Meeting Minutes for SWPLL

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: IBU Public House, 4439 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway, Portland, OR 97221

Note Taker: Kate Prentice, Secretary

Attendance:

| Present | Position | Name |
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|  | President | Melinda Bessner |
|  | Secretary | Kate Prentice |
|  | Treasurer | Lisa Keeling |
|  | VP Softball-upper levels | Jenn West |
|  | VP Softball-lower levels | Aaron Howard |
|  | VP Majors Baseball | Jake Hammer |
|  | VP AAA Baseball | Seth Burrell |
|  | VP AA Baseball | Ben Kopetti |
|  | VP A Baseball | Jon Loomis |
|  | VP T-ball | Open |
|  | Baseball Player Agent | Jamie Mitchell |
|  | Softball Player Agent | Ava Mitchell |
|  | Uniform Coordinator | Ava Mitchell |
|  | Alpenrose Day Coordinator | Leanne LeGare |
|  | Coach Coordinator | Huntley Morrison |
|  | Field Maintenance | Jake Hammer |
|  | Field Maintenance | Kip Reynolds |
|  | Field Scheduling | Carl Burnham |
|  | Field Scheduling | Amanda Burnham |
|  | Communications Coordinator | Angela Corman |
|  | Fall Ball Coordinator | Carl Burnham |
|  | Fall Ball Coordinator | Paul Lesinski |
|  | Safety Officer | Lisa Keeling |
|  | Sponsorship Coordinator | Jon Loomis |
|  | Sponsorship Coordinator | Neil LeGare |
|  | Umpire Scheduling Coordinator | Paul Seal |
|  | Equipment Manager | Josh Hammer |
|  | Equipment Manager | Andy Rader |
|  | Picture Coordinator | Open |
|  | Umpire in Chief | Dave Petersen |
|  | Registrar | Angela Corman |
|  | Post Season Coordinator | Angela Corman |
|  | Fundraising | Shelley Penny |

6:32 PM – Melinda called the meeting to order

Introductions / Agenda

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January Meeting Minutes



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**MOTION** to approve January minutes as prepared by Kate Prentice, Secretary put forward by Carl Burnham, motion seconded by Jamie Mitchell. All board members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

**District 4 Report**

Mel informed the board there was not much to report – there was no meeting in February due to the Superbowl. We are awaiting confirmation of Alpenrose days (not yet received). At the end of February, the SWPLL safety report is due and there is no date set for the safety meeting. Umpire training is still being worked through.

Of note, Hillsboro Little League is coming back to Little League from JBO. Hillsboro asked if SWPLL would donate money to the league as they need assistance with equipment and fields. Mel did note that Hillsboro can apply to the league international for a grant. The request was tabled until March and Mel will inquire what the funds are being utilized for.

**Registration**

Numbers showing that the enrollment is higher than at the same point last year (2018) – total registration at 433:

* + Tball - 65
  + Softball
    - Launch League – 33
    - AAA – 25
    - Majors / Juniors – 19
  + Baseball
    - Single A – 77
    - AA – 33
    - AAA – 114
    - Majors – 67

Noted that typically there is a last-minute push. The early bird registration incentive pushed registrations quicker.

Discussion about the impact of last-minute registration which can result in higher number of kids on each team. There was some concern expressed about the increased number of kids playing and the ability to schedule fields for playing. The higher numbers in AAA could be mis-registration – should some of the kids be in AA? Tryouts will assist with placement as needed. Noted AA numbers are lower and should be increased. March 2-3 are the current tryout dates at Wilson High School although the dates may change. The Wilson High School Girls Basketball team is potentially playing in the tournament. Additionally, there may be rescheduled games from this past weekend (due to forecasted snow). We may need to investigate alternative locations but Mel will know by Monday or Tuesday about Wilson HS.

**Selection of Managers**

*Angela Corman called Jenn West in Hawaii to discuss Manager nominations – she participated by conference call.*

* Softball – Jenn put forth the following managers by level
  + Juniors Team – Paul Garrahan with Todd Watson and Brian Perry assisting
  + Majors – Larry Sherman (1); Todd Watson (2). Jenn believes there will be one team only (Todd will be “as needed”)
  + AAA – Jenn advised we would need to rank the four options as there in only three teams anticipated.   
      
