

OBR meeting 12/12, 7pm, CWA Building

Attendance: Robert Viera, Frank Malatesta, Carrie Powers, Dan Baker, Gilda Juarez, Kara Pastis, Johnny Varela, Frank Kempinger, Dan McGaw, Pete Miller, Sara Sciortino, James Savino

Minutes from November meeting approved - with change: Bobby not Justin Hopper for last meeting

### **Approval of Bylaws - Viera**

- Gilda moves to approve bylaws revisions, McGaw seconds. Bylaws unanimously approved
- STORM issues will be a separate entity - STORM decisions will be made by STORM committee at quarterly meetings called by Robert

### **Spring 2017 Season - Viera**

- uniforms will be throwback
- prices are approx \$3+ per kid, we will factor price into late registration
- registration fees have risen since last season, still reasonable
- equipment: make sure to return all you borrowed from OBR (Bruce Kelvington), Pete wants short tees - need to get costs on that (7 of them) - will wait for purchase until registration finalized and we know how many teams we have
- schedule: need to utilize fields better - consider starting tball 8:30am and fill up the fields so by 9:30am they are done and everyone else can fill in at 10am
- umpires for rookies: we will offer umpire opportunities to 12u players interested in umpiring

### **League Financials - Sara Sciortino**

- little done since September - catching up, entering transactions, reconciling

### **Marketing and Public Relations - Savino**

- Black Friday/Cyber Monday combo brought in some registrations.
- Penny saver (1/6)
- Email to go out with vides for xmas shopping equipment
- Flyers for schools to be distributed
- Banner goes up over Edgewater 1/2 - 1/16
- Open House/Clinic - TBD, perhaps we consider the group at Lebron's for the clinic - Dan McGaw to reach out

### **Partnership Updates - Viera**

- lots of expired partnerships - need to re-up these or get banners down to make room for new ones, ideally we retain by asking them up re-up their sponsorships, consider a letter with an invoice
- Jessica will write letter to encourage sponsors to re-sponsor.
- Buddy Baseball is ending - we will look into how we can be a part of this program and possibly absorb it.

### **Registration - VieraJuarez**

- 106 registered now

- goals - 100 tball (12 teams), 88 rookies (8), 66 minors (6), 44 majors (4), 24 juniors (2); softball (2 teams in each league 10u/12u) - would love to grow this league
- Numbers will likely jump after flag football, etc.
- Need to assess registration system to prevent promo code double dipping

### **Events Committee - Joslin**

- we are waiting on plaques for sponsors (photo people)
- Krista will get more info and determine who gets plaques and if we want to use plaques re-up sponsorships
- Spring Season - opening day 2/18. Draft on 1/28. Let's start practice on 1/30ish.
- Dick's shopping day 2/4 10am-12pm - need to move to 2/11 if you want to have Dick's
- Plan for Parent/Player game and Mash-Up

### **Division Rules Updates**

Rule change suggestions: overthrow awards one base - needs discouraged

Pitch Count - Babe Ruth All Stars going to pitch count (refer to chart) - applies to league age, not where kid plays

Home team will have to track pitches, coaches sign - need a system (to be discussed with Minors/Majors)

### **STORM - Viera**

- STORM bylaw removal - STORM taking up too much time, needs to be it's own entity, STORM committee deals with STORM issues, and Executive Board has final say and will manage STORM committee, STORM team updates will be discussed at board meetings
- 6u - came in 4th at most recent tournament
- 8u - doing well, improving, will be in upcoming Turbo
- 9u - won some games, doing well, positive, having fun
- 10u - rough tournament, kids out of it, good experience, kids moving on - Santa turbo on Saturday
- 11u - Need new manager for 11u (Frank? Hebert?)
- 12u - 1-3 at last tournament

### **Field Update - Miller**

- need date for cleanup
- flatten mount at Crosby
- Trotters - putting sleeves on blue