

WHYBA Meeting Minutes

02/21/24

Board Attendees: TJ Stevens, John Lamberti, Misse Toth, Marcus Ranalli, Gregg Wiseburn, Ryan Lance, Mike Ruccio, Stefana Niemo, Pete Paiva

Public Attendees:

Officially Called To Order: Meeting started at 7:40 pm

Main Topics Discussed: Evals, March Clinic, Coaches

Public Comment:

TJ Steven President's Report:

- Welcome Gregg as Umpire Coordinator
- Equipment—baseballs, catchers gear (minors, rookies)
- For anyone waiting to play travel ball and not signing up for rec—play rec, travel will be summer to give us time to gather teams, funds, etc.; 10u, 12u, 14u, 16u, USABL summer either tournaments or league play
- March Clinic—sign up #'s are low; last yr we capped at 12 per age group; 1st weekend see if we need to change groups based on skill levels for the next few sessions; remind people it is just basics, and we tailor lessons based on skill; Mike can email coaches to let them know they can show up to the clinic to see how to run a practice and what skills they should be teaching
- Draft moved to Sunday March 3rd
- Sponsors Highlight on FB

John Lamberti Vice President's Report (& Safety Coordinator):

- 3 board members still need background checks; went over pending/approved background checks for coaches/asst./dug out helpers; 1 head/asst coach must be certified in CPR; John will reach out to Coach Mike Earl about setting up a CPR training for coaches that need this requirement
- Reach out to RJ about redoing Safety Cert. and changing dates; RJ's name is still on the docs

Misse Toth Secretary's Report:

- Raffle Fundraiser—need board members who coach to finish letter to parent; will get raffle info together to hand out to coaches at equipment pickup
- Slug Fest Committee—need helpers in areas of food, coaches, awards, booth sign in, creating recording documents; ask perspective helpers to attend next meeting
- Parent/photographer for opening day pics??
- Need to add upcoming events to FB

Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report:

- Filed annual return
- Going to move to dissolve WARREN HILLS LL as we have to pay fees to keep it; there is a fee to dissolve; we are currently running as WARREN HILLS YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
- Opening a Venmo acct.; we would have a 2% fee for each transaction; There is no tax for a "Charity" acct. and as a "Charity" acct. the 3% fee per transaction is waived; this would be good for sponsors, concessions, opening day, slug fest, etc.
- Buttzville Brewing Fundraiser: we can do this at any time—perhaps moving toward the week of Opening Day (Wed/Thurs); leg work is selling tickets and having a door raffle; our cost is 1 drink per person and we get the rest of the profit per ticket; wrestling made about 2k, we would most likely make less; John willing to add cigars as a raffle (can be done as long as we don't state as LL event)

Equipment Manager's Report:

John Toth Field Manager's Report:

- Tractor budget—?? Will try to get landscape company for Mansfield/Oxford in lieu of sponsorship fees (only need services April through June); no set budget for tractor—looking for a reasonable priced used

- tractor; John to reach out to Mansfield School to see if and when its possible to have a landscape crew there during school hours??
- Clay for Mansfield—yes, look into price on mixed clay
- Mike will get a quote for Porta Johns from P&W Services LLC—price given was price from 2yrs ago—we will use them
- Field Use papers will be submitted this weekend

Gregg Wiseburn Umpire Coordinator's Report:

- Has 5 new umpers with previous baseball experience; working on getting more umpers so we have 2 umpers per game, especially for Juniors games
- Created a document to get games up so umpers know what games are available and easily see who is umping which games; will add phone numbers
- Add Marcus to excel sheet so he can see how much \$ needed for umpers
- TJ will get Umpire fees set after District 20 meeting Sunday
- Ryan to create a dropdown menu for umpers on the website

Ryan Lance IT Report:

- Registration #'s are lower than this time last year; will send out an email to promote registration and clinic
- Are we doing another Spirit wear? Stefana to talk to Jamie
- Picture Day Monday May 13th

Mike Ruccio Coaches Coordinator's Report:

- Will send a mass email to all parents in Tball, looking for head coaches; rookies, minors, majors look alright coach wise

Stefana Niemo Uniform Coordinator's Report:

- Prices have increased, but not drastically; Juniors Jersey from last yr no longer available, they will have a different option that is comparable
- Merchandise Extras? We will order extra hats for parents to purchase Minors –Juniors, but will look into it more for the next meeting
- Would like to get #s in ASAP so that we can order

Pete Paiva Player Agent's Report:

- Minors Evals went well; tracking ratings in a spreadsheet
- Ryan will meet with Pete to go over player requests to be together via website registration
- Coaches kids will be ranked and that will be their draft pick for that round

Jamie Carzima Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report: *Not Present*

- Sent personalized email to each of last year's sponsors over the weekend as well as some of the sponsors from 2022 who didn't sponsor last year
- The following organizations expressed intent to sponsor: Heartland, WC Dental, Simply Thrift, Washington Diner, Shiron Farms, DQ, ALM Electric, Schaibles Plumbing, At Ease Foundation, WC Wiffle ball
- Ryan/Marcus looking into online payment options (linking sports connect to my google form or Venmo option)
- Anthonys affordable Tree Care and Cousins—Did not contact yet, since John said we might reach out to them for field help
- Rossi—Am I supposed to contact them? Scott had worked with them in the past on equipment donations

Additional Comments:

- **Question from parents about their eight year old, nonverbal autistic player joining Tball;** Ryan will reach out to parents to join their child on the field; TJ will discuss with district president on other ways to accommodate; board agreed that child should join Rookies and not Tball aged children
- Coaches/Players Ratio: 46 Tball players and only 3 coaches so far; 53 Rookies and 4 head coaches, 39 minors

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 24th—Majors Evals

March 2nd—Registration Closes; 1st of 4Day of March Clinic @ Memorial School

March 3rd—Minors/Majors Draft; Tball and Rookie Teams created; Sponsors and Teams to be done this week

March 6th—1st of 2 Board Meetings this Month; 7:30pm; Location TBD

March 9th—2nd Day of 4 of March Clinic @Memorial School

March 16th—3rd Day of 4 of March Clinic @ Memorial School; Field Clean Up at Mansfield School

March 21st—2nd of 2 Board Meetings this Month; 7:30pm; Location TBD

March 23rd—4th Day of 4 of March Clinic @ Memorial School

March 24th—Field Clean Up at Oxford?

April 1-5th—Practices Start

April 20th—Tentative Opening Day

May—Ball Rolling on prospective All Stars?

May 13th—Picture Day

June 8th—Slug Fest