

August 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 8/15/24 (CLOSED)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Adams Township Building

Board Attendees:

Executive Board:

President - Sandy Sanderson

VP of Baseball Ops - Brad Schmidt

Director of Facilities – Mike Sirney

Treasurer – Joe Derouin - **ABSENT**

Secretary – Andrew Downs

Board of Directors:

Opening Day Chairperson - VACANT

Assistant VP of In-House Ops – Ron Shebek - **ABSENT**

Assistant VP of Travel Ops – Sean Ranson

Assistant VP of Softball Ops – Shane Malone

Community Outreach Coordinator - VACANT

Equipment Manager – Steve Norris

Field Maintenance Assistant – Ryan Moore

Umpire Coordinator - VACANT

Assistant Treasurer of Travel – Eric Schrecengost

Concessions Stand Manager – Christy Wilson

Fundraising, Signs, and Sponsors – Adam Dunn – Jason Barrett-Incumbent

Registrar - VACANT

Uniforms and Spirit Wear Coordinator – VACANT

Assistant Secretary of Social Media – Priscilla Knieriem

Assistant Secretary of Website Management – Rebecca Ravenstahl

Immediate Past President – Larry Fox (VACANT)

Discussion Items:

Brad Schmitt / Sandy Sanderson: Open Meeting

- Any progress towards “no pitching” in tball – safety issue

Andrew Downs:

- Status of keys for Callery shed – Steve has them to give to Sandy – replacing locks
- Any updates required for new board position (website access/permissions)?
 - o Sean brings up website access for fall coaches and provide calendar instructions and field care

Mike Sirney (Fields):

- Fuel cards have been created by Purvis and collected. Ryan and Mike have cards. Need to get Sandy's - Done
- One pallet of chalk still at Dealers Supply – Not picked up this year
- Need to repair or replace backstop padding at Vet. Would like to replace with same padding we did at Rotary – Padding falling – Approx \$1500 to do what is at Rotary – 10 day lead time – unanimous approval
- Get another two piece mound like Vet has for Rotary – approx. \$2100 – 8 week lead time – unanimous approval
- Rotary backstop padding has been installed. Rock backfill has been installed between the wall and the shed to limit any potential issues
- Still need to get the cage at Vet
- Got access to Facebook – Rebecca Ravenstahl and Mike Sirney now admins (along with Stacy Palmer). Jason Barrett listed as moderator. Mike to ask Stacy to transfer the lead role.
- Mound to be moved from Vet to Kiwanis for upcoming evaluations. Drag fields and line Rotary.

Steve Norris (Equipment):

- Three dozen baseballs per team moving forward per Ron – not sure where good space for storage
- Look into shed closer than Callery. Not enough room for increased quantity of baseballs and other equipment. Shed also frequently floods. – Brad sending note to Brian Perry (?) to check on possibilities within the park - Possibly go through and get rid of junk
- Baseballs for fall ordered – collection of travel equipment upcoming

Adam Dunn (Fundraising/Sponsors): Jason Barrett

- Fall uniform orders – 7/8u ordered - waiting on tball and 6u
 - Need to add sponsorship for registration on new site with ability to take payment by credit card
 - Possibility of opening up “sponsorships” to individuals
 - Raised over \$10k last year
 - Dugout sponsors were \$650 last year – went very quickly – Moving to \$750
 - Sponsorship letter needs updated with new and upcoming investments (turf fields, building shed, buying land and building fields)
- Storage unit – Mars-Evans City Storage – any chance to donate/discount storage space for sponsorship

Eric Schrecengost (Travel Finances):

- Finalizing travel budgets – working on refunds from last season

Priscilla Knieriem (Website/Social Media): Rebecca Ravenstahl

Sean Ranson (Travel Baseball):

- Ratification of new travel baseball process. (CLOSED) – Evaluations start Sunday 8/18 – New process ready to go – needs official confirmation – modification of top 6 across at all levels – new skills that will be evaluated – website to be updated to provide full transparency of evaluation process – section added to sign-ups to review/check/confirm travel expectations - Unanimous approval.
- Numbers – 8u, 9u, 12u (37 to 42) up. 10u and 11u down – displeasure with winter training and requirement for spring in-house – 11u blue – 5 of 11 coming back – 11 two teams – 10 two teams – 10u C and B team dads forming their own team due to expense and commitment – more teams for winter training should help bring cost down for everyone – 12u decisions with current number – try to avoid any cuts - Eric Schrec suggestion to lower base cost more and leave to each coach to discuss with team and pay as-you-go - Battleground only weeknights are 8-9:30 (currently locked in for 12 weeks) – NOS not giving good times - Thoughts to have 8u (younger groups) have winter training in Jan and older groups pick-up in Feb – Possibly have all teams together for each age group - Ideas for winter training in Sept
- 9U Travel HC discussion after outside community complaints (CLOSED) -
- In-House program complaints / concerns / mandate impacting travel registration (CLOSED)
- Head coach decision amendment and Code of Conduct – Looking to add minimum 5 tournaments maximum 8 tournaments
- Travel baseball uniform clarity / agreement
- Travel Director no longer having oversight of budget. Should be finance group – Approved – Finance group will need names of all travel HCs for next season (October meeting)
- Parent / Player Code of Conduct
- St. Barnabas Field usage – Previous contacts they only wanted one year commitments
- Turf Adams Township Park fields – Nick Meriweather possibly getting on Adams Twp Park board – seems to be on-board with major improvements - One councilmember is against turf because don't want Twp to have responsibility to care for field
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Softball – Shane Malone

- Fall numbers good – 105 girls – only 20 fewer girls compared to spring – Four 8u teams – Three 10U – two 12u – one 15u - Some late registrations likely
- Fields – Try to get 8u under lights on Friday/Saturday nights

- Tball helped with field availability

Christy Wilson – Concessions

- Need another refrigerator/freezer – Previous one was replaced but current new one is much smaller – Combo fridge/freezer will work, just needs to be larger - Check with Brian Perry to confirm we're OK to ask for donated fridge

Open Items

- Stan Polivka to talk with Shane about softball tournaments – start to introduce for 10u and 12u
 - Gauging interest – Plan to talk to teams/parents at games when they play each other
- Nathan Seegers – travel concerns – only played 4 tournaments
 - In-house requirement necessary? Too much for some
 - Brad – still community organization and keeping in-house requirement

Next Meeting: SEPTEMBER (OPEN)

Minutes Submitted by: Andrew Downs – Secretary