



Board Meeting

November 2, 2016

Board Members Present: Fred Clarke, Lucy Regan, Tim Chin, Larry Holden, Mike Garrett, Ryan Mullenix, Chris Freer, Peter Koo, Alan Wittman, Matt Skally, Michael Edwards, Elisabeth Carroll

Finances/Registration

- 2016 Financial Report: Michael distributed information everyone. Field and umpire expenses were crazy high and needed to be subsidized. There is a good reason we have reserves, fortunately they allowed us to maintain good training and meet our needs last season. Revenue wasn't enough to cover what we needed. Our draft budget looks like we will still be down \$12,000 at the end of next season, even with a possible \$25 increase in registration fees (more on this later). The field expenses are expected to be slightly lower if there are some savings on Big League Fields.
- We need to hire lots of umps and our expenses aren't going to go down. It would be ideal to keep fees low and our program as affordable as possible.

Fees changes – Confirm past discussion and move forward on solving the problem.

- Conversation about what makes Thunderbird attractive to families... Recap of current registration fees... Motion passed to raise everything \$25 above A through Majors. \$50 increase for ages 13 and up. T-ball will still be \$100. Early registration will provide a \$25 savings if players register prior to January 1. We will charge \$50 for girl's t-ball. We want to remove barriers for girls to enter the sport.

Board member needs: VP Big League, Field Scheduler, and Softball

- Discussed filling three more board vacancies.

Winter training

- Renegotiate our Stods lease for 6 weeks instead of 8. This would save money and still meet our needs.

Evaluations - Saturday, January 28 2017 from 8am to noon.

Season schedules - Updates

- Fred wants to schedule the city tournament. Some parents would like everything wrapped up by Memorial Day (including the city tournament). Other parents like playing in June. Conversation about whether or not this will limit regular season games. Each

team should get 12 regular season games – it should fit. Some parents like as many games as possible. Conversation about pros and cons about the season running beyond Memorial Day. It is lots of fun to play when it is warm and sunny out. Discussion tabled.

Other business

- We are going to add the sudden cardiac arrest to the concussion waivers that are completed online at the time of registration. Having safety/electronic paddles in our lock boxes could help someone who is going into sudden cardiac arrest. Conversation about who should provide this equipment us/school/city... It is extremely expensive.
- Little league will be requiring low impact bats in the future. Would we want to put together a proposal to use safer bats this year? Maybe not because of concern about our players using similar equipment when we play teams outside our league in the city tournament. We are the governors of the safety in our league.
- Conversation about raffle tickets: pros and cons of requiring players to buy tickets.
- Next time: Parent umpire volunteers – Discuss and Confirm. Loop Cesar into conversation for collaboration.

Meeting adjourned.

- Next Board Meeting: December 7 in room 1112 at Newport High School at 8:00 pm. (Board Meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of each month.)