



Board Meeting

January 3, 2019

Board Members Present: Lucy Campbell, Fred Clarke, Rob Freytag, Lucy Campbell, Corinne Crowley, Larry Holden, Kurt Fluegge, Kevin Regan, Soren Llanes, Michael Edwards, Ryan Mullenix, Erika Satterlund, Tim Chin, Allan Wittman, Doug Brown, Chris Freer

The December meeting minutes were approved.

D-9 minutes: Compared to other Eastside leagues, we were looking good for Mariners ticket sales. We did like 174. Other districts were a lot lower. Safety plan: they want to have travel expense info written down. Making sure that if there is a travel expense that comes up, making sure the coaches know what they are in for if their teams need to travel. Larry says that is written into the AllStar letter. (if we go on, the expense is not covered.) There is also financial aid available. Little leagues wording isn't good. It says the expense is "on the local league," which doesn't mean the league pays for it, it means the parents are responsible.

Financial Report: Budget will be voted on next month once things are ironed out with Stack Sports. What do we need to do to vote on the budget next year? We need to decide on the umpire information. City of Bellevue reimbursed us for the fields in the form of a check. Michael will endorse.

Registration: Larry recommended not using the promo code next year. Just do early registration promo. The \$25 coupon code has been very difficult to work with. Also, $\frac{3}{4}$ of people are using the early registration. 196 registrations as of tonight. 173 last year on this date. Lucy has been sending out reminders and it was mentioned that parents are getting just the right of reminder emails.

Larry will look into making sure the registration looks seamless; Lucy Regan mentioned she came across a blank page while registration.

Marketing/Recruiting: Doug Brown mentioned checking into a Newport Heights mom group and a NextDoor account. Michael will open Twitter and Instagram accounts for us. What other opportunities are there for flyer handouts? Apartment buildings at the base of Somerset. Ice cream social? Market day at Tyee? Lucy asked Lucy Regan and Corrine to send Thunderbird Winter training reminder to Somerset moms groups.

Sponsorship: Allegro is not providing first aid kits this year.

Winter Training: 5 weeks of 3 sessions. 5-8 volunteers for each 1-hour block. Lucy sent out a reminder for VPs to make sure their nights are organized. 4 board members will be present each night, in addition to volunteers and coaches each night.

Scott Collins just sent an email asking for softball volunteers and will coordinate the softball side. We need to do a better job of splitting the cage with the girls.

Larry contacted Brad to get Newport High School students to help. Larry said we would probably get plenty of high school volunteers. We need to bring a few extra tees. Stods should have everything else we need. Allen will bring extra tees. He also made a map of Stods for us to keep the night organized.

Larry will get a list together of the current coaches. Allen will send out an email to coaches to try to organize each night.

Corinne suggested giving volunteers hats to make the volunteers more recognizable.

Safety: Safety plan needs to know the number of players. There are problems with the documents.

Safety clinic is March 2 at NHS from 9:30-11:30. All coaches should attend this meeting if possible. Newport High School will be running their clinic at the same time as the safety meeting.

At safety meeting, they talked about things they want to include in the safety plan, plus encourage kids to wear cups, safety flaps on their helmets, and more. They put together language. Kirkland said we could use some of the language from their site. We can cross check that against Little League Rules. Ryan will look into it.

Injury Prevention -

Equipment:

Uniforms/Spiritwear: Larry thinks we should get Thunderbird shirts and team hats. Jack is the uniform coordinator. Re: spiritwear, Michael says its often a lot of work (minimums, etc.) to have spiritwear available. Michael says the fundraising doesn't come into play for spiritwear; we don't make any money off it, and the sportswear companies may not feel incentivized to participate. Larry said Fred set up an option on Amazon where we can buy spiritwear. If its not a fundraiser, it will be ok to use the Amazon option, and then we are marketing our brand by people buying and wearing it.

Evaluations: January 27. Who is managing it? Kevin Regan can do front desk. Paul Santuli or Mike Garrett, Jay Terry can help. (Lucy will send them an email.) Michael will reach out to Francine who does the Google docs that tallys the scores.

Coaching Clinic – Kurt reports that Feb 27 is the date at Skyline. AAA, Coast and Majors. Indoors with Mark Linden.

Pitching Clinic: March 9, March 16

Catching Clinic: March 17

Opening Day: Michael reached out to Booster Club Pres Tim to confirm opening day of April 20. David will do the paperwork. Procurement of raffle items – all board members to bring raffle items in.

David has photographer and MC lined up.

Positions:

Player Agent: Lucy Regan will be doing this. We can do an email blast mid-March to remind people to sign up for Tball.

VPs: Lucy wonders if VPs are comfortable reaching out to their coaches. Larry suggested having a VP meeting to prepare VPs to talk to and organize their coaches. Kevin will be meeting with Jan.

To Do:

- Larry will get a list together of the current coaches and past coaches. He will send to Allen.
- Allen will arrange to have extra tees for Stods training nights.
- Allen will send out an email to coaches to pull together a game plan for Stods training. Also reminder to sign up themselves as volunteers.
- Thunderbird wear on Amazon (add hats?)
- 1st board meeting in February VPs should have their coaches planned.
- Send an email to parents of Tball to make sure to register.
- Lucy Regan will talk to Fred to see if he knows someone who can videotape.
- 2nd week in Feb – have a meeting to figure out how to get Tball organized: coaches, emails, etc. Reminder to kids to remind their friends to sign up. Possibly do a pancake breakfast or get-together.
- Michael will open Twitter and Instagram accounts for us.
- Player evaluations: Lucy will email people mentioned above to see if they will help out.
- Allen will re-key green boxes by mid-February.

Past To-Do items update:

Michael reported Allegro is not doing First aid Kits. We do have a lot of ice packs already. May need to allocate \$400 for First Aid Kits. Ryan inventories items like that every year and will do this year.

Do we need to re-key the Green boxes? Allen says yes. He will do all by mid-February. Ryan reported that Somerset does have a box.