

Traveling Eagles
Board Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2009
Niceville Town Hall Meeting Room
6:00pm

Subject: General Board Meeting (at Town Hall)

Members Present: Brian Cromwell, Mike Wells, Mike McDorman, BJ Gruwell, Jonna Barth, David Marshall, Donna Courtney, Jim Phillips, Walt Irvine

Members Absent: Kim Brooks, Don Collins, Rick Walter, Shane Frederic, Karen Spencer,

Guests: Austin Bragg and Tommy Gaynoe from Fort Walton Beach

Call to order – meeting called to order by Brian Cromwell at 6:10pm

I. SPECIAL REQUEST:

- A. Special Guest Austin Bragg and Tommy Gaynoe from Fort Walton Beach attended the meeting to get a better understanding of what the organization has to offer since Niceville is a more developed organization. They expressed a huge interest in having kids from Fort Walton play under the Intramural Baseball League in the fall. Their main objective is to give the kids in Fort Walton something to do for the fall and expand their baseball knowledge and skills. The kids would mostly be in the 10-11 year old age group. Brian explained that the Intramural League operates with a paid manager and dads as coaches to help out. Wednesday's practices and Sunday games with no traveling is involved.
- B. Mike Wells asked if the Fort Walton kids would all be on the same team or intermixed with the other players. Jim Phillips suggested that the kids be intermixed to which would give them a stronger development. If they are intermixed it would be more competitive for them plus they benefit from learning from the Niceville kids. Brian Cromwell expressed to Austin and Tommy that Fall registration is open and that they are more than welcome to play under the Intramural Baseball League or even the Traveling Eagles tryouts if they wish. All registration information is posted on the Traveling Eagles webpage. Mike Wells even explain the Baseball Camp in details and the cost of the camp would be approximately \$60-65. Austin and Tommy thanked the board for allowing them to attend the meeting and they would pass all the information on to the parents – Very Excited – Departed at 6:30pm

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- A. Brian Cromwell made a motion to waive the reading of the previous minutes. Mike Wells seconded the motion. All were in favor. Reading of previous minutes waived.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Spring Season/Pay-n-Play Status:
 - 1. Brian Cromwell stated the majority votes were to go to the pay-as-you play option (70% for / 30% against). Jonna asked if the 30% would not be playing at all if the league decided to go to the pay-as-you-play only option. Brian stated that most of the 30% was coming from the older age group. Jonna suggested that if people were given a more detailed cost breakout they could make a more

informed decision because people don't realize what it cost to run an organization of this size.

2. Individual would still have the option to do fundraisers but that decision must be made in advance. All fund raisers would have to be approved by the executive board and it would be the sole responsibility of that group of parents to handle all details of the fund raiser. It would NOT be the responsibility of the executive board members. The group would have to choose a chair person that would organize the funder raiser. All fund raising would have to be completed early in the season to ensure monies are available to pay to the rest of the season. All monies not raised by the fund raising committee would be payable by the parents or their child would be profited from paying any tournaments until all monies are paid in full or payment arrangement have been made and approved by the executive board.
3. November – February/March would be the buy-out months if parents choose that option. Funding raising options would be: Golf Tournament, Host Tournament, Web Sponsors as well as others that are present to the board for approval (coupon books, car washes, bagging groceries, collecting money at the stop light) ALL FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN 28 FEB or a possible late fee of \$25 will be assessed.
4. Donna wanted to make sure everyone understands that if the Golf Tournament is chosen as a fund raiser it will not be hosted or the responsibility of by the 12U team.
5. The buy-out option can be paid in 4 equal installment payments spread across 4 months (December – March). The cost (not including uniforms, City Fee, and \$175 registration fee):

(1) 8U – 9U = \$425

(2) 10U – 11U = \$525

(3) 12U – 14U = \$650

6. Mike Wells motioned that the board approve the buy-out option. Walt seconded the motion. All were in favor. Buy-out option approved for Spring 2010.

B. Status of By-laws:

1. Brian Cromwell read the modified version of the by-laws. Mike Wells motioned the modification be approved. Donna Courtney seconded the motion. All were in favor. By-laws modifications approved.
2. Banquet/Camp Status: Mike Well briefed that everything for the Annual Banquet is going on schedule. Mike Wells motioned approval to approach Jim-N-Nick to negotiation a fee of \$5.00 to support the banquet since they have been providing the food free of charge for year and the board doesn't want to lose their business. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. Kim Brooks will handle the Academic Awards for all players and validate the report cards for this year's banquet. Anyone wishing to submit pictures/DVDs can submit them to Kim Brooks.
4. Brian will be sending an e-mail to everyone informing them to send all report cards to the team manager or team rep.

IV. **FINANCIALS:**

A. \$12k in th bank and an estimated \$1k leftover after final spring season expenses in. Beginning to receive cash flow from the fall.

V. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S AREAS:**

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Mike McDorman asked about having the 16-18 yrs old Little League All-Star team play under the NAYB thru July if the insurance hasn't expired. Mike Wells will check if the insurance will be available thru July.
- B. Discussion of Managers: Brian informed everyone that the Executive Board approved Ben Porter as our 8U Manager for the Fall 2009 Traveling Eagles season.
- C. Storage unit for NAYB stuff that is spread across different board members residents. Brian stated that he contacted Chandler Huff concerning the fee for the current storage unit that the league is using to house all the signs from the golf tournament. Brian was told that we could continue to use the storage unit free of charge. Once Brian acquires the keys to the unit from Shelly Loftis he will contact everyone and make arrangement for them to move the items from their residence to the storage unit.

VII. **ROUNDTABLE:**

- A. Brian Cromwell – N/A
- B. Mike Wells – N/A
- C. Mike McDorman – N/A
- D. BJ Gruwell – N/A
- E. Jonna Barth – N/A
- F. David Marshall – N/A
- G. Donna Courtney – N/A
- H. Jim Phillips – N/A
- I. Walt Irvin – N/A

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Brian Cromwell made a motion to adjourn. Donna Courtney seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.