SWPLL Board Meeting

Monday, September 27, 2021

7:00 AM

Attendees:

1. Jake Hammer, President
2. Ted Cerwonka, Field Scheduling
3. Kate Prentice, Secretary
4. Josh Toperosky, Uniform Coordinator
5. Todd Mustard, VP A Baseball
6. Dennis Allen, Coach
7. Galina Nisley, Umpire Scheduling Coordinator
8. Amanda Burnham, Treasurer
9. Carl Burnham, Field Maintenance & VP T-Ball
10. Joby Easton, Equipment Manager
11. Jeff Oswald
12. Huntley Morrison, Coach Coordinator
13. David Hillesland, VP AAA Baseball
14. Dan Webert, VP AA Baseball
15. Angela Corman, Communications Officer
16. Steve Noveshen, Communications Officer (2022)
17. Beth Mitchell, VP Softball – Upper Levels

Open Meeting – Jake called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

*August Meeting Minutes review*

**MOTION** to approve September minutes put forward by Josh Toperoksy, motion seconded by Joby Easton. All board members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

District 4 update – no update because no meetings have occurred since the last board meeting.

Jake shared Steve Black’s (not present) brief update on Fall Ball (going well) but umpires are a challenge to find.

Joby Easton – Fall Ball Softball update; some lessons learned from interlocking with Tigard but overall, a positive experience.

Carl Burnham – Matt Greer has donated time and front loader usage to place 20 yards of soil on two fields. This is a big project but it will help maintain the fields for the next 5 to 10 years. The coming rain will also help compact the soil to assist with this effort.

Amanda Burnham – Reported a little more than $96,000 in the accounts; the league is focused on improving and investing in the fields. The presented proposed budget relies on historical spending but please suggest changes and especially one-time investments ideas for consideration. The budget will be approved at the November 2021 meeting.

Dan Webert – did not have any safety updates to provide.

Josh Topersky – update on the uniforms budget and noted that registration cannot be late because of the uniform ordering deadline. If Majors teams desire nicer uniforms and hats, they need to be ordered by November 15th because of supply chain issues. We could do a single hat for all teams or we go basic hats. T-Ball through AAA – jerseys are $14 a piece increases to $25 with a name on the back. Jerseys for majors are $29 and $18-$25 range for hat. Josh is working on a 25% discount. Note that there is a licensing issues with MLB and minor league teams. Softball visors are $12-$14 and has been included in the budget file. Order to needs to be completed by November 15th. Josh will mock some models up for the October meeting.

VP Reports

* Angela / Steve – nothing from communication
* Safety – see above / no updates
* Secretary – any updates
* Amanda – no further updates
* Beth – really positive about Fall softball
* Peter – out of country
* Dave – no updates for AAA
* Dan – AA wants to start thinking about winter clinics
* Jamie – not present
* Josh – already provided an update on uniforms [see above]
* Huntley – Coach’s Coordinator – nothing to add
* Carl – gave field updates
* Ted – scheduling updates. Fields scheduled are being used for Fall Ball.
* Sponsorship – Jeff Oswald to email new contact to take over for Grant Sterling
* Galina – Umpire scheduling
* Joby – Equipment needs to be reviewed and sorted; will provide an update
* Chris Harry – traveling and not present to give an update (Umpire in Chief). This is a challenging role to fill; helps trains younger umpires including recruitment and compliance; mentoring is a key part of the role.
* Registrar – transferring to Cynthia and working with Angie

October board meeting is the next board vote and will be either October 20th or 27th – the time, date and location TBD.

Final discussion on league competitive play set up in order to keep kids in the league versus playing club baseball. The idea is to set up teams to play competitive tournaments. This could impact the Majors schedule potentially. Idea still in formation and initial budget drafted but nothing is formalized. The board discussed a stakeholder meeting to be held in next couple of weeks [October 10-11th]. Jake to send out invitations.

8:34 PM Board Meeting closed