

April 15, 2018 SWPLL Board meeting. IBU Portland, OR.
Called to order 1837 By M. Bessner, President.

Minutes approval 1st Joelle Alexander, 2nd Brian Zimmer

District 4 Report

Boundary Changes approved, Bridlemile is now in SWPLL boundaries.

Lincoln LL is now Softball charter only.

Any BB player that wants to play LL has to seek out a neighboring LL. District 4 will be involved in deciding approval for them to play in our league.

No meeting this month for District 4.

President's Report: Mel Bessner

Opening Day: Went well, great job. Good feedback from families.

Single A Baseball, increased from 4 to 6 teams. Teams currently 14-15 players each.

Concern: Large numbers drop from T-ball to Single A Level.

Noted several players that skip Single A to Double A .

Suggestions: Clarification of what the levels are on the website.

Family welcome night meet and answer questions from families of what to expect in our league.

Communications:

Please remember that we all are working towards the same goal, and that our level of respect towards each other. should bear that in mind.

As all of us have jobs outside of the commitment we have to SWPLL, please be mindful of that if you feel someone isn't responding as quickly or as often as you would like.

Communicating within our body, cc directly with the level you want to keep in contact, and the President (M. Bessner).

Suggestion: Simplifying communications.

Angela Corman has volunteered to focus on (Head a committee) to detail and writing up each positions duties . Will take volunteers who are interested in assisting with this and helping to clarify who to send communications to to keep them simplified please contact Angela Corman to join.

Definition of duties:

Field Maintenance: Chad S. Job is not to make sure that all fields are prepped and ready to go.

Brian Zimmer stated that he thought Field Maintenance coordinator in the past was to fill the boxes and mow or do heavy dragging of fields.

Mel Bessner: Mike Reilly would hire someone to do some of the heavy jobs and would delegate to others what work needed to be done. He would centrally locate supplies at Markham and let people know if they need something to pick it up.

We are working on getting a shed placed at Hayhurst to house some supplies as well. Duties of who fills the field boxes does not fall to the field maintenance coordinator.

Q: What do the fields need to look like to be used? A: Playable, no puddles, chalk for games.

Rules for responsibilities of managers related to fields will be sent by Angela Corman via email that details these responsibilities..

T Ball. Maplewood Seth
Hitcheon. Triple A
Markham: Majors Brian Zimmer
Hayhurst : Lower level Softball Katie Johnson
Reiki, Custer. Majors Softball Jen West
Burlingame: Single A
Smith: Triple A
Little Gabe, Stephenson: Double A

Please take a look at these fields lock boxes to see what things are needed (chalk, conditioner, rakes). Communicate with Chad Stoinaoff what it is that you are needing/taking from Markham, and if you see supplies are getting low or are out, please inform him as well.

Alpenrose, Bridlemile, Robert Grey bring supplies with you day of the game and do not leave them there. Mel has volunteered to keep supplies at her house as well to be picked up for Alpenrose since she is closer than Markham. (She is keeping softball supplies at her house as well.)

Suggestion: If any debris or bags of supplies are left at a field, please remove bags at least to the side off the playing field area. Let's keep our relationship with PPS and PP&R intact.

Finance: Lisa Keeling

Balance \$79,556.88

Please turn in to Lisa any receipts for purchases for proper account balances.

Projected Fields shortage in budget of about \$3,000,

K. Krueger, suggested sub-committee to meet with PP&R to discuss costs of fields permits to see if there can be any possible break in cost. K. Krueger cannot participate but will try and facilitate a meeting being set up.

Question: Who's responsibility is it to call the game for field condition? PP&R, PPS have say if fields are open, Umps can call game, otherwise falls to manager.

Safety:

Safety report turned in

VP's anyone who is helping on the field must have a volunteer app filled out.

Rule 3 coaches in the dugout only.

Alpenrose: Angela Corman

June 3rd Schedule supplied. Needs approval from V.P.s to get scheduled so that it can be sent out. No raffle this year.

Fundraising instead of raffle:

Restaurant nights. Dairy Hill May 7th 10%

Hit-a-thon: Individual donations for each kid based on number of hits or how far they hit.

Or Direct ask from families.

Would like to have directed amounts and directed goals(tractor, 3,000\$ to cover field costs). Suggested committee needed to organize these fundraising events. Contact Angela Corman to join.

L. McNamara would like to reach out to Trackers to coordinate a proceed shared garage sale of lost items they have collectives.

Sponsorships: Linda McNamara

Not a big response from businesses. Losing sponsors at alarming rate.

Any recommendations of personal businesses you use please send to Linda especially after you have talked to them about being a potential sponsor for our kids.

Uniforms: J. Alexander.

Need post season numbers.

How many teams?: 5 post season Baseball teams (last year). Fall Ball 9 teams (last year)

Please let her know:

Any swag you would want to see on website to be able to be ordered by kids.

Post season cost 100\$ plus cost of uniform.

Equipment: Chad: nothing to add

Need chin guard for catcher game to be played.

Umpires:

Paul Seale. New system that is set up that they can chose games 2 weeks out so umpires can sign up for the games they would like.

VP's remind mangers please let Shanie know if you have chosen a rematch date so that she can reschedule umpires.

If younger umpires arrive and are not comfortable behind the plate be patient and supportive about that.

Fields: Shanie

Please include your team name and level when you email her about anything or requests.

VP

Softball: Katie Johnson concerned about not having storage site available at Hayhurst to store the new pitching machines for fear that donors will no see their generosity at work. Agreed that machine to be used, will have to be brought to Hayhurst for games from Katie's house, then brought back to her when don using.

Next Board meeting changed from May 12th to May 14th IBU 6:30-8:30