

Branham Hills Girls Softball
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 8, 2015
7:00pm

- CALL TO ORDER – 7:05pm
Attendees: Butch Coyne, Kamal Arcot, Cheri Theobald, Michael Bower, Dan Liddle, Jen Hickey, Heather Bankoski, Floyd Killen, James Reddell, Erika Reddell, Richard Popejoy, Stacey Hilton, Wes Paik, Jason Hilton, Steve Low, Nicole Hancock, Amy Lee

- REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES –
 - a. Dan motioned to approve, the minutes from last time and Butch seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- President – Michael
 - Introduced new members, Nicole Hancock (ACE Certifications and Clinics), and Jim Bankoski (Technology lead), Jason Hilton (10U Div Rep).
- Vice President – Butch
 - Who is doing the Board Liability insurance? Butch provided the information packet from Kelly to Cheri to review.
 - Photo day moved to March 21st after opening day due to schedule conflict. A week later than previously.
 - Evaluations coming up at end of month. Butch to distribute prior guidelines from last year. Need to find someone to coordinate— Division Reps are going to be the folks starting the process.
 - Butch wants to buy ASA rule books for each team and include a printout of difference.
 - School District changed rules and said we CAN now play and practice over school breaks. (Old rule was could not, but is definitely OK now.)
- Facilities - Butch
 - Field grading and improvement work being planned for February 17-19th done by Jensen company to grade fields. Provided proposal to executive board
 - New keys will be reset on Monday or Tuesday and will be distributed shortly after that. Butch will make arrangement. Will have two types: master key (all) and another key for only bathroom and equipment room.
 - Snack shack flooded due to rain. Rich helped Butch clean it out and to clear out the trench behind the snack shack. MUST keep that clear of equipment and dumping. Put an annual reminder on calendar.
 - Jeff (Cheri's husband) has been helping a LOT on facilities over last couple months, but cannot continue due to work. Big Thank You!
 - Roof tiles removed by kids on the roof and need to address it.

- Dugout covers are damaged and need replacing.
 - Need to create a list of projects to use for a work-day.
- Inter-league / Fall Ball
 - Inter-league needs some questions answered about our plans for next season. Number teams/age groups, blackout dates and Spring Break dates.
 - James and group is interested in playing Fall REC ball so we need to communicate this within BHGS early in this season so there is awareness and interest in order to have enough players.
 - We need to establish relationships with other South Bay leagues with similar interest in REC orientation and who we can do interleague games with rather than only with COMP oriented leagues such as Los Gatos.
- Equipment – Floyd (& Butch)
 - Butch and Floyd will provide a report next week on equipment that is needed.
 - Do another equipment exchange again this year. We ran it last year for 2-3 weeks where people could bring or take used equipment. Floyd will own this.
- Player Agent – Jen
 - Will drive getting the Manager and coach binders as well as evaluations process. Will need help Saturday 1/31 9am – Noon to execute the evaluations. Need check-in people plus about 9 evaluators. Interested folks should contact Jen.
 - 141 registrations so far vs. 131 at this time last year. 6U is low compared to last year, though.
 - Live registration again next Wednesday at Round Table. This is the second live registration this year. Jen will coordinate.
 - Coaching application process is working out. We have more candidates than spots so we can be selective.
 - Late registration starts on 1/16, and it closes on 1/26.
- Treasurer report - Cheri
 - Investigating a charge on the credit card that is not understood, for \$55 at Walmart. Opening an investigation on it.
- Secretary report –Dan
 - No news to report
- Sponsorship – Amy
 - Waiting for registration to close since question on form asks for registered parents if they want to sponsor a team. Will do it as soon as registration closes. Needs list of coaches.
- Umpire in Chief – OPEN
 - Resolve any rule disputes, oversee our tournament
- Technology – Jim
 - Will help coordinate going to Google Apps for BHGS. He will oversee this process, answer questions and help.
 - Tuesday 1/13 at 7pm will Google Apps Demo on-line.

- Snack Shack – Erika
 - Considering total revamp menu, considered. I.e., pulled-pork sandwiches instead of labor-intensive things like breakfast sandwich and tri-tip.
 - Plan to do a major cleaning and want some help.
 - Possibly have someone designated to clean bathrooms regularly.
 - Erika needs a budget, Cheri will provide it. Also need to gauge menu and how much to purchase. Might need a debit card.
- Marcom – Stacey
 - Paypal button is up for donations on sponsorship page. New page. Can use a credit card and will go to our Paypal account.
 - Leigh Clinic Info is posted on the site now.
 - Oster school denied the post cards again—new Secretary.
 - Union just told Butch that we cannot post any signs or anything else there either...Butch will work to get a letter from the district to help.
 - Los Gatos Holiday Parade float should be considered. Los Gatos has a float there so we should also do it. Group generally agreed that we want to do this, and should do it in a big way so that we look as good as theirs...
 - Consider an outdoor movie night early in the season to build/fun and encourage purchase of snacks and treats.
 - New water bottles available as a gift and with a coupon for anyone who brings a friend to join the league. These will also be able to be purchased at snack shack.
- Safety - Cheri
 - Equipment folks (Butch and Floyd) will review the first aid equipment that needs to be purchased as well with Cheri.
- Hit-a-thon – Steve
 - Need to come up for a design for the shirt. May use the same person as last year. Will try to get the design finalized by next meeting and place order by mid-February so ready for opening day.
 - Would like a couple people to review the design and provide input.
 - Need volunteers to help do registration on Hit-a-thon and help out on the fields and so forth. Will discuss in the next board meeting.
 - Gift basics: who coordinates that?
- Volunteer Coordinator – OPEN
 - Discussion around whether or not we should offer buy-out option for volunteer positions or not. The concern is that it becomes more like daycare and aren't involved if they can just buy their way out of it.
- Uniforms – Heather and Kamal
 - Went through all old inventory of jerseys, socks, sweatshirts, jackets and so forth.
 - Discussed idea of putting the nicer stuff into baskets for fundraising.
 - What to do with the rest? Do we give it away or donate?
 - Kamal and Heather were given approval by the Board to determine what to do with it proceed.

- Looking for input on the coach and board shirts.
- Coach Mentoring – Rich
 - Thursday 1/22 will be mandatory coaching meeting. Applications were due today. Set expectations of what it means to be a coach—this is BEFORE coach selections are done.
 - Rich spoke to Nicole about the coach certification process which is different this year than previously—it is hard to see a “completed” certification screen to grab/capture.
- ACE Certification – Nicole
 - Reviewing the summary information materials from Kelly.
 - Needs to update the website with links.
- Clinics – Rich and Nicole
 - Talked to Leean at Cutting Edge about dates. She could only provide hitting and defense clinic as well as the catching clinic. Weekend of 18th and then also the following weekend as well.
 - The coaches clinic will be at Alta Vista this year. We will provide information about our culture, expectations about pre-prepared practice plans and so forth before the actual clinic.
 - Rich intends to be visiting teams and helping coaches along the season

- ADJOURNMENT
- Next meeting is Thursday February 5th, 2015 @ 7pm at JJ Magoos.
- Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm.