

BHGS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/29/2016

Official Start Time: 7:30 pm

Official Adjournment Time: 9pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendees:, James Reddell, Erika Reddell, Butch Coyne, Kyle Jackson, Floyd Killen, Ron Chun, Heidi Owens, Ben Scripoch, Jason Hilton, Dan Liddle, Steven Low

Absent: Stacey Hilton, Debbie Merrell, Steve Augenstein

Dan motioned to approve September minutes, Jason seconded.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Liability question for Quakes/BHGS team
 - Erika, who works for insurance company, discussed that if Magic adds us to their insurance policy as a location, then Quakes/BHGS team should be covered for liability.
 - The board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (attached) for snack shack building and summarized for the board.
 - BHGS built the snack-shack for \$100K (AVHSC contributed \$5K).
 - BHGS is the official softball organization for Union School District. Dartmouth and UMS tried to start programs but USD said they said BHGS is the official league.
 - Majority of girls must be from USD and we must accept all girls from USD (scholarship).
 - BHGS has right of first refusal for use of field.
 - BHGS must allow AVHSC use of the snack shack for storage and events.
 - BHGS may not sublet or lend field to other organizations.
 - BHGS must indemnify USD and hold liability insurance.
 - Decision was made to finish this season with experimental Quakes/BHGS team as it's already going and too late to resolve control issues.
 - Decision was made that for next year, we will work with Quakes to separate organizations for liability purposes.
 - Quakes registration and fee will cover recruiting, tryouts, and team creation.
 - The individual teams will be registered explicitly within the leagues where coaching staff and fields reside. BHGS will have a Quakes team, but it will be under BHGS board control: registration, coaching, field use, and BHGS name for liability purposes and as required by our agreement with UMS.
- Recruiting for board
 - Tony Bowden agreed to take role of assistant player agent.
 - Debbie resigned as player agent.
 - **Action Item:** Butch to discuss player agent role with Erin Frazer

- **Action Item** – James to assign roles for primary board recruitment to existing board. James to download roster from Fall and send to entire board.
 - **James uploaded seasonal board recruiting spreadsheet.**
- Discussed Rules
 - Early enough registration to get rule-books for umpires and coaches is dependent on recruiting a player agent. It is critical that we get a player agent in place very soon.
 - Rules about base distances and ball sizes need to be decided before Spring league begins. There is not uniformity on this, so we need ASA rule books out and available in time to follow their guidelines.
- Discussed Spring season marketing
 - **Action item** - Butch to buy teddy bears.
 - **Action Item** – Kyle to research and find and coach people to hit each school Home and School club to educate them on BHGS relationship with USD and request access to promote Spring registration.
 - **Action Item** – Butch to speak with USD Sheila Billings who is chairman of USD board. Can they support recruiting from “top down” level to the schools?
- Casino Night
 - Jason gave a report on Casino night planning and estimated maximum cost at \$5000 for 125 attendees. Board had concern for financial risk if attendance is not optimal. Board discussed potential dates in November, December, and February.
 - **Action item:** Jason to put together a financial proposal that is for 60 people in case lower attendance.
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Steven provided treasurer’s report for 2015 fiscal year in summary. Registration was lower and most expenses were lower in alignment. BHGS drew on our reserve for 2015. The board discussed the treasurer’s report.
 - **Action item** – Steven to research field fees, which were higher even as registration was lower.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Thunder “profitability” as compared to Recreational ball. Should Thunder be doing some fundraising or marketing to contribute more to league financial stability?

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting is Thursday, November 3 at 7:30pm
- Meeting adjourned @ 9pm