

Branham Hills Girls Softball
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 10, 2014
7:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:05pm

Attendees: Butch Coyne, Kamal Arcoy, Cheri Theobald, Michael Bower, Floyd Killen, Dan Liddle, Tanya Gamez, Dave Millet, Kelly Dierkes, Stacey Hilton, James Reddell, Steve Low, Jen Hickey,

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES –

- a. Butch motioned to approve the minutes from last time Dave seconded the motion. Motion approved.

3. UPDATES

- President Expectations
 - Communications expectations
 - Meeting Expectations
- Field Use meeting – Dave and Michael went to the school district field use meeting. Monitoring.
- New Fall Ball/Thunder Coordinator selected: James Reddell
- Kryptonite Dissolved – most players have gone to other A-ball leagues in the area. Others went out of area and a few elected to stop playing.

4. REPORTS

- Fall Travel Ball Update: James/Alexis Briski tournament.
 - There is just a 10U B team playing this fall. Salinas and Alexis Briski are the only tournaments. Scrimmages this weekend. Getting all needed support currently.
 - Briski will need help. **[AI]** Jen will help coordinate food and so forth. 10/11-12, but only Saturday on our fields. 9am start with 3:15pm last game. **[AI]** Butch, Jeff and others will help set fields on the Friday night. All 10B teams at Alta Vista (minimize traffic). Los Gatos website will post our house rules (parking, timing, et cetera).
- Safety
 - No injuries we know of over the Summer.
 - Recent altercation with softball parent and someone in the neighborhood, so we need to remind folks about parking/traffic rules.
- Facilities:
 - Kryptonite equipment purchased for our fields. Balls, Wiffle balls, Bownet bags, pitching rubber and so forth. Kelly dropped it off at the snack shack. **[AI]** Butch and Floyd will go check it out.
 - **[AI]** Too many old helmets in equipment room, Butch will clean out and donate some of them.

- Jeff has removed the display cases to paint/repair. Looking at flooding issues with bathrooms.
- Fields must be watered in order to avoid becoming hard-packed. Will need to look at ramifications of drought.
- **[AI]** Discussed adding a sign to the field “not on the Giants” to help remind parents that this is a game/fun. Will consider just putting it up rather than ask for approval ahead.
- **[AI]** Homeplate on Field A needs to be replaced; badly damaged.
- Uniforms
 - Too early for much detail now. Thunder will do dry-fit camouflage t-shirt for Saturdays. Things like this will be reviewed in advance going forward to make sure that we OK for possible branding conflict or inequity for other/future teams.
 - We can do any color for REC except for green since that is reserved for Thunder.
- Working Session
 - Update on Board Transition
 - President – Dave and Michael did a hand off meeting.
 - Treasurer – Have done the hand-off but still some open questions. (**[AI]** Still need to get the electronic files from Kelly.)
 - Player agent – **[AI]** Need to get the player evaluations to Jen. Tanya will get the files to Jen as well. We are locked into a 2-3 year contact with current system. We might be able to get out of it due to the fact that it did not work for us (email)...
 - Options: LeagueOne, Teamsnap, SportsManager committee will come back to the board with recommendations. Committee is Tanya, James, Dave but Jen will have overall responsibility and is key input.
- Review of Master Calendar for 2015
 - Early drafting discussed briefly by League Board. **[AI]** Butch will send out for review. **[AI]** Dan will forward the current board email addresses to Butch.
 - **[AI]** Some topics to think about in the background:
 - Would like to get coaches selected and registered much earlier so background checks are done sooner.
 - Considering adding an 8U REC end of season tournament
 - Increase marketing efforts- getting girls increased awareness.
 - Improve the quality of our service, help train coaches better and gain visibility into interested potential coaches earlier— before registration possibly.
- Starting to fill roster spots for 2015 season
 - Scheduler: **OPEN**, Kelly would be OK setting it up, then have someone do the ongoing daily maintenance.
 - Umpire in Chief: **OPEN**, scheduling of umpires but also mentor the umpires so they get better and resolve rule conflicts. Our regional

ASA umpire in chief said he'd train our teenage umpires at our location if we want. (We previously didn't do it but it would be good per Dave.)

- Interleague: James Reddell confirmed in the position.
- Travel Coordinator: James Reddell
- Ace certifications: **OPEN**
- Clinics: Tanya
- Player Reps
 - 6U: Jen has a candidate for the position. Will reach out. **[AI]**
 - 8U - Wes
 - 10U - OPEN
 - 12U/14U – Kevin open to do this for 12U/14U level assuming his daughter plays up to 12U from 10U.
- Safety: Cheri
- Facilities: Butch and Jeff
- Equipment: Floyd
- Volunteer Coordinator: **OPEN**
- Uniforms: Heather and Kamal
- Sponsorship: Amy Lee
- Fundraising: Steve
- Marketing Comms: Stacy Hilton (mentor by Dan)
- Webmaster: Stacey Hilton (mentor by Dan)
- **NEW seasonal board position:** Mentor Coach position: Dave Millet
- Yearbook- **OPEN** (**[AI]** Alyssa might do it again? Cheri will ask.)
- Hit-a-thon- **OPEN**
- Additional items to review
 - Insurance review. **[AI]** Kelly to email files to Butch for D&O
 - Liability/ASA insurance-Cheri has all this information.
 - Board insurance
 - Taxes review
 - Review scholarship policy/procedures
 - BHGS culture:
 - “Every girl who wants to play gets to. Includes handicap, scholarships, etc.”
 - Too many building keys issued (35 out, 18 with people who are no longer with BHGS). Tanya motioned, Jen seconded the motion passed for **[AI]** Butch to spend up to \$500 to replace the keys. He will notify people ahead of time and distribute.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting is Thursday October 2, 2014 @ 7pm at JJ Magoos Pizza.
- Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.