**EPBA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Nov 11, 2018**

Attendees:

Melissa Engler, Frank Sarno, Kurt Elyea- Wheeler, Mark Sperr, John Westrum, Todd Nicklaus, Nate Springer, Ryan Koepp, Kevin Thompson, Barry Pawelek, Ron Zach, Bryan Danielson, Alex Terry, Jeff Graen, Charlie Becker, John Buteyn, Jared Chester, Kirk Hetzel, Paul Samanant, Anne Hofer

Travel Update – Melissa Engler

2019 # of Teams

9 – 2

10- 3

11 -3

12- 2

13 – 4

14 – 3

15 – 2?

Todd spoke to Gene and Tom at Nevers Larkin. Old Batting Cages off Hwy 100, $2500 more and Exec Board has approved. Instruction is included in price. Tues, Wed. Thurs. Sat with 3 tunnels and mound. March 26 to 1st week of May. Same as CJ proposal. 5 -9 pm weekdays, 9 – noon Sat. 1 hour longer, $9,000 for beginning of season. Can use simulator too.

Tryout evaluators are confirmed. Same as last year, Al Wahaka and his group.

Melissa reminded people to sign up for Committees. Ron, Todd P, Paul, Matt, Jeff, Kurt.

Melissa recommended having the meeting start at 6:00 rather than the Travel Sub Committee starting then. It was approved by the Board.

Community – Kurt Elya-Wheeler

Miller July 13 & 14, Community Tournament EP will Host

Still waiting to hear back from Girls Softball field availability

No weekend baseball next year for Community, 1 game and 1 practice per week.

Education- Ryan Koepp

Coaching handbook is being put together and will be ready by 1st of year

Field Scheduling – Barry Pawelek

Hidden Ponds can be used instead of CMS

Uniforms – Ron Zach

Going with 1 uniform Red travel jersey

Coaches shirts – bring samples, next meeting. Collared shirt preferred.

Discussion around apparel that people can purchase. Online store for beginning of season. General Sports – wants business, can we do it before Christmas. Ron to follow-up.

Bryan Danielson – Equipment Update

Sold 15-20 machines, 3 jugs left to sell

Picked up L screens and nets

Door at Miller doesn’t open easier, Todd to let city know.

Fundraising

Committee to discuss opportunities with Alex and Todd N.

Equipment - Jeff Graun

Tee ball – 3rd grade helmets will be provided. New policy that other grades need to provide. Hygiene and safety reasons.

Helmet sales need to be figured out and how they are marketed.

John Butyen

Valadi out of town but need a decision for Legion regarding numbers.

Legion 1, 2, Jr Legion and 15U old team or

Legion 1, 2, no Jr Legion and 2 15U teams or 1 15 and 1 14/15U team

Clinics – Registration numbers in teens, Single registration just show up. Add to next email.

Treasurer – Mark Sperrs

Reviewed financials for through Oct.

Secretary – Anne Hofer

There were no changes to Oct minutes except adding attendees and changing finance numbers.

Registration start date discussion. Need to approve 2019 budget prior to opening registration. Planning to approve in Dec and open registration Jan 1. Do we offer an incentive for early registration or a bigger penalty for late registration? Shooting to get early registration completed by 2/8/19 to have a review of numbers at Feb Board meeting. Todd is going to get Matt M to come to next meeting to discuss registration social marketing. Todd is going to discuss registration date.

Barry is sending a contact from hockey for DIBs to use a new volunteer sign-up system.

Tournaments - John Westrum

Applications in for our tournaments next year. Not as many players so tournaments will be reduced. 11U AAA Gopher State has asked us to host again. John will know MBL postings after Thanksgiving. Not supplying baseballs again for tournaments.

Umpires – Paul Sameraunt

Wants to get more 13 & 14 umpires