

**Traveling Eagles**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2009**  
**Niceville Town Hall Meeting Room**  
7:10

**Subject:** General Board Meeting (at Town Hall)

**Members Present:** Brian Cromwell, Kim Brooks, BJ Gruwell, Jonna Barth, Rick Walter, David Marshall, Donna Courtney, Karen Spencer, Jim Phillips

**Members Absent:** Don Collins, Mike McDorman, Mike Wells, Shane Frederic, Walt Irvine

**Guests:** Keith Brooks, Shelly Loftis

**Call to order** – meeting called to order by Brian Cromwell at 7:10

**I. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A. Reading of previous minutes was neither done nor voted on due to the missing board members. Our By-laws state there must be two-thirds (2/3) or more of the voting power of the Executive Board present to constitute a quorum. As such, no official voting took place at tonight's meeting. Items were only discussed and will be presented at the next board meeting.

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Host Tournament:

1. There was a lot of discussion on whether we should host the next baseball tournament or not because the majority of the work is done by only a handful of people. Brian presented four (4) options to consider (Option 3 was decided):
  - a. Option 1: Make no changes and host the tournament just like the last one.
  - b. Option 2: Let ASP host the entire tournament including the gate, concession and field duties.
  - c. Option 3: Host the tournament but NO GAMES will be played at the Wolverine Fields. 8U will not play in the next tournament. 9-13U will play at the Softball Complex and 14U at Twin Oaks
  - d. Option 4: Have Lewis Middle School work the gate and concession stand and ASP handle the fields.
2. Kim Brooks stated that everything should run much smoother since basically everyone that was at the Wolverine field would now be combined at the Softball Complex. There should be little to nothing to purchase for the next tournament since there was so much left from the previous tournament.
3. Kim Brooks will work on the duty schedule and send it out this week. It will be the responsibility of the Team Reps to schedule their parents for the assigned duties. If a team is missing parents due to vacation, it is still that team's responsibility to find coverage. Parents need to realize that everyone needs to

contribute because this is a fund raiser for the league whether your team plays or not and everyone must be involved. Kim Brooks needs to know in advance who's not going out of town from the 8 and 13U teams.

4. It was requested that Brian send out an e-mail notifying parents of their responsibility concerning the Golf Tournament. Any tournament that was schedule the weekend of the Golf Tournament will be cancelled and the managers will need to re-schedule for a later date. Having tournaments scheduled for that weekend takes away from the mangers/coaches as golfers.

### **III. FINANCIALS:**

- A. Not covered due to Treasurer absent.

### **IV. VICE-PRESIDENT'S AREAS:**

### **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Brian Cromwell requested everyone's opinion about paying travel expenses for non-dad coaches when traveling to away tournaments. It had been recommend by Mike Wells that it would be a good gesture since non-dads have no real vested interest. Brian stated that the funds for the Golf Tournament are not currently in the budget and the cost wasn't projected. The majority opinion of the present members is NOT to fund non-dad coaches because the funds aren't in the budget. There will be no formal policy set at this time, so it can be addressed at a later date if necessary. Kim Brooks recommend that it be handled on a team-to-team basis. (ex. A team could do a fund raiser or split the cost for that non-dads coach expense).
- B. Next Year Golf Tournament: The league will decide if the Golf Tournament will be hosted next year. Under consideration is a pay-as-you-play option instead of counting on the Golf Tournament as a fund raiser.
- C. Trophies: Shelly Loftis mentioned she was approached by Bay Area Awards concerning the trophies that are given out to the winners at the hosted tournaments. They had some concerns that local area businesses aren't given the opportunity to bid on the trophies. Brian stated that ASP handles all the purchasing for the trophies and the league has nothing to do with it. Bay Area Awards will need to contact ASP directly if they would like to make a bid. The league is not and will not get involved in the purchasing of the trophies at this time.
- D. Kim Brooks wanted to know if there is any local Printing company she can contact to get a bid for the league directory. She has found a website that will print the directory for about \$271 which is an excellent price, but wants to give a local company the opportunity to at least bid.
- E. Jonna Barth offered an extra grill from Duke Field to be used at the Softball Complex for the next hosted tournament.
- F. Kim Brooks recommends waiving at least one web sponsor for Larry Schatz for all the work he supplies to sick/injured kids during practice and games. He spends a lot of time going from field to field taking care of injured players.
- G. Kim Brooks would like the thank Jim and Nicks for all they do. Every time they cater one of the leagues events it is totally free of charge. Kim stated that she has found a way to rotate web sponsors on the up of the Travel Eagles main pages on a daily/weekly/monthly bases.
- H. Rick Walker wants to know how the league keeps track of kids that quit the league. The bylaws states the kid cannot return for 13 months once they quit, but this can be

overturned by the league on a case-by-case bases. The information is currently stored in the leagues database.

- I. Is there a need for a profession photographer: Not at this time. Each team has a de facto photographer and if they don't have the ability to upload the pictures they can contact Kim Brooks or e-mail the pictures to her to upload.
- J. Rick Walker will return the bread trays that are located at the back door of the Softball Complex to the Bunny Bread store on Lewis Turner.

**VI. ROUNDTABLE:**

- A. Brain Cromwell – N/A
- B. Kim Brooks – N/A
- C. BJ Gruwell – N/A
- D. Jonna Barth – N/A
- E. Rick Walter – N/A
- F. David Marshall – N/A
- G. Donna Courtney – N/A
- H. Karen Spencer – N/A
- I. Jim Phillips – N/A

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** Brian Cromwell made a motion to adjourn. Kim Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.