

SEPLL General Meeting

10.12.15

Meals on Wheels Center

A. Welcome & Introductions

We needed quorum and we achieved it with exactly 25 votes, a combination of absentee and present vote. We need to take the ballots to fall ball games next season.

1. present board members

Roll call -- half of attendees.

2. retiring board members

This is Colette's last year; Matt Duckworth will take over as president.

B. Treasurer report

Cindi passed out her report. We ended in a good place. It is still separated between the two leagues, although we share all expenses. We did go over in some areas but came in under in others. All is good. See report for details.

The opt-out volunteer option worked well -- you can pay to not have to volunteer. People liked that option.

There will be a motion to the board that registration be \$90 across the board, instead of breaking out the costs to tee ball vs. other teams. It is still below market price.

Last year we had more than 500 registered kids; some were scholarship and some were partial payment.

Sponsorships will increase. Pre-season banners will be up bigger and quicker than last year. We will work on a better 4-color flyer for next season.

No payment for storage, new catcher's gear, possibly a new push mower that would be stored at Essex, dugout improvements, possible uniform replacements.

Projections show \$6K more than what we take in. Currently at balance of \$24K.

For more info on projections, see report.

We will vote in the projected budget next meeting, if necessary -- will check the bylaws.

C. Officer Reports

Softball: Julie says we had a full majors and they played the other full team (Tabor Villa) every week. Four minors girls played on Centennial; Julie will check in about that experience. Fall ball is always tricky since less kids play. Cleveland is wondering if we would do a camp or clinic at some point. Possibly close to assessments; it would be a fundraiser for the CHS team.

D. League Update

1. Fall ball -- See above for softball. For baseball, we had 2 farm and 2 major, 1 major and 1 50/70 -- good turnout. Per Matt, the district now uses a spring action pitching machine. Per one coach, it went well. One disappointment with the season was having enough teams to play. Competition for 50/70 is good, the kids are having a good time. As for minors, same feedback -- it's fun, not especially competitive. We had a farm team playing a minors team, but it was fun for the kids and a good experience. Might consider opening it up to tee ball next Fall.

2. Spring plans

Farm ball will move to Woodstock, minors back to Brooklyn. The biggest work would be cleaning up the fields. Kenilworth would be a practice field, pretty much. Not sure how it would affect the permitting fees. If registration is on Dec. 1, then we should have the new brochure out by Thanksgiving break -- keep the day general (Registration Now Open!) instead of specific, so we can reuse the printed piece. We are hoping to hold coaches clinics in January, prior to people having to commit to being a coach -- to show potential coaches that there is support, how to manage a team, etc.

3. Board vacancies:

See bylaws on the website for specific position descriptions.

Player Agent -- divide into upper and lower divisions; Heather would prefer this option and would stay with lower divisions. We would need an upper division agent. It would be co-player agent position.

Fields Manager

VP Baseball

Safety Officer

Coaches Coordinator

Umpire in Chief

Slated:

President: Matt Duckworth

Uniforms Manager: Betsy Halvorson

E. New Business

1. Nominations from the floor

Eric Herr has offered to take on Player Agent or Field Manager -- he is more interested in Fields Manager. Nominated by Heather; Cindi seconded.

Matt nominated David Monroe as Safety Office; Heather seconded.

2. Vote on the slate of officers

See absentee ballot for list of returning board members; Colette read them out loud. Motion made to approve the slate as read by Matt; Janelle seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

3. Non-board vacancies

We are "older-kid" heavy on the board -- do you know any of the younger-kid families who may be interested in helping out within the league? The merged league has really grown and developed in the past few years and we'd like to see it continue to grow and expand on the foundation that has been built. There are some positions that don't require extensive involvement, meetings, etc.

a. Co-Concessions

b. Co-Equipment Manager

c. Done in a Day: Picture Day, Alpenrose Day, Open/End of the Season

F. Round Table

1. Ideas for vacancies (if needed)

Co-treasurer to learn more about the position since Cindi will be stepping down next year; Janelle would like to take on more responsibilities in this regard.

2. Ideas for spring (if not already discussed)

Newer, bigger catcher gear. Possibility 10 new sets this coming season. We just bought 100 new helmets.

Better marketing materials.

A set calendar, done ahead of time (now).

More clinics (i.e., coaches, umpires) scheduled throughout Jan and Feb.

Show up to learn, you don't need to commit to anything.

Older kids taking better care of the fields themselves. There will be donuts.

Junior umpire program.

Attract more high school kids to volunteer -- it's a resume builder.

G. Anything else?

1. Spring registration opens Dec. 1. Check the website for details and watch FB for announcements.

Will there be a discount for early discount? Seems like a good idea. We can do at the next meeting.

Thank you to Collette for all her hard work as president. We wish her well in her next venture!

Next meeting: Monday, November 9, 2015

Location TBD.