EPBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2013

President Steve Rutledge called the EPBA Board meeting to order on April 15, 2013 at 6:30 PM. In attendance were 11 board members (Steve Rutledge, Scott Soderberg, Sarah Phillips, Chris Wetmore, Susan Fuller, Charlie Becker, Joe Blauert, Kurt Elyea-Wheeler, Paul Samanant, Jeff Graen, and Dale Young), 6 associate board members (Lisa Ellis, Matt Matousek, Derek Kang, Mike Weed, Doug Kaufman, and Don Blasy), and 1 guest (Pat Kohls).

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Steve Rutledge

-Nothing to report.

VP Community League Division: Kurt Elyea-Wheeler

-Still need Rookie League commissioner.

-We need to know when we can get on fields and inform commissioners.

-Mike Weed repaired and got all 9 pitching machines working. Great job Mike!

-Paul Samanant and Andrew Phillips conducted the Community League coach's clinic on 4-13-13. It was very well received by the coaches—big thanks to Paul and Andrew!

-Community evaluations were held Sat 4/13 and Sun 4/14.

-For the Firecracker Tournament games on July 4, Kurt needs 4 volunteers—one at each field 9:30 am – 2:00 pm. He will send an email.

VP Travel Division: Charlie Becker

-Tryouts were held last week, and teams were selected Sunday 4/14.

-Coaches are needed at the 10AA and 12AA levels due to placement of players on the respective AAA teams at those levels. Charlie is working on.

-Charlie again expressed his desire to hold tryouts earlier in future years.

Secretary: Scott Soderberg

-Scott presented the March 2013 minutes. Joe made a motion to approve, Steve 2nd. Approved.

Treasurer: Mark Sperr

-Not present. Steve presented the monthly financial information from Mark.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications: Ann Martinka

-Not present.

Education/Winter Clinics: Chris Wetmore

-Nothing to report.

Equipment: Jeff Graen

-Jeff is a new board member and Equipment Committee chair.

-Travel bags were distributed at tryouts, and Community bags are ready to go.

-New catcher's gloves were purchased for 4th -12th grade levels.

Field Scheduling: Joe Blauert

-The MBL scheduling meeting was held Sat 4/14 and went well.

Field Maintenance: Jim DeMets

-Not present. Steve and Joe filled in, discussed field readiness.

Fundraising: Dale Young

-On April 10 & 11, a sizing event was held for merchandise being offered on the Metro Athletic website. We received 105 orders totaling about $14K in sales. This will yield approximately $1400 for EPBA. Great job Dale!!

-The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sat 5/4/13, with players from various school and other teams helping. Board member help is also needed. There will also be a gift card raffle.

Legion: Scott Hackett

-Not present.

Miller Building/Concessions: Scott Soderberg

-We were not awarded the Hennepin County equipment grant request for 4 Knaack boxes. We will proceed with buying 2 per the original budget.

Registration/Pictures: Susan Fuller

-We are down 203 players from last year.

-Pictures are Saturday 5/4/13.

Tournaments: Vacant

-Derek Kang, Doug Kaufman, Steve and Jim are all working to cover. Mike Weed covering Riley. Everything is on track.

Umpires: Paul Samanant

-The Wenkuses requested a raise for umpire scheduling. The Executive Committee had reviewed and declined, due to the inability to address on such short notice. This, however, triggered a review of the scheduling process by Paul, to be addressed again later this year. We will be "farming out" the scheduling at 12-year-old level to Gary @ BT Umpires this year. Cost will be a wash.

-We hired 60 umpires from 70 applicants.

Uniforms: Sarah Phillips

-Uniforms are all in, Community uniforms handed out 4/11/13, is working on Travel.

Old Business:

-None.

New Business:

-Susan, Steve, and Jim will conduct interviews on 4/22/13 for the Kevin Szarzynski Memorial Scholarship for seniors. These awards will be presented on Awards night 5/16/13 by Dale Young.

-Pat Kohls was elected as a new Associate board member. Welcome, Pat, and thank you for volunteering your time and talents!

-It was determined that Steve Rutledge will be hired as Field Maintenance Supervisor by EPBA to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Rick Galarneau in May, due to the time constraints in advertising, interviewing, and hiring in terms of the immediate need. At this point, this will be limited to 2013 work until such time as the board reviews the position after the season. The Executive Committee (Steve abstaining) recommended the hiring, Scott made a motion to approve, Joe 2nd. Approved.

Adjournment:

-Kurt moved to adjourn. Don 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING—NOTE DAY CHANGE

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY May 13, 2013 at the EP Community Center; 6:00 PM Community Division meeting, 6:00 PM Travel Division meeting, 6:30 PM Full Board meeting.