

DCEYB Board Meeting: April 19, 2020

Roll Call Executive

- President-Roman Maguire
- Vice President-Tim May
- Treasurer - Matt Priebe
- Secretary –Michael Wodalski

Directors

- Babe Ruth Commissioner-Samantha Hanson
- Majors Commissioner- Jamie Reimer
- AAA Commissioner-Jim Olafson
- AA/A Commissioner-Simon Stetzer
- T-Ball Commissioner- Jason Wressel
- Travel Commissioner – By committee

Appointees

- Marketing Director – Emily Chariton
- Concessions Manager/Volunteer Coordinator – Lucas Chariton
- Equipment Manager – Justin Bangston
- Registration Director – Jamie Reimer
- League Advisor – Unassigned
- Advertising Coordinator – Kevin Quevillion
- Website Coordinator – Elmer Allen

Treasurers Report

See attached: Year to date and full detail report are attached ~\$76,000 is in the bank account. Question was raised on if we've received any checks back from cancelled tournaments. There have been at least 3 tournaments officially cancelled to date so we know there will be money coming back.

Registration Report

See attached: 467 kids are registered for the league. Majority was done before the COVID situation. Some have unregistered and registered in April. We had 529 last year at this time so we are under last year. This may be attributed to the uncertainty of the season this year.

For 13U right now we're a team short slightly. Would be good to get 4-5 more kids to make it so we can have 3 teams. This would be part of the citywide league with Wausau and Merrill.

Majors is at 7 teams which is a team short from historic levels of 8 teams.

Advertising coordinator report.

For 2020 we have ~24 different sponsors for a total of \$5,000 in net sales. Should we continue with our order for 4/20 or do we want to extend time. Priebe mentioned Incredible Bank was still going to sponsor a banner. Quevillion will reach out to Hayes Graphics and let them know we'll get them an order soon. Briq's is also verbally committed, but they want to make sure we are having a season before sending in money. There are others that Maguire has talked to that are in the same holding pattern.

We can give Hayes the ones we have for now and then if others come in later we can get those banners made as needed.

Discussion and Motion

1. Governors order extension and State of emergency in WI:

The potential game plan going forward.

Best case scenario. The order cant extend past May 11th based on state statute limitations. At this point the Stay at Home Order is more of a recommendation than a State Order. We could potentially have evaluations on the 16th and teams set by the 18th and practice the week before and after Memorial Day weekend. We could then try to start on May 30th or June 1st and get a 7-8 week season that would put us through June and July but not into August.

Worst case scenario. The order does go to the 24th we still have the kickoff weekend and start on the June 1 day without practice or evals. And go 7-8 weeks of season. We have to factor in playoffs and rain make ups. This would mean no evaluations and doing a draft based off of coaches knowledge of the kids or an auto draft based on a set criteria.

It is currently understood that resuming kids sports would be part of Phase 2 of the plan so we will need to check on that situation. The head of Little League baseball mentioned moving the whole season back and cancelling the Little League World Series this year.

We have 3 weeks or more yet before we really know how to proceed, but we should have a plan in place. This may be a year where we have to play into July and possibly August where there is still good baseball weather.

If we at least put a target date out there, we can communicate with parents what the plan is. We can always adjust it based on best practices and recommendations, but it would at least let people know we're still trying to get a season completed this year. The goal is to try and get a full season in if we're going to play so we're not dealing with prorating or trying to discount registration for the year.

We could try to hold the Kickoff Weekend on May 30th. We will need to look at what is being recommended though too for youth sports, even if the Governor's Order is lifted. We have to then decide if we follow the recommendations or go on our own. We can still put coaches and teams together so we're prepared for if/when we can start practicing and playing games.

If we make teams this year, we can still redraft a league next year in the event we have teams that are not balanced talent wise. We also are short of coaches for the leagues so we'll need to make sure we have enough for the teams. League Commissioners should start going through the registration reports and try and get coaches setup.

Discussion ensued as to if we should send an email out to the League asking parents to confirm their kid will or will not be playing this year. At a minimum we need to send out an email letting people know what end date of registration is. That should give us an idea of who is or isn't still interested in playing. Having registration due by April 30 we should have an idea by the May 11 timeframe to get teams together for a June 1 start time.

