

EPBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2014

President Steve Rutledge called the EPBA Board meeting to order on February 9, 2014 at 6:30 PM. In attendance were 14 board members (Steve Rutledge, Scott Soderberg, Sarah Phillips, Paul Samanant, Charlie Becker, Kurt Elyea-Wheeler, Mark Sperr, Sue Fuller, Lisa Ellis, Joe Blauert, Jeff Graen, Ann Martinka, Jim DeMets, and Dale Young), 9 associate board members (Pat Kohls, John Redmond, Tom Pahl, Todd Phillips, Andrew Phillips, Ron Zach, Todd Nicklaus, Derek Kang, and Matt Matousek), and 4 guests (Bob Buteyn, Rodney Harrill, Melissa Engler, and John Buteyn).

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Steve Rutledge

-Looking for press box announcers. Need 5-10, \$25/game.

VP Community League Division: Kurt Elyea-Wheeler

-Working on 6th grade commissioner; need T-Ball and Rookie commissioners. We are putting these positions in the papers, with pay and job description info.
-Looking at getting games with Chanhassen and Minnetonka.

VP Travel Division: Charlie Becker

-No report.

Secretary: Scott Soderberg

-Scott presented the January 2014 minutes. Ann made a motion to approve, Charlie 2nd. Approved.

Treasurer: Mark Sperr

-Mark handed out and presented the financials through 1/31/14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications: Ann Martinka

-Emails going out on Movie Night and various other items.

Education/Winter Clinics: Chris Wetmore

-Not present. Charlie filling in. We are 2 weeks into pitching clinics. Freshman Academy is going well. Overall, the numbers are good due to the many options.

Equipment: Jeff Graen

-Nothing to report.

Field Scheduling: Joe Blauert

-Joe met with the City of EP. Edenvale field will be eliminated/torn out. Also, the field change fee will be waived, but we will be charged for any use of lights.

-The field scheduling process is beginning.

Field Maintenance: Jim DeMets

-We are planning based on the prospect of receiving a donated maintenance vehicle from Gary Kraemer for 2015. For this year, we are purchasing a vehicle from Metropolitan Ford (Ken Starkey), which will be sold back at the end of the year. Thank you Ken!!!

-The field crew is pretty much set. Still trying to cover the gap between start of Metro Baseball and end of college school year.

-Steve is talking to the City re: building of a maintenance shed at Miller 8.

-We've determined that turf in the new batting cages is cost/labor prohibitive.

Fundraising: Dale Young

-Apparel sales will be held at the EPHS East Commons on Tuesday February 25 and Thursday February 27 from 6-9 p.m.

-Sports Authority is donating 25 coaches buckets, is buying \$500 website ad, will provide an item plus \$200-\$300 in gift cards for raffle at Pancake Breakfast.

-Dale is doing a letter to local businesses for website advertising.

-Also working on a Buffalo Wild Wings discount card for all locations.

-Also working on soliciting advertisers on Miller scoreboards on #s 1,2,3 and 8. The Round Lake scoreboard advertisers paid for 10 years-2009-2018 seasons.

Legion: Scott Hackett

-Not present.

Miller Building/Concessions: Scott Soderberg

-Nothing to report.

Registration/Pictures: Susan Fuller

-As of now, 486 players have registered, including 104 for Rookie League.

-Tom Pahl will hand out registration info cards at Movie Night.

-It was decided that pictures will be inside. Sunshine Photography will pay \$600 school charge.

Tournaments: Lisa Ellis

-All tournament spots are filled and paid—she is turning people away. Does have an open spot now (withdrawal) at 11AA. We decided not to add teams due to logistics.

-Culver's has indicated they will be at Miller for EP Tournament, but not at Nesbitt. Lisa is still working on them or another vendor. Per Valerie at the City, the concessions could be set up on the tennis courts at Nesbitt.

-Discussion was had about hosting a future 14 year-old tourney. Tabled.

Umpires: Paul Samanant

- Paul has started the registration and application process.
- Working on the Rookie League training video with Matt Matousek.
- Arranging Community Coaching Clinic with Andrew Phillips.

Uniforms: Sarah Phillips

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

-Marketing group: Matt has done a lot of work on the social media aspect-there have been 8-10K hits.

-Movie Night sold all 220 seats very quickly! The doors will open at 6:15 pm, start at 6:30 pm. There will be no T-shirt give-away as planned, but there will be handouts. Need volunteers from Marketing Committee to help that night.

-ShaRhae and Matt donated use of the ad sign they own at entrance of the EP theater to the EPBA for the month of February. Thank you very much Matouseks!!!

-The video has been produced, and Matt is arranging for it to also be viewed on Fox Sports North in April.

New Business:

- None.

Adjournment:

- Sue moved to adjourn. Matt 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*****NEXT MEETING***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the EP Community Center; 6:00 PM Community and Travel Division meetings, 6:30 PM Full Board meeting.**