

DCEYB Board Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2019

Roll Call Executive

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

Directors

- Babe Ruth Commissioner-Jaime Reimer
- Majors Commissioner-Mike Rohde (Absent)
- AAA Commissioner-Jim Olafson
- AA/A Commissioner-Simon Stetzer
- T-Ball Commissioner- Jason Wressel
- Travel Commissioner –Chris Haase (Absent)

Appointees

- Marketing Director – Emily Chariton
- Concessions Manager/Volunteer Coordinator – Lucas Chariton
- Equipment Manager – Justin Bangsten (Absent)
- Registration Director – Jamie Reimer
- League Advisor – Unassigned
- Advertising Coordinator – Unassigned
- Website Coordinator – Elmer Allen (Absent)

Treasurers Report

There weren't many transactions in November, the current fund balance is \$42,534.28.

There was a discussion on if there was a need to change registration fees. There wasn't a feeling that there needed to be any changes to fees. Through rec ball there was about \$7,500 in net income (including concession sales).

Prices currently are:

- T-Ball: \$50
- Coach Pitch T-Ball/A: \$65
- AA: \$75
- AAA/Majors: \$85
- Babe Ruth: \$95

Babe Ruth was the only league that lost money last year. Total net loss was \$170.52. Major expense was uniforms in which more uniforms than players were ordered.

Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Advertising Coordinator Volunteer

- This is a high priority item that needs to be addressed. An email should be sent to the organization to try and find a volunteer for this position. The majority of the groundwork for this position was set last year. If a person can't be found, then these responsibilities would be split up amongst the board members.

- Vice President May said he can spearhead follow up with the companies that purchased an advertising banner last year and then we can work on trying to get new businesses signed up as well. Several businesses mentioned last year that we got to them too late in the year, but if we get to them in January they'll sign up.
- The purpose of the advertising is to fund improvements such as batting cages, lights, backstops, pitching machines, etc.

2. Update to the Babe Ruth League for 2020 Season

- There is potential to develop an intercity 13u/14u league. The leagues would be specific for each age group and not combined 13u and 14u. This is one of the reasons for looking at other leagues to play with so there are enough teams to play each other.
- Details are still being worked out and the league is looking at multiple ways to keep driving to a minimum for families. There's the possibility of having a mini-tournament on a kick-off weekend to take care of several games right away. Details are still being worked out. There would likely be a 14 game schedule and potentially have a championship game at Athletic Park. There was discussion on whether parents would want to drive to Merrill and Wittenberg on a weekly basis for rec baseball.
- Discussion was had on if the teams would be mixed skill levels or if the teams would be split up by travel teams and rec ball. The intent would be to have balanced teams.
- There was a meeting with Wausau, Merrill and Wittenberg about two weeks ago. Another meeting is scheduled for January. There was a question on whether Mosinee was invited. Discussion ensued that first the initial entities want to work out the details on rules/logistics and then other areas can be invited.
- An example of the league is the Badgerland 13u league. Information on this can be found at <https://www.wisportsservices.org/>
- There was discussion on if the registration fees would need to be adjusted to account for any additional costs for this type of setup.
- If we do proceed with this type of league, there should be a follow up with parents to see if logistically the league worked.
- Possibility of limiting the fields used for play as Everest and Wausau fields was discussed as well. That way our teams wouldn't be traveling much during the week.
- It was decided that a survey would be sent to the 7th grade parents to gauge their interest in playing in an inter-city league.

3. 13U White Team Coach

There was concern that there may not be a coach for the White Team. All of the historic coaches for this group have kids on the Green Team. There is potential for one person who helped coach rec league last year that would be willing to coach (Brian Petite).

There will need to be follow up with Keith Latendresse (Green Team Coach for 13U) to make sure he's onboard with the coach and how the teams will be split up. President Maguire will send out an email to the 13U team.

4. Equipment and Uniform needs

Samples for the uniforms are in, just need to set a date for fittings. It was mentioned that there is a discount on new hats if ordered before the end of the year. Hats will be ordered based on historic sizes.

Motion by Wodalski, 2nd by Wressel to approve purchasing hats based on past order history. Motion passed unanimously.

Jersey fitting will be coordinated with an open gym time in January/February.

5. Facility Improvements Update

Nothing to report at this meeting.

6. Important Dates for 2020 Season

- Spring Clinic was discussed as being held on 2 Saturday's in March. The dates discussed were March 7th and 14th.
- Evaluations were discussed as being either Saturday April 4 or Sunday April 5.
- Season kickoff weekend would then be May 2 & 3. Home Run derby will be held again this coming year.
- The Even Home Tournament (10u, 12u, 14u) will be June 27 (Summer Splash 1)
- The 8u and White Team Tournament (12u and 13u) will be held on July 11 (Summer Splash 2)
 - o Could potentially do a 14u Tournament this weekend as well.
- The Odd Home Tournament (9u, 11u, 13u) will be August 1 (Summer Splash 3)

7. Announcements

Next Meeting Items: Registration will be opened up before February

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Attendance Board Meeting: 11

Minutes: 50 minutes

Those in attendance: Roman Maguire, Tim May, Matt Priebe, Jamie Reimer, Jason Wressell, Michael Wodalski, Jim Olafson, Simon Stetzer, Emily Chariton, Lucas Chariton, Sam Hanson