt. We will provide the vests and teams can add to it if parents wish to make a gift to the team. The softball All-Star side hasn't had jerseys, but someone dropped a box off with Steve Wilkos. We need to make sure that our softball and baseball teams have the same opportunities with uniforms. We will have to have another meeting to decide about managers.
- Other business: Approve coaches for t-ball baseball: Seung Lee, Steve Johnson, Michael Cho, Jason Cruz, Chad Garr, Rob Condiotty, Lawrence Johnson, t-ball softball: John O'Brien, Melissa Bowers, Coast baseball: Drew Oliver, Elisabeth Carroll, and Blake Bratt
- May 19, 20, 21 – The softball tournament is coming up. We need to cover entrance fees. There are two teams at \$125 each. Motion made and approved.
- The Tyee field is drilled 50-70. We never realized this! We should be using it for the intermediate level? We didn't know it was drilled this way and can

communicate to Lu that we would like to use it for intermediate. Steve will measure.

- 8:59 the board moved into executive session until 9:22. During this executive session, we discussed a confidential personal matter.
- If Tyee field is empty this weekend, we can try to get in for practice or fun. School district fields are supposed to be unlocked for community use. The district contact expressed concern about trash and respect for rentals, but agreed to unlock it.
- **Idea:** An inventive parent suggested “Friday Night Lights Games” with ticket sales to raise funds for Majors Teams. We would need to consider rules about ticket sales. We could also do a whiffle ball extravaganza and charge for that... This would be for next year and could potentially raise a few hundred dollars/week. We could do a whiffle ball tournament Memorial Day weekend? Maybe Chris Freer has free time.

- **2017 Calendar**

- Board Meetings – first Wednesday each month (Room 1112, NHS, 8pm).
Note: An additional board meeting will be held later in May to nominate and approve coaches for Thunderbird All-Star teams.