

Branham Hills Girls Softball
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 5, 2015
7:00pm

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:05pm

Attendees: Butch Coyne, Michael Bower, Dan Liddle, Jen Hickey, Kelly Dierkes, Heather Bankoski, Kamal Arcot, James Reddell, Erika Reddell, Richard Popejoy, Stacey Hilton, Wes Paik, Ron Chun, Floyd Killen

Absent: Cheri Theobald, Jason Hilton, Steve Low, Nicole Hancock, James Bankoski, Michael Hooper, Melissa Hickey

II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES –

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

III. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- President – Michael
 - Registration added 30 players AFTER official registration date closed. Total 237 with only one spot left. The labor to get the last 30 players took a lot of work/effort.
 - A-ball discussion. Dave Millet is recruiting 10Us to fill his team at Lightening Elite. We are OK with that during REC, so is Los Gatos, but Campbell is not. We will keep our position on it. But must be done by 3/31 after which they could be disqualified for Comp B (Area commissioner said you cannot play B for that season if play on A-ball after 3/31.)
 - Discussion regarding rain day call, exec board discussed changes to the process and clarified criteria. Because it is a hot-button for coaches and players, will have multiple exec board members make the decision for rain-outs. Will check it twice during the day.
 - Overall push on registration has us in great shape for the season and adding just another dozen should vault us next year to potential 5 year high registration.
- Vice President – Butch
 - Photo day is 3/21 the week after opening at 8am. Same company we used before. See handout with teams and game times. 10U and AAAA will be traveling so need to make it back in time.
 - Clarification on rules . Butch handed-out the rules for review/comment.
- Secretary – Dan
 - Various executive board items addressed. Reached out to former players and coaches who might be interested in doing umpire work.
- Player Agent – Jen

- 237 players and only 1 more spot left!
- Registration added 30 players AFTER official registration date closed.
- Treasurer – Cheri
 - Cheri resigned this week. Too much for her family and work schedule. The board acknowledged/appreciated her efforts and support on behalf of the league.
 - Remaining executive board asked Kelly Dierkes to replace Cheri in interim and Kelly has accepted and will be taking the position for the rest of this season. Executive board voted and approved.

IV. SEASONAL BOARD REPORTS

- Facilities - Butch
 - Had 42 people showed up for the family work day. Much higher than previously. (Prior year was 4 people!) New great attitude and helpers!
- Inter-league / Travel Ball – James
 - James says IL schedule is set. Greg sent final AAAA version out a couple days ago. Might make a minor tweak with SSJ team.
 - 10U has added some games against Almaden besides the Los Gatos. 9 games in league, 7 games of IL, plus end season tournament games. Will have a double-header worked in as well.
- Equipment – Floyd (& Butch)
 - Floyd did inventory of every item in the equipment room. Identified what needs replacement. Did all the bags and checked everyone out. Butch ordering some items like masks (catchers).
 - Need more 8U balls “incrediballs” to be handed out. Only have 4 per team right now of the soft/squishy (11 size) so we have ordered/received additional so just hand out.
 - Bought new pitcher mounds.
 - 8U teams are short helmets so will get extras from inventory.
 - Need to buy the facemasks for 10U teams, so about 10 masks so will proceed with getting them per prior approvals.
 - Regarding cart, Nick says it is an ongoing crack in the gas tank, so Floyd may potentially replace himself. Will have Toro ready for opening day.
- Snack Shack – Erika
 - Erika spoke to Boulevard Coffee who will donate coffee this year! Opening day they will set up a mobile coffee espresso station there.
 - Snackshack will be open this Saturday for the 2:30pm game a dry-run.
 - Scoured the whole snackshack.
 - Ready for the start of season and have \$2K of inventory (non-perishable food) stocked.
- Uniforms – Heather and Kamal
 - 6U visors went out and were picked up. Other visors arrive tomorrow with the AAAA jerseys. Heather will be delivering them on Saturday.