    Board discussed the four nominees (Aaron Howard stepped out of the meeting for discussion portion after stating his thoughts about coaching). Vote by ballot tabulated with results (in no particular order):
    - Heather Villanueva
    - Aaron Howard
    - Cary Cadonau  
        
      Modesty McNally (will be “as needed”)

**MOTION** to approve the slate of managers as presented by Jenn West put forward by Huntley Morrison, motion seconded by Seth Burrell. All board members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

*Jenn West exited the meeting via conference call.*

* Baseball
  + Huntley brought up the Little League rules which state that in order to be eligible to be a coach’s option, the individual had to have coached the prior year. The purpose of the rule is to avoid creating “super teams”. This only applies to AAA and Majors. Huntley proposed the idea that the coach’s option had to have coached for the two prior seasons in order to protect coaches coming up through the league and it encourages coaches to stay together. Discussion ensued of rule proposal – some felt it was fair and others felt it was too late for this season (falling after recruiting).

**MOTION** A motion was put forward by Huntley Morrison that all mangers in AAA and Majors will have a coach’s option and that coach will have coached within the last two years in our league, motion seconded by Jake Hammer. All board members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

* + Huntley put forth the following managers for the Majors – noting that there will be six or seven teams minimum but could be as many as eight teams  
      
    Board discussed the following nominees (board members present that were nominated stepped out of the meeting for discussion portion). Vote by ballot tabulated with results (in no particular order):
    - Josh Hammer
    - Mel Bessner
    - Huntley Morrison
    - Matt Barton
    - Dave LaPrete
    - Mark Moylan
    - Taylor von Ahlefeld
    - Paul Duda (only if 8th manager is needed)
  + The following managers were offered for AAA – noting there will be eleven teams with a potential 12th (still searching for another manager).  
      
    Board discussed the following nominees (board members present that were nominated stepped out of the meeting for discussion portion). Vote by ballot tabulated with results (in no particular order):
    - Jake Hammer
    - Seth Burrell
    - Stephen Black
    - Jeff Oswald
    - Doug Wise
    - Dave Hillesland
    - Peter Gilchrist
    - Paul Lesinksi
    - Jeff Wilson
    - Jon Eder
    - Mike Johnson
    - Kyle Pettijohn (only if a 12th manager is needed)

**MOTION** to approve the slate of managers as noted above for Majors and AAA by Huntley Morrison, motion seconded by Angela Corman. All board members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

* + Huntley recommended picking the All Star Coach for Majors at the beginning of the season and he suggested that the board should nominate Mel Bessner. Discussion of the reasoning behind the recommendation. The board felt that the suggestion should be tabled until the next meeting so the other coaches can be advised and input could be sought.
* Umpires
  + Currently Paul Seal noted there are 61 umpires signed up which is very exciting.
  + Discussed outsourcing – too late to consider for Spring but could consider for Fall Ball.
  + Dave Petersen requested player and parent pledge being read before every game as it sets the tone for meeting. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Mel did provide the pledges as follows:  
      
    **Player Pledge**I trust in God  
    I love my country  
    And will respect its laws  
    I will play fair  
    And strive to win  
    But win or lose  
    I will always do my best  
      
    **Fan Pledge**I will teach all children to play fair and do their best  
    I will positively support all managers, coaches and players  
    I will respect the decisions of the umpires  
    I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game
* Fields
  + Maintenance – budget is suffient and next month there will be more details
  + Scheduler – applied for every field that is available and is waiting for Portland Parks & Rec to respond (Carl).
* Financial Report/Budget – the balance in the account is $107,311
* Safety Meeting – to be held at the firehouse again. Stay tuned for more details
* Coaching Coordinator – Huntley is getting things done but does need a coordinator for T-ball. He will send an email to Angela Corman about duties for recruiting.
* Communications – noting that Andy Bauer left the board due to work conflict and Angela Corman will be taking on this responsibility.
* Sponsorships – Neil LeGare noted that we will update next meeting but noted the movie night at Baseballism moved to Friday Feb 22nd.
* Uniforms – wheels are in motion and an update will follow next meeting.
* Equipment – Andy Rader needs help with sorting bags. Promised to give Paul Seal information on umpire gear. Believes he needs about $7,000 for balls (in current budget). Mel will provide information about what specific kinds of balls to purchase.

**Adjourn – 8:38 PM**

Next meeting will be Sunday, March 10th at 6:30 PM at IBU Public House.