Having a draft without evaluations probably makes the most sense based on the limited timeframe to get a season started. If we can put teams together on May 12, that still gives teams a good 2 weeks of communication prior to the season starting. The more we can do now the better and if we then have to delay the start we at least have everything ready to go once we have the green light.

We still need to figure out what we are doing with jersey's and how we're going to go about getting those distributed. We also need to communicate the helmet issue and that the sharing of helmets is not permitted this year. We will need to look at a new set of equipment guidelines

on how items need to be labeled for each player.

We'll need to make sure coaches and parents are aware of labeling their kids equipment so we're not sharing hats, etc.

On the east coast, they are creating a masking requirement for all players and coaches. A lot of colleges are also discussing not having fall sports. This may mean the fall sports would be moving to the spring of 2021.

We need to come up with an email letting parents know kids will need to have their own equipment (helmets, gloves, etc.) this year.

Discussion on baseballs and other equipment ensued. We should look at getting 20-25 dozen baseballs for each age group. For rec ball shirts, we should look at getting t-shirts ordered, similar to what was used for A and AA leagues. This would be a screenprint shirt that says DCE Baseball on them. This is likely all we could get in a short timeframe. Getting hats may be difficult due to the new MLB licensing issues. The idea was thrown out on having a simple hat with the Everest logo on it in different colors for each team.

Right now WEBKO may not be open right now so those businesses availability will impact what we all can do. There are a lot of vendors and companies that are shut down right now. We'll look at having a follow up meeting regarding apparel in the near future.

2. Facilities update:

Battinc Cages:

Lance Walters and Creative Concrete Solutions will be donating their time to form and pour the batting cages. J&D Tube Benders will be donating the piping for the cages. May and Maguire are working with the Sonnetag foundation and County Materials to get the concrete itself donated.

May will send Walters the layout and design of the batting cages so he can make sure he has all of the information he needs. There will be two hitting tunnels and then some hitting stands to the side of the cages. The slabs will be 4 inches thick. We'll look at the possibility of putting in rebar for longevity and then make sure the slabs are slightly sloped so water doesn't pond on them.

The cages will be located off the end of the Babe Ruth shed, they'll be parallel to the right field fence line from the end of the shed south.

Kennedy Park Concessions Sink:

Lucas went over several options for a sink. The cheapest option is to order the parts individually and build it ourselves. For all options, lead time is around two weeks. They all have 1-year warranties. They have 2.5-gallon water heaters. The pre-built options seem to have small sink basins. The larger sinks would be better for washing and sanitizing purposes. The larger sink options on the pre-built units is only about \$20.

It was noted with new sanitation guidelines we really need to have running hot water to wash hands and dishes.

Motion by Olafson and second by Hanson to allocate up to \$1,050 to authorize Chariton to purchase the option he feels will best meet the needs of the concession stand. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Further Discussion Items:

Social Media Discussion:

Just make sure we're all sharing and liking posts on Facebook to make sure we're getting as much exposure as possible for the League.

Tournaments this Summer

Question on if we should look at tournaments in August for those that have been cancelled already this spring. Message is it is up to the coaches and teams if they want to reschedule and play in August, but we plan the summer for 8 tournaments so if there are still teams with less than 8 tournaments registered for there shouldn't be any issues with them picking up a new tournament later in the summer.

Misc. Items

There should be a travel coaches meeting coming up to let this be known to all of the coaches.

We should also coordinate something with the rec league coaches so they know what the expectations are too.

Need to follow up with Equipment Guidelines for the league.

4. Announcements:

Next Meeting: May 17, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:45pm

Minutes: 95

Attendance Board Meeting: 15

Those in attendance: Roman Maguire, Tim May, Matt Priebe, Michael Wodalski, Jamie Reimer, Jim Olafson, Sam Hanson, Jason Wressel, Kevin Quevillion, Lucas Chariton, Emily Chariton, Justin Bangston, Elmer Allen, Simon Stetzer, Lance Walters