- Will wait a couple extra days until after jerseys distributed before placing final orders because there may be corrections to existing ones.
- Coach Mentoring – Rich
 - Nothing new
- Volunteer Coordinator – Kelly
 - Opening Day (see below)
 - Hit-a-thon process was discussed.
- Hit-a-thon – Steve
 - T-shirts ordered and en route to my house.
 - Hit-A-Thon envelopes in team inboxes. Stacey sent out note to coaches to distribute to team members. We need to check this weekend to make sure that all envelopes have been picked-up.
 - Stacey has sent out Hit-A-Thon communication to all players/parents on prizes and logistics (when to check-in, when they are hitting). James put the times on hitting time on each of the team's Teamsnap. Big thank you to Stacey and James!
 - Want to check-in that all of the volunteers and equipment (pop-up tents, tables, chairs) will be available on Saturday - think Kelly has this taken care of. Believe Butch will setup the fields Friday night. I will be there. We should see if he needs any other help. Player reps need to manage and record all of the Hit-A-Thon distances.
 - Butch needs to buy the Target gift cards. I will purchase a bike for the grand prize drawing.
- Technology Strategist– James
 - n/a
- ACE Certification – Nicole
 - One or two left to get done, but higher percentage done than ever at this time.
 - The Manager does need to be Ace certified since going in the dugout.
 - Chaperone only needs form, no background nor Ace certification.
- Clinics – Rich and Nicole
 - 14 people at coaches' clinic which was more than last year. The last one is this weekend. Could still have handled more coaches.
 - The last pitcher clinic is this weekend as well. So far they've gone well.
 - Catchers clinic was terrible and should not be charged for. Personal issues with her right now, so that impacted it.
 - Hitting and defense clinics went well. Full with only 5+6=11 spots unused, so much better turnout.
 - Do sliding clinic and catching clinics during the season.
- Marcom – Stacey
 - Been emailing updates on all the various activities
 - Updating the website, creating new forms on Google drives
 - Planning for next year activities including Los Gatos Parade.
 - No one complaining of email overload, condensing email messages into fewer.

- Stacey will create GoogleDoc to cover pitcher innings, catcher innings, scores for 10U and up games.
- Yearbook – Melissa
 - Jen said her sister is on it, on track and ready to go. Jen is negotiating with Justin and Melissa will be doing the layout.
 - They had a significant price reduction by eliminating the photography portion by Justin. They are arranging volunteer photographers for all events, games and so forth.
- Sponsorship – Amy
 - 2013 sponsors still on the website. Michael Bower will follow-up to give her the Excel list of all 2014 sponsors so website can be updated.
- Safety – **OPEN**
 - Need replacement for Cheri in this role. Michael will look around for candidates. Ideally from 6U or 8U levels if possible.
 - Need to move the ice packs to the equipment room.
 - Rain line process has been reviewed and involving more people from exec board in decision to call a rain day. We will still make a decision twice each Saturday and issue updates after the Exec Board make the group decision. This is a major hot-button for the league.
- Scheduling Coordinator – James
 - Nothing at this time, schedule is out.
- Umpire in Chief – **OPEN**
 - Identifying umpire resources for weekdays
 - Butch will be helping identify umpires (not taking the role, just helping). Working with Clarence to get umpires. Ron Knight and Randy Blair will be used again. Looking for junior umpires to help with the 8U.
 - The high school players from last year did not get paid in a timely manner and were upset, so may not be coming back due to that...would need to fix that process.
 - Butch needs to verify he has the correct game schedule so he is sure to be giving the umpires the correct.
- Division Representative Updates
 - 6U Div Rep – Michael H.
 - One open spot left. No issues to report.
 - 8U Div Rep – Wes
 - Meet on Saturday to cover rules and encourage pitching clinic participation. Cover tournament logistics.
 - 10U Div Rep – Jason
 - Nothing to report. No issues.
 - AAAA (12U/14U) Div Rep – Ron
 - Practicing now. Only issue is pitching, otherwise good.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Opening Day Committee – Kelly, Floyd, Steven and Erika

- Kelly mapped out a schedule hand-out with job assignments and timing. Asked everyone to review and provide input
- Need help set-up by everyone.
- Need to borrow 6ft. folding tables
- Alissa Meltzer is doing the raffle basket assembly, but won't be there.
- James will do the pledge of allegiance with the players.
- Floyd would like a schedule of flow so knows when each thing is happening for announcement purposes.
- Will reserve parking spot for the mayor (arrive around 10:55am) meet Stacey who will drive her up in the golf cart. Leave around 11:30am.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting is Thursday April 2nd, 2015 @ 7pm at JJ Magoos.
- Meeting adjourned 8:59 pm.