October 13, 2016

Attendees: Nicole Dunford, Morley Wittman, Liana Tupper, John Fowler, John Pollard, Lee Scalzo, Brad Weinmeyer, Marti Redman, Melinda Andrews-Wittman, Kevin Salmons, Amy Wong-Loewen, Joe Scalzo

Call to order: By Morley at 655pm. Second by Nicole.

Approval of previous meeting minutes by John P. Second by Liana. All in favor.

Old Business

Planning and Implementing Coach and Umpire training program (postpone umpire part)

Continue to develop our coaches in a cost effective way. Move to an academy approach to work with individual skill sets for each level of ball. The goal is to teach all players in each division the same skill sets. This should provide more fun for the players and help coaches be more comfortable with training.

Option A – Morley looked into Triple A to develop a model. This included both classroom and on field coach development for Mini-Minors thru Majors. This was going to be quite expensive at approximately 32hrs totaling \$5600 plus sponsorship.

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Option B – Batters Box to provide winter clinics, pre-season and in-season training sessions and development sessions (120 hrs Premier/Junior Premier, 114 hrs mentorship, 98 to lead person) covering divisions from Tball thru Junior. The cost is \$7500 plus sponsorship. See Appendix 3.

Recommendations

- Assess what our needs are for coaches and work on an exit approach for the following year to retain and advance the coaches.
- Be clearer in marketing to the coaches and pull them in as individuals to build upon our coaching base.
- Reassess after one year to discuss strategies to improve the by division model.
- Determine the best decisions for payments options.

Motion to accept option B by Kevin. Second by Liana. All in favor.

Fall Ball - We are learning this year from new experiences. We should have bigger teams as kids aren't always showing up. Kids are having fun. Next year moving forward we will need to solidify coaches before releasing teams. We will also set up the teams so they are more even with age and experience.

New Business

President - Morley Wittman - remains VP Players/Coaches - Brad Weinmeyer - remains VP Facilities - Kevin Salmons - remains Secretary - Nicole Dunford - remains Treasurer - VACANT Registrar - Rebecca Tycholiz - remains Player Agent - Lee Scalzo - remains Concession Lead - Heather Stretch - remains Paid Staff/Volunteer Staff Coordinator - Marti Redman - remains Purchasing - Heather Stretch & Amy Wong Loewen - remains Umpire in Chief - Gareth Gilson - remains Uniforms - Melinda Andrews-Wittman - remains Scheduling - VACANT Equipment/Safety - John Fowler - remains (possibly last year) Sponsorship - Niki Post - remains Website - Stuart Neilson - vote in motioned by John F. Liana second. All in favor. Member at Large - Vince Loewen - remains Member at Large - John Pollard - remains Blastball - Nicole Dunford - Morley motioned. Amy second. All in favor. T-Ball - VACANT Mini Minors - Megan Anderson - Liana motioned. Joe second. All in favor. Rookie Minors - Liana Tupper - Kevin motioned. Brad second. All in favor. Minors - VACANT Majors - Joe Scalzo - Lee motion. Kevin second. All in favor.

President – State of the League - summary of goals accomplished and planning for future years - Appendix 1

Approval of 2017 budget - Appendix 2 Rolling over the GIC. Morley will ask for agent rates to increase interest. Budget approved with motion to accept by Kevin. Second by John P. All in favor.

Facilities

Clubhouse remediation and upgrades

- wiring Houle to connect power to exhaust fan
- water main shut off inside concession needs to be lowered/moved to allow for deep fryer accessibility
- paint boards under eaves in light grey
- work party to prepare for remediation (1/2 day)
- work party to renovate upstairs (2 days)
- signs for washrooms need to be added to doors with old ones taken down
- signs in backstops to indicate how to line a field and how to store equipment
- install shelving units for backstop sheds at D1 and D2

Two quotes were received to remediate asbestos in flooring upstairs in the clubhouse. HazPro came in near \$5,000 and Local Remediation at \$1700. A deal was struck to exchange 2 years of Gold Plus sponsorship in lieu of the abatement work. John F motioned to accept the quote by Local Remediation. Kevin second. All in favor.

Lighting for the batting cage – we would need to upgrade power in the cage. A quote has been given by Titan Electric at approximately \$2500. The board discussed options and believes it is best to wait for the cost/planning of a new training facility. It is not in the budget for this year.

Concession

Continue with on-line volunteering. It is ready to go again this year. It went well but we need to clarify number of 50/50 vs concession shifts.

A new deep fryer is in the budget. We have two quotes. Joe motioned to make the purchase of a new deep fryer for \$3,000. Second by Amy. All in favor.

The purchase of a debit machine is being researched. We will have one for this year.

Registration

We expect to hold the same process as last year.

There will be a Junior baseball division for next year - don't know for sure it there is enough interest from our park but we can combine parks to put a team together. Morley will open up to District 7 at the next meeting.

Next meeting date will be: Dec 8th, 2016 at 7pm in the clubhouse. Adjourn at 820pm by Morley. Second by Nicole.