

## **BHGS Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 2, 2017, Location: Round Table Pizza

Official Start Time: 7:00pm

Official Adjournment Time: 9:00pm

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- Attendees: James Reddell, Kyle Jackson, Heidi Owens, Tony Bowden, Ben Scripoch, Butch Coyne, Erin Frazer, Steven Low, Erika Reddell, Christina Pike, Kristen Bowden, Floyd Killen, Dan Liddle
- Absent: Richard Popejoy, Ron Chun
- Welcome: Scott Merrell, new equipment manager taking over for Floyd. Thank you so much for all your service Floyd for past two years.

### **II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Kyle motioned to approve the minutes from last meeting and Ben seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **III. Old Business**

- Opening Day
  - No rain in forecast! Everything is set and ready to go. Thank you Erika and entire planning committee for all your work on this.
- Field Resurfacing
  - Jensen completed the project, but due to the weather they made them playable and didn't complete to what we originally requested. There are a couple spots that need to be watched. The board discussed whether to have the work completed in April or at the end of the season and decided to wait until summer. There is no safety issue (except on field C where the first base needs to be dropped down and we will do that work ourselves). Waiting until summer will allow girls additional practice time.
- Picture Day
  - Everything is ready to go. The board discussed last minute details.
- Clinics
  - Considerations for next year include the following:
    - Do not schedule any clinics during Presidents Day break.
    - The pitching clinic was too basic. It needs to be customized for the more advanced older girls.
    - The board discussed at great length the second coaches' clinic and James will provide feedback to Cutting Edge.
    - Feedback for the hitting clinic was good.
    - Feedback for the defense clinic not so good.
    - We need to check the rosters for duplicates next year and have a method for confirmation and some sort of recompense for no-shows who take a spot another girl could have used.
    - Its critical that all the clinics occur at the same location, otherwise

- parents and players get confused.
  - For the first coaches' clinic, there were 30-40 people there. It needs to be segmented into groups for each level to focus on coaching objectives for each level.
  - Rich said there were some organizational, timing, and administrative challenges in getting the clinics set up this year.
  - The overall opinion of the board is that we will consider other options (than Cutting Edge) for producing the clinics next year. Jim Johnson, Chris Black, and Steve Hill may be potential candidates for organizing clinics for 2018.
- School relations
  - Tony Bowden and two other firefighters participate in Alta Vista Elementary's "Read across America" event.
  - A child at school broke the Plexiglass on the display case. Gary Owens fixed it at a cost of \$22 within a few days. The principal wants the student to pay for the cost of fixing it.
  - We had an issue with Jensen leaving the tractor on campus. They were supposed to remove it by 8am on Monday, but they didn't. We contacted them immediately and they removed it at 5pm on Monday.
  - Family Field Work day communication sent out to USD board and superintendants, AVHSC board members, AV principal and secretary.
- Selling at Snack Shack
  - The board discussed California sales tax exemption status. Heidi called the state for clarification and was advised that BHGS qualifies as a "consumer" versus a "retailer" and as such, does not need to collect sales tax. The league must pay sales tax on any ingredients or supplies that go into the items we sell.
  - The board decided to sell fan gear and softballs, assuming we can find a person to manage the ordering, inventory, and selling process.
    - We need a Square account for snack shack, wireless attachment.
    - Sophia Gandara and Heidi Owens may be able to manage it.
    - We need a separate table on Saturdays for any gear sales because Snack Shack is too busy with food sales.
    - James has some balls we can start out selling.
    - Erin to set up Square account.
    - \$5 for balls selling at snack shack, need to keep separate inventory.
    - BrandU is good for fan gear.

#### **IV. New Business**

- Uniforms
  - The board discussed sizing issues, but came to the consensus that the orders were filled as we ordered them. There are a couple of individual

players who need special sizes and we are accommodating those requests.

- Sponsorship
  - o The board discussed at great length the feedback from new coach in league 6U that there are too many unannounced fees beyond what is required for softball. There was broad consensus that the current sponsorship setup is too burdensome on families and that we want to refocus our efforts to getting business and community sponsorships. The auction baskets are very unpopular with team managers. Families feel the website should be more forthright about all the additional expenses associated with playing softball (auction baskets, hit-a-thon, photo day, opening day tickets and bouncies, end of the year party, coaches' gifts).
- League/ACE registration
  - o Tony reported his work registering BHGS with ACE. The board discussed whether to offer coaches' ASA insurance for \$15 to cover injury on the field. We already cover all the girls. We will notify coaches to let us know if they do not have medical insurance, that they can contact Tony as there is an option to purchase medical insurance for the softball field only.
  - o We also would like to confirm with Steve Augustine that we have a liability policy in place for officers and directors. ASA offers \$1M policy for \$495. For \$2M policy, its \$900 per year.
  - o James to work with Kristen and Tony to get a list of registered players to USD to meet our requirement for having majority of players from Union School District.
- Board discussed final preparations for Opening Day.
- Board discussed how the league is rebounding and we are getting good feedback from parents, players, and members.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

- 8:42 adjournment.
- Next meeting is April 6, 2017 at 7:30pm at Round Table Pizza.
- Tony motioned to adjourn, Ben seconded.