

Branham Hills Girls Softball  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 2, 2015  
7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER – 8:19pm

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, Jason Hilton, Steve Low, Nicole Hancock, James Bankoski, Michael Hooper, Melissa Hickey, Maria Daniel, Heather Wood

II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES –

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

III. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- President – Michael
  - Good effort by Butch and Dan rallying to help the AAAA Dynamite team with some coaching and mentoring. Had a good result tonight achieving 15 runs when previously the were losing 20-2.
- Vice President – Butch
  - Nothing to cover
- Secretary – Dan
  - Various executive board items addressed.
- Player Agent – Jen
  - No big news for this meeting.
- Treasurer – Kelly
  - Handed out budget that was previously approved and showed comparison to where we are today against it.
  - Registration is close to total original budget. Hit a thon raised more than planned for in budget. Raffle baskets higher. Snack Shack is ongoing. Team sponsors a little low right now. Opening day was less since we only charged \$5 each instead of \$10. So overall on target for income.
  - Expenses are off some, but overall some cost more and some less. The table calls out the detail. Field expenses is biggest expense. Teams and team equipment are also larger items. Roughly in line with what was spent last year.

IV. SEASONAL BOARD REPORTS

- Facilities - Butch
  - School district will limit watering fields. Will need to stay posted. May have to reduce it to once per week. Asking people to use brooms,

not drag them every time since it generates too much dust.

Suggestion was to use watering cans to wet the area in front of the pitching mound and in the batters box. Butch will investigate.

- Once we know where the budget is will decide if buying new covers for dugouts.
- Inter-league / Travel Ball – James
  - Set try-out date for 5/2 (Sat). 8U @ 2pm, 10U @4pm, 12U@6pm.
  - Will coordinate evaluation committee and request volunteers soon.
  - Asking for Thunder coach candidates.
  - OK to have tank tops for the lady coaches—agreed yes. Heather will investigate options.
  - 8U players who want to be consider for playing up should do try-outs for BOTH age groups. If an 8U player wants to go for 10U, they should try-out for both and then we will huddle afterwards and build the teams from 12U/14U downward and then notify folks.
  - We will need to make the decision on policy in advance.
  - Need a coach for 12U team. Please help James identify candidates there.
  - Pre-registration process for Thunder will be out in the next couple weeks. The coaches application will go out this week.
  - For Inter-league make sure we bring copy of the rules for the umpires. Otherwise IL has been going OK.
- Equipment – Floyd (& Butch)
  - Needed new catcher helmets so ordered two sizes (small kids and bigger).
  - Gathered inventory of everything we have and its condition. We're OK for another season.
  - Received the protective defensive masks (10 of them).
  - Send email out to coaches reminding them to return the bownets that they take to away games and to clean out the carts and bring out garbage bags to your field when you set up. There is a box of black bags near the mailboxes—will move it to equipment room.
- Snack Shack – Erika
  - Need some more parent volunteers, if possible.
  - Parents/coaches come to snack shack to ask questions since they are there all the time. Specifically regarding what the coaches should be doing. Things like umpires asking where the game balls are, rules questions. The answer here is for the Division Rep to address first. Then Maria will handle escalation beyond that. Add the DivRep cell phone numbers to post the phone directory at the snack shack... Much of this information is in the forms in the cabinet.
  - New display case goes up on the outside of the snack shack this weekend.
  - Coaches are leaving carts with junk and without cleaning. They are also asking to leave players to wait for their parents—not OK. What

- about having the manager stay with the player. If this happens again need to text/call Jen/Player Agent to resolve. (Same child know.)
  - Chili cheese dogs, taco salads this weekend. Following weekend since so many back to back games will do 10-10 racks of BBQ ribs.
- Uniforms – Heather and Kamal
  - Will discuss process improvement for next year in our next board meeting.
  - Will work on Thunder uniforms with James.
  - Discussion around providing the option for fans to purchase Thunder and BHGS clothing/gear. Will do a test run for Thunder and if it goes well, will roll out next year to REC.
- Coach Mentoring – Rich
  - Dan and Butch helping AAAA team mentoring.
  - Jim Johnson did pitching clinic for almost 30 players last weekend. He will bring in Los Gatos high school players to come in to help. Need more people to come help lend a hand with so many players.
  - James is doing pitching clinics for 10u/AAAA and Marie is doing catching on Fridays. Marie asked if there is a way to get a warning about how many players will be coming to a given clinic—there is not a way to do this in TeamSnap across teams... For now ask Div Reps to ask the coaches to give a count.
  - Jen asked if we can have someone do catching clinic for 8Us—badly needed. However, we'd need someone to step in the role and coordinate.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Kelly
  - All managers have provided the list to Kelly, and Erika/Stacey are working on the list. Everyone is assigned to activities, but the volunteers are not aware, so managers aren't telling them. (They are not reading the email.)
  - Lot of people are just showing up and helping out at the Snack Shack to cover when people are missing.
  - Bring in snack shack volunteers from high school community service. Have green light to bring them in... Heather will be promoting this to the high school student.
  - Need to and information to the registration process to let people know
- Hit-a-thon – Steve
  - Collected \$9K with \$6,600 profit! \$600 over last year, but about \$1K still outstanding to collect which is pure profit also if it comes in.
  - About 75% of players participated and turned-in funds.
  - Still need to hand out prize for most money collected after the results finalized. One player did \$472!
- Technology Strategist– James
  - n/a
- ACE Certification – Nicole
  - 100% covered

- Clinics – Rich and Nicole
  - Discussed above under mentoring session.
- Marcom – Stacey
  - No major update. Added coaches quick links section from homepage with game summary sheets, safety incident report, and all rules for each division.
  - All clinic info has been added, waiting for Thunder information.
  - More marketing at snack shack when boards are up.
- Yearbook – Melissa
  - Jen will send out access to dropbox for access to upload photos.
- Sponsorship – Amy
  - Most teams sent sponsor information in. Still few haven't yet.
- Safety – Heather
  - Just started. Getting coaches all the safety equipment so they keep it on-hand.
  - Ice packs are important—but just 2-3 maximum.
  - Incident report is up and online and ready to use.
  - The forms and safety bandaids, should go into equipment room for easy coach access.
- Scheduling Coordinator – James
  - Send all schedule changes through James, please. Some haven't been going through him. Team Snap is accurate. Use the external schedule public link to see it more easily. (Can find it on calendar on BHGS site.)
- Umpire in Chief – Maria
  - Do not need to cancel the umpire for Kelly's/AAAA team game yet.
- Division Representative Updates
  - 6U Div Rep – Michael H. : no issues or concerns.
  - 8U Div Rep – Wes: coaches bringing out new pitchers so ontrack. 8U tournament is not finalized yet, but should be soon.
  - 10U Div Rep – Jason: Nothing major to announce. All is good. Jason helping coordinate loaner pitchers.
  - AAAA (12U/14U) Div Rep – Ron: Safety / Larisa turned out to have broken her finger. Do need to fill out an incident report after the fact.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- Agenda Topics
  - 2105 Spring Updates
  - Board picture: 8:00 PM, hopefully earlier depending when AAAA arrives. Wear your board shirt.
  - Upcoming election process/ election committee
  - Uniform process improvements
  - Thunder/ Zebra Classic
  - Schedule implications for next year
  - Fall Ball

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting is Thursday May 7th, 2015 @ 7:30pm at JJ Magoos.
- Meeting adjourned 9:55 pm.