

Traveling Eagles
Board Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2009
McDorman Construction's Conference Room
Bluewater Bay
6:00pm

Subject: General Board Members Meeting

Members Present: Brian Cromwell, Mike Wells, Kim Brooks, Mike McDorman, BJ Gruwell, Donna Courtney, Shane Frederic, Walt Irvine and David Marshall

Members Absent: Don Collins, Joe Nedoroscik, Jonna Barth, Jim Phillips, Karen Meadows Spenser and Rick Walker

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

I. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Spring 2010 Season:

1. Brian Cromwell stated that he is still working with the City to ensure that the Spring 2010 tryouts are scheduled for the weekend of 21-22 November 2009. Tryouts will be held over a 2 day period (same as last year). Make-up tryouts will be arranged by the team Manager (usually at the first day of practice).

III. FINANCIALS:

A. All outstanding payments for fall players have been made.

B. At the end of the fall season after all expenses are paid, the league should be about even.

C. Mike Wells made a motion to modify the bank checking approval so that the following individuals can sign Checking Accounts, PayPal, and Credit Cards: President (Brian Cromwell), Vice President of Organization (Kim Brooks), Vice President of Baseball Operations (Mike Wells) and Treasurer (Mike McDorman). David Marshall seconded the motion.

D. Mike Wells made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Mike McDorman seconded the motion.

IV. VICE-PRESIDENT'S AREAS:

A. Fund Raising:

1. Kim Brooks informed everyone that she is looking into implementing Script Writing Gift Cards as a new form of funding raising. Basically, you would

purchase a Gift Card on-line and a portion of that purchase would go toward the Eagles.

2. Kim Brooks recommends each team get an approved list of fund raisers before any fund raisers are arranged. At the first tryout, each parent will need to decide if they are going to participate as a fund raiser or pay & play. Once the decision is made it will be final. All fund raisers will be responsible for coming up with all required fees by 15 March 2010.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fall Ball Feedback/Status:

1. Brian Cromwell requested feedback on how Fall Ball was going for each age group. This subject occupied the majority of the board meeting.

(1) BJ Gruwell briefed the status of the 9-10U Intramural Team: The majority of the parents seem to be unhappy with the current status of how the intramurals are being conducted on Sundays. No complaints about Wednesday practice. They are well organized and the kids are learning a lot. Brian Cromwell and Mike Wells briefed that all the parents were informed on the first day of practice that dads would be responsible for holding practices on Sundays. In fact, this was stated on the 8/9U online registration page when the kids signed up. With that said, the Board agrees that we should make adjustments. So, Shane Fredric volunteered to manage this Sunday's scrimmage against Milton. Kim Brooks stated that she will contact a couple of High School students to assist as base coaches. NO PARENT will be allowed on the field or be allowed to assist with coaching on Sunday. Mike Wells will be sending an e-mail to all 9-10U Intramural team to inform them of this decision. This should resolve all the issues that have arisen.

(2) Kim Brooks briefed the status of the 11/12U Travel Team: Overall the season is going smoothly. Parents have mentioned a concern about not playing enough tournaments. They were under the belief that each team would play at least 4 tournaments, but since the teams are mixed together they are unable to play the required number of tournaments. How does that affect the cost if they aren't playing the number of tournaments that were paid for? BJ Gruwell mentioned that several parents have also asked why the team isn't playing in tournaments that are being hosted in Pensacola and Panama City that have several teams registered at our age group. Several on the Board reiterated that the goal was to play up to 4 tournaments this fall and that in the fall, there are not any guarantees that tournaments will make. Some on the Board mentioned that the value of the fall program is instruction and playing games whether they are practice or tournament games. Mike McDorman mentioned that the 12U are scheduled to play in Pensacola this weekend Oct 3 and 4. Brian Cromwell will contact Joe Nedoroscik and Gerry McDermott to see what their fall tournament plans are.

(3) Brian Cromwell asked Walt Irvine if there was a reason no kids showed up for tryouts for the fourteens (14). Walt, Shane and Donna all stated that all the kids were playing football. Brian was concerned that they were not doing anything for the fall season. Shane mentioned that for this age group it's good to take a three month break to give your arm a rest. He understands that the league wants to host Fall season, but Fall is usually for football and soccer and will always conflict.

(4) Brian Cromwell recommended that possibly next year there should only be even age groups (8U, 10U and 12U) for Fall Season with no intramurals. Final decision would have to be made at that time depending on the number of players that sign up for each age group.

VI. **ROUNDTABLE:**

- A. Brian Cromwell – N/A
- B. Mike Wells – N/A
- C. Kim Brooks – N/A
- D. Mike McDorman – N/A
- E. BJ Gruwell – N/A
- F. Donna Courtney – N/A
- G. Shane Frederic – N/A
- H. Walt Irvine – N/A
- I. David Marshall – N/A

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dave Marshall made a motion to adjourn. Mike McDorman seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30p.m.